On behalf of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures I would like to welcome all students to a strong Spring semester. If this is your first semester with us, thank you for choosing to learn languages! Our monthly newsletters are filled with useful information for our students, such as scholarships, study abroad programs, language clubs, conversation tables, upcoming cultural events, special initiatives such as our first t-shirt contest, and much more. Keep them handy!

I wish everyone an excellent Spring semester.

Go Blazers! — Julián Arribas, Chair
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 1, 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.

UAB COMMUNITY MONTH 2017

“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. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

January 18, 2017, 12 pm - 1 pm, Hill Student Center, Ballroom C

UPCOMING EVENTS

Masquerade Ball

Saturday, February 25, Hill University Center
Organized by The French Club / Contact: mbond@uab.edu

Tickets will go on sale soon!
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 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).

DFLL Student WINS at the Fall 2016 EXPO for Undergraduate SCHOLARSHIP

Nayivis Cunill (Spanish major) earned 2nd Place Award in the Arts and Humanities Category at the UAB Fall 2016 Expo for Undergraduate Research for her research project titled “Investigating our Ancient Past: The Origin of American Civilization, Caral, Peru”. Nayivys studied and developed her research under the mentorship of Prof. John Moore in his class Spanish-Speaking World Cultures. Congratulations, Nayivis!

Also participating in the Fall 2016 Expo were Prof. Maddox’s students Gordon Pugh, Charli Tyree and Sean Douglas.
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
- 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 January 1
$3,500 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!