



2022 UofM Language Fair Teacher of the Year: Samia Khouzam

The University of Memphis Language Fair is happy to announce that Samia Khouzam is the recipient of the 2022 UofM Language Fair Teacher of the Year Award. In recognition of her contributions to world language education at the former upper school of Immaculate Conception Cathedral School and currently at St. Mary's Episcopal School where she is a French teacher, she will receive a \$500 travel voucher from EF Education First.

The award committee members noted that Mrs. Khouzam prioritizes cultural exposure for her students to help build a stronger connection to the French language. She is motivational, creative, organized, and obviously loves teaching and learning languages. She is also actively involved in the community as an educator. Based on the letters of support, Mrs. Khouzam is appreciated not only by her students but also by her colleagues.

EF is the world leader in educational travel for students. Malia Rummell, regional Partnerships Manager for EF Education First, states, "We believe travel is for everyone. When students go beyond the classroom it brings education to life, unlocks new potential, and opens a world of possibilities. We are proud to partner with the University of Memphis Language Fair to present an opportunity for Samia Khouzam, as the 2022 Teacher of the Year, to enjoy a \$500 travel voucher that can be used towards a travel destination of her choice with friends/loved ones. Congrats to Samia Khouzam for bringing world language to life in her classroom!"

Mrs. Khouzam will be awarded this honor on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at St. Mary's Episcopal School in Memphis, Tennessee by Dr. William Thompson, Associate Professor of French and Chair of the UofM Department of World Languages and Literatures; Malia Rummell, regional Partnerships Manager for EF Education First; Joshua Nave, Instructor of Spanish and Director of the UofM Language Fair; and Lauren Rogers, Head of the Upper School at St. Mary's Episcopal School.