On behalf of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures I would like to wish all students a good end of the semester and a successful final exam week. It has been our privilege to teach each one of you this semester, and we look forward to having you again in the Spring. For those of you graduating: Congratulations! Please, keep in touch, we love to hear from our alumni.

I wish everyone Happy Holidays.

Go Blazers! — Julián Arribas, Chair

For more detailed information, contact and more about the events, programs and items in the newsletter, please visit us online at: www.uab.edu/cas/languages

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures is excited to announce its first-ever t-shirt design contest. The contest is open to all students currently enrolled in a DFLL course. The winning design will appear on the official DFLL t-shirt and the designer will win a $200.00 scholarship. Designs should reflect the theme “Languages: Knowledge that will change your world.” Winning design will be used to promote the Department at various events and functions. For more information on the contest rules visit https://www.uab.edu/cas/languages/t-shirt-design-contest. Entry submission deadline is March 1, 2017.

Contact: Prof. Krista Chambless at kristachambless@uab.edu

https://www.uab.edu/cas/languages/
SCHOLARSHIPS

BSMART (Blazer Scholarship Management and Resource Tool; www.uab.edu/bsmart) opened for 2017 scholarship applications on October 1, 2016, for incoming and current students. Deadline to apply for ALL scholarships is February 28, 2017. Go to: www.uab.edu/cas/languages/student-resources

Departmental Scholarships for Study Abroad
There are a number of student scholarships in the DFLL that provide support funding for Study Abroad in a Foreign Language, Linguistics, or Literature awarded yearly. Preference shall be given to students with a focus in French or German, but all FLL majors with a Concentration in either French or Spanish and students of all languages supported by the DFLL may apply.

Departmental Scholarships for Excellence in Foreign Languages and Literatures
There are also a number of student scholarships in the DFLL that provide support funding for excellence in a Foreign Language awarded yearly. Preference shall be given to students with a focus in French or German, but all FLL majors with a Concentration in either French or Spanish and students with a minor in German may apply. Funds for these Scholarships will come from the Dr. William E. Doggett III Endowed Support Fund for the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures and the Lehmeyer Endowed Award in German.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Shakuhachi Japanese Flute Concert/Workshop
Mr. Marenglen ‘Geni’ Skendo, a professional player of Japanese Shakuhachi bamboo flute will give a concert and a workshop on UAB campus. Sponsored by Jemison funds.
Date: Thursday, December 1
Time: 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Location: Hulsey Recital Hall, Department of Music

UAB COMMUNITY MONTH 2017
Save the date!
“Joining the Global Workforce: Why Language and Culture Matter.”
Panel sponsored by the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures and UAB Career and Professional Development.
January 18, 2017, 12 pm - 1 pm, Hill Student Center, Ballroom

Language Clubs And Conversation Table News

Palomitas Spanish Film Club
2 Dec Grand Finale
*Mambo Kings
Humanities 105, 6:00 pm
Info: jtmaddox@uab.edu

Chinese Conversation Table
Fridays Sept 9-Dec 9
2:30-3:30 pm Sterne Library
Dean’s Conference Room
Info: coltyma@uab.edu

German Conversation Table
*Stammtischtennis
Every other Friday 9 Sept-2 Dec
12:00-1:00, HB 424
Info: erinker@uab.edu

French Conversation Table
Monday, Dec 5
3pm to 4 pm
Starbucks, Sterne Library
Info: mbond@uab.edu
STUDY ABROAD REMINDERS
A number of study abroad opportunities are in the works for summer 2017. Among them are trips to Paris, Spain, Japan and beyond! Information was distributed in the October Newsletter, which you can find posted on our website. You can also contact Prof. Bond for Paris (mbond@uab.edu), Prof. Takamiya for Japan (takamiya@uab.edu) and Prof. Arribas for Spain (jarribas@uab.edu).

Summer Paris trip deposit deadline is December 15 to Mme Bond. Spots are filling up! Email with any questions: mbond@uab.edu (See full flier with all of the details at the end of newsletter.)

Salamanca study abroad program upcoming meeting is on February 9, 2017, 6:30 pm in HB 424. Full price (excluding airfare) is $1,975, May 2017. Contact Prof. Arribas for questions at jarribas@uab.edu

Got plans for spring break? Here’s an idea ... PARIS! The UAB Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures and the Alliance Française of Birmingham are sponsoring a week in Paris, France, during the UAB spring break, March 11-19, 2017 (8 days, 7 nights). Cost: $2,299.00 for UAB students and employees. Interested? Contact Prof. Serge Bokobza (sbokobza@uab.edu).

Prof. Maddox’s Latino Literature Class at the BIRMINGHAM NEGRO SOUTHERN LEAGUE MUSEUM


Mr. Humes (left) gives students a historical overview of the Negro Leagues and his efforts to preserve their legacy. Afterward, Mr. Humes autographed photographs of himself for the class from when he was a player.
DFLL STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Spanish student Steve Craig volunteered at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. What a wonderful opportunity to work with, meet people from all over the world and use your language skills!

“My experience at the Rio 2016 Olympic games will definitely be one to remember. Many people ask me what volunteers do at the Olympics. Volunteers do just about everything you can think of, from reading tickets to helping spectators to their seat to helping athletes train for their event. I got to do a mix of things. In the first week, I was at the Olympic park where I helped spectators from all over the world find their stadium. Then, I was transferred to the Olympic village to assist where the athletes were living. It was an amazing experience and I hope to go volunteer in Tokyo 2020!
—Go Blazers!”
JOIN FELLOW UAB STUDENTS AND MME BOND TO TRAVEL TO PARIS DURING MAY 2017

Take French classes at the Alliance Française de Paris! You will stay in Paris with a host family for four weeks, take classes in the morning from 9 - 1 during the week, and visit cultural sites in the afternoons. Mme Bond will take care of travel arrangements, your host family stay, and enrollment in courses. She will stay with the group in Paris for the first half of the trip.

DATES: Saturday, April 29 through Sunday, May 28, 2017

FLIGHTS: Travel from BHM airport to Paris, CDG

LODGING: Host family stay in Paris with breakfast and dinner included

TRANSFER CREDIT: Your 6 credit hours will be issued by the AF de Paris. The AF is a highly reputed language school; it is not a university. These credits will be listed as transfer credit on your UAB transcript.

COST: $4,500
This is a great deal! It includes:
• Airfare
• Courses
• Insurance
• Lodging
• Transfers
• Cultural visits
• Transportation

Everything except extra spending money and money for lunch every day.

DEPOSIT DEADLINES:
$250 by December 15
$1,250 by February 1
$2,500 by March 1
$4,500 by April 1

Make checks payable to: Alliance Française of Birmingham

GET YOUR PASSPORT UPDATED!
The UAB Office of Education Abroad has a passport service:
http://www.uab.edu/students/academics/education-abroad

PASSPORT DUE DECEMBER 15 FOR AIRFARE PURCHASING

EMAIL MME BOND AND PAY $250 DEPOSIT TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

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