

Anne Pham-Macharia – 2024 Texas Teacher of the Year

Anne Pham-Macharia is a French teacher at Westwood High School in Austin, Texas. This year, Anne teaches French 3 Advanced, AP French Language and Culture, and IB French standard and higher levels. With over 22 years of teaching experience, Anne has been teaching with the Round Rock Independent School District for seventeen years. She has served as a department chair, French curriculum writer, in-service presenter and trainer, new teacher mentor, student teacher cooperative teacher, and a member of the school and district equity and diversity committee. Her approach to teaching French is to encourage her students to use language skills and critical thinking to gain advanced proficiency in authentic settings. To achieve this goal, Anne has built partnerships with schools in Belgium, Benin, France, and Senegal, where her students communicate with their pen pals via letters, videos and Zoom meetings. Anne has lived in four countries, traveled to 19 countries, and taken her students on 17 trips to France and Canada. Anne has presented sessions on women francophone authors from Quebec and Africa, racial equity, IB approaches to learning and social emotional learning at AATF, ACTFL, and IB Global conferences. Her students have participated and won numerous awards and scholarships in the National French Contest, the National French Creative Writing Contest, comic contest from le Centre de la francophonie des Amériques and AATF's study abroad stipends.