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A former teacher of Spanish, Ryan Smith is currently the Assistant Principal of E. Otis Vaughn Middle School, located in Reno, Nevada. Ryan is also the Past-President of PLAN (Professional Language Assoc of Nevada) and Nevada's 2015 World Languages Teacher of the Year. Ryan advocated for the Seal of Biliteracy in his state, led the statewide implementation of the Seal, and served as a co-chair on the committee to rewrite the Nevada Academic Content Standards for World Languages. Ryan is extremely involved in world languages on a local, regional, and national level. He is the NCSFL representative for Nevada, an active member of NADSFL, ACTFL, and SWCOLT, and was a member of the first cohort of LILL (Leadership Initiative for Language Learning).