Greetings and Happy September to all MAFLA Board members and MA teacher members! As we all return to classes and classrooms across the state, I want to emphasize and acknowledge the important work that teachers do every day for every student. In our case, it is passing on the excitement and thrill of learning another’s language and culture. And as we approach our Annual Conference at the Sheraton in Oct 26-28, and its theme of: ‘Building Global Perspectives through the Power of Language’, we should keep in mind the following two key precepts:

‘Excellence is an intentional school culture built on high expectations that cultivates in students and staff an intense desire to learn and grow to their fullest potential academically, socially, and civically.’

Who better than World Language teachers to understand the value of cultural connections as shown by a shot from the world of sports in Budapest, Hungary, so that students get a global view of competition in another land. And can also appreciate the value of a Buddhist religious
procession. There is Excellence, and equally important is Equity, as shown below:

“Providing access and individualized support to students and staff so that outcomes are not predictable by the factors that students and staff can not control.”

Lastly, those fortunate enough to attend a Taylor Swift concert reap the rewards of seeing a talented female performer giving her all on a global stage, here shown in Mexico. We have much to share with students and are bringing it all to you in October at the Sheraton Monarch Place Hotel on Oct 26-28. Please join us as we travel the world with languages as our tour guides. You won’t want to miss this exciting opportunity! Register now and bring the world of Languages back to your classrooms!

Our Fall Professional Development Events:

MAFLA Fall Conference registration: [Here](#)

MAFLA/ACTFL OPI Training registration: [Here](#)