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### **DLNSEO HIGHLIGHT**

#### **Delaware joins Chinese language education consortium**

*(Newark Post)*

Delaware is one of four state education agencies, four Chinese Flagship Centers and numerous school districts from across 10 states that are working collaboratively to implement K-12 Chinese education pathways over the next three years. Lead by the Brigham Young University Chinese Flagship Center and Utah State Office of Education and funded by a \$1 million federal grant from the Department of Defense's National Security Education Program, the consortium is working to create, implement and disseminate what will become a national model of a well-articulated and replicable K-12 pathway for Chinese language study. By college graduation, students should achieve professional level (ACTFL Superior) proficiency. "We want students to be ready for a new world of international jobs that will be open to them," Gov. Jack Markell said. "That means mastering world languages so they can work with, and compete effectively against, workers around the world. These students are preparing themselves for the global economy of tomorrow."

### **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

#### **Olmsted scholars named**

*(Af.mil)*...Debbie Gildea

Six Air Force captains will spend their next tour of duty in Russia, the Ukraine, Brazil, China or India pursuing an academic mission as Olmsted Foundation Scholarship winners, Air Force Personnel Center officials announced. The Olmsted Scholar Program, sponsored by the George and Carol Olmsted Foundation, offers Air Force line officers an opportunity to study in a foreign language at an international university. Selectees will experience cultural immersion in the selected country, including university study in the native language, said Maj. Cotina Jenkins-Sellers, AFPC officer developmental education branch chief. "Officers selected will spend up to a year in language proficiency training at the Defense Language Institute, followed by two years

of study at the university in-country," the major said.

#### **Culture Shock of the best kind**

*(Army.mil)*...Rachael Tolliver



Today, thanks in part to a 2005 DoD document entitled "Defense Language Transformation Roadmap," the Army is trying to

create basic language and cultural expertise in the officer, civilian, and enlisted ranks for active and Reserve components. According to Ray Causey, the chief of the culture and language division at Cadet Command, Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency is designed to immerse ROTC Cadets in various languages, cultures and socio-economic situations so the Cadets can learn, through personal experience that theirs is not the only culture in the world.

#### **DLIFLC dedicates building to fallen Soldier**

*(Army.mil)*...Al Macks & Tonya Townsell

A Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center graduate was memorialized with a building dedication March 9 in recognition of her bravery and

selflessness in paying the ultimate sacrifice for her country. While redeploying with her unit



to Kuwait, Sgt. Cari Anne Gasiewicz, a 2003 DLIFLC graduate, was killed Dec. 4, 2004, when driving a supply truck, which was hit by two improvised explosive devices. Notably, Gasiewicz, who studied Arabic here, is the first female to have a Presidio of Monterey building named after her.

#### **Air Force Culture and Language Center launches new field guides for Airmen**

*(Af.mil)*...Karen Harrison

The Air Force Culture and Language Center, located at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., is currently developing a series of Expeditionary Culture Field Guides on key countries to where U.S. forces are deploying. The ECFGs provide

deploying forces of all U.S. military branches with language, region and culture information as it pertains to their assigned country or region. "Airmen operating in culturally-complex overseas environments need to be armed with the fundamental social skills necessary to engage effectively with their host-nation counterparts," said Barbara Barger, the Air Force Senior Language Authority.

### **DLIFLC hosts large cultural event May 11**

*(Army.mil)*...Press Release

The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center's annual Language Day Celebration is open to the public this year.

For the first time since 2001, the general public is invited to attend this year's Language Day celebration. Foreign language education and cultural diversity will be celebrated with displays, activities and performances by instructors and students on the DLIFLC campus at the Presidio of Monterey from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 11.

### **Ex-military are ideal for teaching**

*(Honolulu Star Advertiser)*...Subscription required Troops to Teachers is one of the most successful operations, an effort by Congress and the Clinton administration that has continued to provide important assistance over nearly two decades. Since its inception, it has matched enrollees by their backgrounds in mathematics, science, foreign languages and organizational skills with the needs of school districts facing teacher shortages. It also brings male and female minority role models into inner-city classrooms. Nationally, 14,000 members of Troops to Teachers have been hired by schools.

## **DOMESTIC**

### **Momentum Builds for Dual-Language Learning**

*(Education Week)*...Lesli A. Maxwell



The numbers of dual-language-immersion programs like this one have been steadily growing in public schools over

the past decade or so, rising to more than 2,000 in 2011-12, according to estimates from national experts. Experts say the interest in dual-language programs now is driven by an increased demand for bilingual and biliterate workers and by educators who see positive impacts on academic achievement for both English-learners and students already fluent in English. "The momentum behind these programs is really amazing," said Virginia P. Collier, a professor

emeritus of education at George Mason University, in Virginia, who has studied dual-language programs extensively.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Remarks by President Obama at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies**

"I know that this school has one of the world's



finest foreign language programs — which means that your English is much better than my Korean. (Laughter.) All I can say is, kamsa hamnida. (Applause.)... Most of all, I see the strength of our alliance in all of you. For decades, this school has produced leaders — public servants, diplomats, businesspeople — who've helped propel the modern miracle that is Korea— transforming it from crushing poverty to one of the world's most dynamic economies; from authoritarianism to a thriving democracy; from a country focused inward to a leader for security and prosperity not only in this region but also around the world — a truly "Global Korea."

### **BYU professors developing language app for London Olympics**

*(Daily Herald)*...Paige Fieldsted

BYU is no stranger to helping develop language tools for the Olympics. In 2001 Giovanni Tata, director of creative works at BYU, oversaw the creation of a language training product for volunteers at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. Now Tata is at it again, but this time he is developing a language app for smart phones. The technology will allow the smart phone to act like a translator between volunteers, athletes and spectators at the 2012 Olympics. Tata says they are working on more than 5,000 directions, commands and phrases that might be commonly used, such as "Where is the restroom?" or "This area is closed to the public." He also said they have 12 languages that have been translated but they are hoping to have close to 50 by the time the app is finished.