Best wishes to everyone in the department for a successful end to the semester and the holiday break!

Announcements

Peabody Elementary School International Carnival

Members of the French Club participated in the Peabody Elementary School International Carnival on November 15.
Students and faculty members from the **Japanese Program** also visited Peabody Elementary and demonstrated the Bon Odori dance (traditional Japanese festival dance), Japanese calligraphy and origami (paper folding).

**Faculty Visit to Pleasant View School**

Dr. Melanie Conroy and Joshua Nave visited Pleasant View School in November to speak about study languages and to talk about the 2020 Language Fair.

**Spanish Club**
The Spanish Club will sponsor Operation Warm Hearts to benefit students in Shelby County Schools. Please make donations of NEW coats, hats, gloves or scarves to Jennifer Johnston in Jones Hall room 108H. All donations must be made by Monday, December 2nd at 3:30pm. Items will be delivered to SCS on Tuesday, December 3rd!

Scholarships for 2020-2021

All students should have received a message this week about applying for 2020-2021 scholarships through the Tiger Scholarship Manager. The Department of World Languages and Literatures is pleased to offer the Mary Pettus Scholarship for undergraduate majors in the department. In addition, students majoring in World Languages are eligible for the Marcus W. Orr Humanities scholarship, and are encouraged to apply for that as well. The deadline for applications is February 1, 2020.
Events

Summer Study Abroad Information Sessions

The Study Abroad office will be holding several information sessions during the last week of classes for programs in Chinese, French and Spanish:

- **Chinese**, Wednesday, December 4, 1:00 p.m. in Jones 237
- **French**, Monday, December 2, 3:30 p.m., Jones 200
- **Spanish**, Monday, December 2, 12:30 p.m. in Jones 218
- **Spanish**, Tuesday, December 3, 11:15 a.m. in Dunn 103

Japanese Business Seminar

The Consulate-General of Japan in Nashville will cooperate with the Center for Professional Exchange (CEPEX) to present a business seminar at the University of Memphis, which will be conducted in English. They'd like to invite all students and faculty at the university, as well as Japanese/US companies, economic development officials, and political leaders. This will be a great chance to explore your future careers and network with local businesses and diplomats.
Faculty Accomplishments

Several department members presented at the convention of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages held in Washington, DC, November 22-24:
Dr. Inma Gomez Soler presented “Navigating Heritage Speakers Policies: The Role of High School Teachers”

Dr. Hironori Nishi presented “Utilizing the Knowledge of English as a Vocabulary Pool in L2 Japanese”

Dr. Errol O’Neill presented “Training in Online Translators and Dictionaries to Improve Student Writing”

Dr. Will Thompson presented “Going Online: An Administrator’s Perspective.”

Joshua Nave has been elected to a three-year term on the board of the Tennessee Foreign Language Teaching Association.

Dr. Benjamin Sparks presented his paper “Meursault contre-enquête: Haroun and Meursault as Mirror Images” at the 61st Annual Convention of the Midwest Modern Language Association in Chicago, IL, November 14-17, 2019.