

2014 MCL Phonathon

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SCRIPTING INFORMATION

What this year's gifts will support, and why support/funding for those things is important:

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- Student scholarships: These make it possible for more students to study away, which is encouraged of all language majors and minors.
- Guest speakers: MCL often partners with other departments across campus to bring to campus speakers who present on all kinds of topics relating to language and culture.
- Language Clubs: MCL would like to be able to help its various language clubs have more and better events.
- Professional Development: MCL would like to support its faculty and instructors at the Foreign Language Institute attend meetings of professional development associations.

Last year's Annual Fund gifts were used to...

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- Foundation funds were used by students to help cover costs of study away programs, which significantly enhances their language proficiency.
- Supports student scholarships.
- Sponsor and co-sponsor guest lecturers.
- Provide support to our language clubs, which helps keep our major and minors fully engaged in their programs.

Scholarships: How many scholarships were you able to award this year? What percent of your students rely on some kind of financial aid?

Modern/Classical Languages: Awarded 10 foundation scholarships to 16 students in amounts ranging from \$280 to \$2,000.

Study abroad/Study away: How many students are able to study abroad currently? Are there new countries or locations that are now accessible for study abroad? How many more places were students able to travel to (if study abroad program exists already)? How was your study abroad program enhanced?

Modern/Classical Languages: Approximately 25 MCL students participate in a summer intensive study away program with language instruction in Spain or Ecuador each summer. In

2014 we send one student to our innovative Bear Corps program which combines extensive language study with community service. The department has also just instituted a new short-term program in French in Quebec City, and we send another group to Wittenberg for German language and culture immersion. Foundation funds were used to help deserving students defray the costs of these programs (tuition, airfare, housing, food, etc.).

Students: What student resources were you able to expand/continue recently? How do these resources enhance a student's education?

Modern/Classical Languages: Helped send students and instructors to professional development conferences related to their majors (such as the Foreign Language Association of Missouri and the Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages).

Equipment: How many new pieces of equipment, technology or resources were purchased for classrooms and labs? What is the significance of these upgrades?

Modern/Classical Languages: Purchased two new printers, one for faculty use and one for the main office. These machines that print, scan, and photocopy allow the department to run more efficiently and to use less paper.

Community outreach/programs: Have you been able to begin any new initiatives with community outreach? How many people do you affect with your existing programs? What is the goal of these programs? What do you hope these programs can accomplish for the future?

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- Launched the new Foreign Language Institute (in partnership with International Programs), which allows students from other area colleges (Drury, Evangel, OTC, etc.) and the public/business people to enroll in language courses that would not otherwise be taught (Japanese, Arabic, Italian, Portuguese, Chinese, etc.). Courses are taught through Missouri State, but students in these other institutions enroll.
- Other key outreach events designed to enhance awareness of cultural diversity: Chinese New Year and Day of the Dead celebrations.

Attractions: Were you able to offer any guest speakers, visiting professors or exhibits to your students last year? How do those experiences impact your students?

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Co-sponsored several guest speakers, including the visit of a Navajo Code Talker from World War II.

How can the School/College/Department benefit from gifts at the following levels? (For example: \$50 buys a journal subscription for the library, or four gifts of \$250 add up to a scholarship for a student. Please provide as many examples as possible.)

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- \$100: Helps cover program assessment costs (proficiency exams) for students.

- 200: Helps send a teacher education major to a professional development meeting.
- \$500: Helps defray study away costs, including airfare and housing.
- \$1000: Helps defray study away costs, including airfare and housing.

2-3 themes/messages you would like included in your scripts (ideally these would be tied to the Annual Fund):

News from the last year:

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Official launch of the Foreign Languages Institute is a major step to make the department more visible and to demonstrate collaboration and cooperation among MSU and four nearby universities.

MCL proposed two new programs, the BS in Modern Language and the Master of Applied Second Language Acquisition.

Points of pride/key talking points (also see above information):

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- MCL and International Programs successfully launched the Foreign Language Institute, which allows students at MSU and other area institutions of higher learning, and from the community, to take classes in less commonly taught languages, such as Arabic, Portuguese, Italian, and Russian.

Major changes in the past 12 months i.e. prominent faculty or staff retired/departed, building renovations, programs eliminated, organizational changes:

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- Eliminated BA, BS, and BSED degrees in French, German, and Spanish. These programs are now combined under the new BS in Modern Language. In this new, interdisciplinary program students combine a professional focus with 33 hours of study in one language/culture.
- MCL will begin offering a new master’s degree in the spring of 2014 or fall of 2015. The Master of Applied Second Language Acquisition will train students to become language teachers who understand how languages are acquired.

Upcoming alumni events:

N/A