

Semper Paratus

Even though most of us have left our classrooms and offices for the summer in favor of other educational pursuits, MAFLA's work is still ongoing and thriving. Proficiency Academy has just wrapped up another successful four days in Westfield. July professional development 2023 is in the books! Next on the agenda is August's summer Institute at Lasell in Newton. We have a return of the Latin strand with Jen Faulkner; Joshua Cabral leading the French strand and Helena Alfonso and Luisa Piemonte in charge of the Spanish strand. And of course, we will be planning for the Fall Conference this summer as well. Plenty of activity to motivate and engage before returning in September excited to try new things fueled by professional learning. MAFLA is continuously planning and bringing you new possibilities as well as carrying on the most important work we do by making sure things run smoothly and that all facets of the organization are in tip top shape!



We pride ourselves on grooming new leaders to ensure smooth transitions as well as create a pipeline to sustain the work we do. At this time, I would like to introduce our LILL candidate for this year, Kate Sanders. LILL participants dedicate two summers to honing their leadership work in order to enhance and expand their skills. Kate Sanders is our MAFLA Cohort 5 LILL representative. As a Spanish teacher, Department Chair, former Instructional Strategist with Wayside Publishing and emerging leader, Kate has consistently demonstrated her pedagogical and emerging leadership potential. Kate has demonstrated leadership potential in the world language teaching community through her participation and leadership

facilitating teacher growth through professional development events, attending and presenting at conferences, and creating high quality teacher resources for professional learning. As the Lead Instructional Strategist on the Wayside Professional Learning team, Kate has thorough knowledge of proficiency practices, as well as her leadership and facilitation skills. Kate has also consistently demonstrated her leadership skills and ability to work effectively with others. She has a talent for bringing people together and fostering a collaborative and supportive environment in which teachers can learn and grow. Kate is always willing to lend a helping hand and brings a spirit of joy and enthusiasm to everything she does. She is a true team player and has a natural ability to build positive relationships with others. In short, Kate Sanders is a skilled and dedicated emerging leader who has already made a significant impact on the world language teaching community and with her participation in LILL, I think her contributions will grow. We are certain that Kate will make MAFLA proud as the LILL Cohort 5 representative and will have a positive future impact in our organization. See you in August!

Links to Future MAFLA Professional Development events:

[Summer Institute](#)

[MAFLA Fall Conference](#)

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