



American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages

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## **ACTFL Announces ACTFL-NYSAFLT Anthony Papalia Award for Excellence in Teacher Education**

Orlando, FL (November) — The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) has awarded the 2013 **ACTFL-NYSAFLT Anthony Papalia Award for Excellence in Teacher Education** to **Dr. Richard LaFleur**. He was honored at the 2013 Awards Ceremony on November 22, at ACTFL's Annual Convention in Orlando, FL.

The award was originally established to honor Professor Anthony J. Papalia, a teacher, educator, and author who significantly influenced the lives of countless students and practicing teachers. Papalia's tenure at the State University of New York, Buffalo, service to the State of New York through work with the New York State Education Department, and involvement in the New York State Association of Foreign Language Teachers (NYSAFLT) were characterized by selfless dedication to improving the quality of teachers and teaching.

LaFleur is the Franklin Professor of Classics Emeritus at the University of Georgia. He helped to turn around the dwindling enrollments in Latin in the 1970s; and once he had helped the enrollment pendulum to swing in the other direction, he played a leading role in meeting the demands caused by the resultant shortage in Latin teachers through his methods courses that eventually had a national reach through online distance education.

"I am especially grateful to represent the teaching of Latin within a group focused predominately on modern languages," said LaFleur. "I have long been an advocate of collaboration between schools and colleges, between Arts and Sciences and professional education, and between teachers of modern and classical languages, an ideal that ACTFL uniquely fosters."

### **About ACTFL:**

The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) is the national association for language education professionals from all levels of instruction and representing all languages. With more than 12,300 active members, ACTFL provides innovative professional development opportunities, acclaimed training and certification programs, and widely cited books, publications, scholarly journals, research studies and language education resources, including *Foreign Language Annals* and *The Language Educator* magazine. As part of its mission and vision, the organization provides guidance to the profession and to the general public regarding issues, policies, and best practices related to the teaching and learning of languages and cultures. ACTFL is a leading national voice among language educators and administrators and is guided by a responsibility to set standards and expectations that will result in high quality language programs.