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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION is now open for SWCOLT-CCFLT 2026

Broomfield (Denver), Colorado - February 19-21

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**REGISTER AT SUPER SAVER RATES - ONLY \$199 FOR FULL
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION (THROUGH 9-30-25)**

From the Plains to the Rockies... Reaching New Heights of Proficiency

February 19-21
2026

Denver Omni Interlocken
Broomfield, CO



From our SWCOLT President

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of SWCOLT, I am delighted to invite you to join us for our annual conference, February 19–21, 2026, in beautiful Broomfield, Colorado. This year's theme, "From the Plains of the Rockies, Reaching New Heights of Proficiency," captures our shared commitment to growth, connection, and excellence in language education.

Our program is full of exciting opportunities to learn and be inspired. On Thursday, dynamic leaders will facilitate high-impact workshops designed to spark new ideas and elevate your practice. Friday will feature our first-ever panel discussion with leaders in the field, offering unique insights into the challenges and possibilities facing world language education today. On Saturday, we will come together to celebrate the accomplishments of our colleagues during the Awards Luncheon.

We are especially honored to welcome our ACTFL Teacher of the Year as our keynote speaker, who will share an inspiring message to remind us all why we do this important work.

I encourage you to take advantage of our Super Saver Registration—just \$199 through September 30, 2026. Don't miss this chance to collaborate, celebrate, and grow alongside passionate educators from across the region.

We look forward to seeing you in Colorado!

Warm regards,
Melissa Carson
President, SWCOLT

Nominations for SWCOLT 2026 Awards are now open

Deadline to make a nomination: Nov. 8, 2025



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Deadline: Nov. 8, 2024



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2025 - 2026

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BEST OF SOUTHWEST WEBINAR
SERIES**

SEP 10, 2025	OCT 8, 2025	NOV 12, 2025	DEC 10, 2025
			
Abraham García		Maylén Sullivan	Paul Verduzco
Using Music to Increase Communication in the Classroom!	7 Steps to a language Rich Classroom	Help Your Students Change the World: Designing Units for Civic Engagement	CLTA & SWCOLT Digital Resource Mixer
JAN 14, 2026	FEB 11, 2026	MAR 11, 2026	APR 8, 2026
			
Leslie Grahm	Lin Li Hall	Elinez dos Santos Figueiredo	Cecile Nedellec, Ph.D.
Tiering Tasks and Text to Challenge All Learners	Integrating Art into the WL classroom	Successful Interventions in DLI Classrooms	Teach Smarter, Make It Meaningful: Habits and Strategies for Real-World Language Learning

Free for CLTA and/or SWCOLT members (\$25 Non-Members). @clta.net/webinars/

All sessions will begin at 4:30 (PT)

Webinar Registration!

Wednesdays

Free for SWCOLT and/or CLTA members.

Non-members: \$25 per session

Register here

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www.swcolt.org

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**upcoming
EVENTS**

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	CALIFORNIA
	COLORADO
	HAWAII
	NEW MEXICO
	NEVADA
	OKLAHOMA
	TEXAS
	UTAH

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**Congratulations to the following 2025
ACTFL Award recipients
from the SWCOLT region**

Nelson Brooks Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Culture:
Carl Blyth, University of Texas at Austin

Award for Excellence in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Classroom:
Chantal Esquivias Argelaguet, Olympus High School (UT)

NYSAFLT Anthony Papalia Award for Excellence in Teacher Education:
Teresa Bell, Brigham Young University (UT)

Melba D. Woodruff Award for Exemplary Elementary World Language Program:
Duff Language Magnet Academy (CA); accepted by Valerie Sun, Principal

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