The AATSP Distinguished Leadership Award is given to an AATSP member in good standing who has shown leadership within the profession as a whole and who has made scholarly contributions to the profession.

**FERNANDO RUBIO**

University of Utah; Salt Lake City, UT

Fernando Rubio is an outstanding national leader and educational expert who has brought language proficiency, assessment, and pedagogy knowledge to K–12 education through creativity, research, and understanding. Fernando is well known for his work with the AP Spanish Language and Culture Development Committee which he co-chairs and whose responsibility is to create the annual assessment taken by some 185,000 students. Fernando is also well known for his work with the Utah Dual Language Immersion Program where through his guidance the Program is providing a pathway for students to access upper-level university coursework in high school which allows them to enter higher education well prepared and a few courses away from a minor in their chosen language. A colleague in that Program noted that Fernando’s “professional behavior, knowledge, passion and expertise are quite remarkable. He has established a magical rapport with his colleagues that is composed of mutual respect and a shared desire that all students preK-20 succeed.”

Fernando’s role in these two programs are just a tiny representation of his many professional accomplishments. A colleague summarized Fernando’s many achievements with these words: “Through his research, he has enhanced and expanded the field with his many articles, books, monographs, and conference presentations. Through his teaching at various institutions, he has opened the Spanish-speaking world to countless students. He is a recognized leader in our field who has contributed greatly to its advancement.”

The Chapter of the Year Award is presented to the AATSP Chapter that has provided outstanding chapter activities for its membership. The Award is accompanied by a $500 honorarium for the winning chapter.

**METROPOLITAN NEW YORK CHAPTER**

**AATSP Chapter of the Year**

The 2018 winner of the Chapter of the Year Award is the Metropolitan New York Chapter. The Awards Selection Committee noted that the Metropolitan New York Chapter is one of the largest and most active AATSP chapters in the United States. The Chapter supports its membership in a variety of ways including professional development workshops and lectures, cultural outings, the day-long Annual Gala, a quarterly newsletter and a website with teacher resources. The Chapter also promotes student activities through active participation in the National Spanish Examinations program, the AATSP Poster Contest, and their own Website and Commemorative Coin Competitions. The Metropolitan New York Chapter is fully involved in state language programs and advocacy and in national endeavors by nominating members for AATSP awards, scholarships and the Board of Directors. Recently, the Chapter created a six-minute promotional video that highlights Chapter events, publications, and programs. This is the second time that the Metropolitan New York Chapter has won the Chapter of the Year Award; the Chapter won for the first time in 2010.

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