

NEWSLETTER

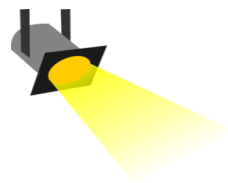
WINTER EDITION 2023

TESOL STUDENTS SPEND INTERIM IN



COSTA RICA

TESOL majors, Megan Nelson, Kaylin Lallemond and Andrew Kovalenko spent the month of January organizing and leading a VBS/English camp for children in Costa Rica!



Teaching Assistant/Tutor SPOTLIGHT

Cady Peterson



Meet Cady Peterson, Sophomore at Bethel and a TA/Tutor for Spanish instructor, **Gina Maltese-Preciado!** Cady has loved Spanish since high school and decided to continue her studies by majoring in both Spanish and Environmental Science. She chose Bethel for its very loving community and

because it has been a family tradition! Cady keeps a busy schedule. Not only is she co-president of the Bethel rock climbing club, she also plays on the Bethel women's tennis team! Thankfully, she found time to also assist Prof. Maltese-Preciado this fall with TA work and met with SPA 101 students regularly for charlitas (Spanish conversation). After graduation, Cady is interested in becoming a game warden but right now her options are wide open and she's still deciding what she wants to do. She would love a job that incorporates Spanish! Cady will be in Spain this semester with Bethel's study abroad program. We wish her all the best and we look forward to working with Cady again next year!



*FACULTY
SAVE THE DATE*
Advising Day: 4/29
Department Meetings:
 3/2, 4-6pm
 4/13, 4-6pm
 5/4, 4-6pm

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

**22nd International
 Conference on
 Diversity in
 Organizations,
 Communities &
 Nations**



Last summer, **Dr. Sarah Tahtinen-Pacheco** and co-researcher **Becky Skogen** presented their TOCCA research at the **22nd International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities & Nations** hosted at the University of Curacao.

NACEP (National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships)



In November, Faculty Liaisons for Bethel's College in the Schools early college concurrent enrollment, **Prof. Sarah Steil, Dr. Angela**

Carlson-Lombardi and **Mary Michener**, Asst. Dean of Early College, attended the national **NACEP (National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships)** Conference in Minneapolis. They were apprised of the trends in early college enrollment throughout the United States and heard keynote speakers outline how universities can best position themselves to meet the needs of early college students.

ACTFL Annual Convention and World Languages Expo

Also in November, **Dr's Sarah Tahtinen-Pacheco, Laura Sánchez-González and Angela Carlson-Lombardi** presented at the

Advising Day, October 26th



Our awesome TA's helped out a lot of students who needed to review and/or revise their academic plans before meeting with their advisor. We welcomed other students who came in just to find out more about our Spanish major and minor!



Jimmy John sandwiches and other treats kept everyone energized and focused!

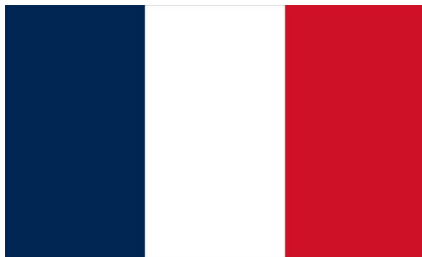
Christmas Open House!



Tamales were served up with Christmas cheer at our Languages and Cultures Open House!

national ACTFL Annual Convention and World Languages Expo in Boston, Massachusetts. Their presentation, Task-Oriented Community-centered Acquisition; The TOCCA Method, outlined a new and innovative approach to language teaching. Paul Sandrock, **Director of Education for the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)** attended Bethel's presentation and showed interest regarding this new approach to language learning.

FRENCH CORNER



In October, Bethel French 101 students had a picnic with the French Interns at the Normandale French Immersion

School in Edina. We are the only university in the United States, large or small, that has access to a group of French university students this size. Bethel students were treated to a variety of French cheeses and the French interns had the displeasure of discovering America's finest - Velveeta and cheese in a can. Students engaged in guided discussions in small groups about a variety of topics. After the food and conversation, Bethel students introduced a couple of large-group games. The event was enjoyed by all and was a meaningful cross-cultural experience.



ALUMNI NEWS



Allison Hadley

Allison graduated from Bethel in 2021 as a TEFL and Economics double major. She currently works as a Pre-K teacher at Creative Kids Academy in the Twin Cities. She loves working with younger kids and watching them learn and grow! We asked her to share more about what she's learned since graduating from Bethel. "I learned just how much classroom management plays a part in a teacher's day. Props to the teachers who manage a 20+ student classroom on their own! One thing I'm finding particularly challenging is working cohesively with other teachers whose teaching styles are so different from mine. It's a good challenge though since it allows me to see other ways to teach or interact with the kids. The field experiences really helped to get a feel for what it would be like in a classroom of my own. Also, being a Resident Assistant (at Bethel) helped me understand how important it is to start off a conversation with care before getting into the rules."

Allison plans to stay at Creative Kids Academy for a while to build relationships with her kids and their families which she says is the best part of the job!

ADIÓS!



Spain Term students left for Segovia on January 31st! (Left to Right) Sam Cargill, Alia Anderson, Cady Peterson and Noah Schmit. **We wish all our Spain Term students an amazing Spanish immersion experience!**





TOCCA Tales



Using the TOCCA method, Spanish and American Sign Language students visited the DC this fall to practice talking about food. Chef Christian came to chat with the SPA 101 class in Spanish!

Students from SPA 101, SPA 102 and SPA 201 all learned how to salsa with José Perez of One Reason Dance Studio!



SPA 102S students doing charlitas (Chats in Spanish) with one of fabulous Spanish Tutors!

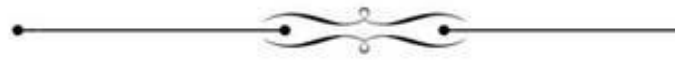


SPA 101 students finished up their semester with a fiesta to practice for their TOCCA final exam. (A 15 minute conversation with a native speaker of Spanish)

SHARING THEIR HOME WITH THOSE IN NEED



French Professor, Mark Norlander and his wife, Sharon are sponsoring a refugee family of five from Ukraine. Mark says, "I share stories and information about this with my French students weekly. Because Bethel offers only 2 semesters of French that fulfill a requirement, my goal is to help students see the indirect benefits of studying another language and culture. Namely, this offers them the chance to recognize and reduce their ethnocentrism, increase their compassion and empathy for immigrants, refugees and asylees who are learning English, and consider ways they can indirectly use what they learn to build the Kingdom."
Such a great ministry for Mark and his wife, Sharon!



Sweets in the Suite

October 31, 2022



We had a fun event to introduce everyone to our new office space at CC432! Students could register to win fab prizes and meet bilingual perra Martina!!



