



# Announcements and Reminders

February 1, 2019

## 2019 AATSP ANNUAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

We are pleased to report that proposals for our summer conference in San Diego are equally focused on K-12 and higher education. There will be over 300 sessions/workshops of interest to educators of all levels—including Portuguese! Some highlights will be sessions/workshops by well-known educators such as Linda Egnatz, Michael Child, Luis Goncalves, Susan Ranft, Flavia Belpoliti and Haydee Taylor-Arnold to name a few!

[2019 Conference](#) registration for San Diego, California is now open.

*All presenters were requested to register by Thursday, January 31, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Debra Nigohosian at [dnigohosian@aatsp.org](mailto:dnigohosian@aatsp.org) or 205-855-0604.*

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## NEW AIRLINE DISCOUNTS FOR 2019 CONFERENCE

The AATSP has partnered with Delta and United Airlines to offer [travel discounts \(PDF\)](#) to those attending the 2019 AATSP Conference in San Diego. The variable discount ranges between 2% to 10% depending on the class of service. We want to see you in San Diego for this premiere professional development opportunity and some fun!

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## SAVE THE DATE FOR ANOTHER FREE WEBINAR

***Engage Your Students Beyond the Classroom With Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica***

Do you want to know more about the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica? On Thursday, February 21st at 7:00 pm EST, the AATSP will team up with Vista

Higher Learning to bring you two well-known Spanish teachers--SHH Director Kelly Scheetz and award-winning AATSP member Ken Stewart. Watch for more details to be posted [here](#) soon.

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## NEW SHH WEBSITE

We are excited to launch a new website for the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica! We hope current and interested sponsors find the new site useful and easier to navigate. We have included a place for chapters to post chapter news and happenings as well as a "swap shop" area for sponsors to post questions and share ideas. [Visit the site today!](#)



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## AATSP-STORE OFFERS A SPECIAL WINTER PACKAGE

## WINTER PACKAGE SPECIAL

Order your Braided Honor Cords now. With each Braided Honor Cord, you will receive a FREE Souvenir Graduation Tassel. Your order will be shipped by March 29, 2019.



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Place your order online by February 22, 2019 to receive the FREE Tassel.

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## SHH SPONSOR AWARDS

The **Mario Fierros Award for Excellence** is awarded to an SHH chapter sponsor who has given exemplary service to the SHH during the year. The **Park-Sihocky Award** is awarded to an outstanding sponsor of a chapter within his or her first three years of experience as a sponsor. The awardees receive a plaque and a stipend to attend the AATSP annual conference.

Deadline to apply: February 15, 2019

[Click here](#) for applications and information.

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## DO YOU TEACH PORTUGUESE? WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We invite you to share your opinions and tell us how the AATSP can best serve our Portuguese-teaching members. Please take a few minutes to complete our short, anonymous survey. It will close on Feb. 6, 2019. Thank you for your time and cooperation. [Click here](#) for survey.

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## WORKSHOPS IN SPAIN FOR HIGH SCHOOL SPANISH TEACHERS

This spring or summer break, escape to Seville or Madrid for one of Centro MundoLengua's unique workshop programs: (1) the only College Board-approved [AP® Spanish workshops](#) in all of Spain or (2) a [professional development workshop](#) during the biggest Semana Santa celebration in the entire world. Programs include guided tours, cultural activities, and housing options.

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## NEW RESOURCE FOR SSP: USALesPro

Did you know that the Universidad de Salamanca (USAL) has recently developed an exam for professional Spanish or Spanish for Specific Purposes (SSP) for ages 18+. The exam is called USALesPro: el examen de Español Profesional. Currently there are a limited number of testing centers in the U.S., if you would like to know more about the USALesPro exam or becoming a testing center, please [click here](#) or contact [lucia.nicolas@peoplecert.org](mailto:lucia.nicolas@peoplecert.org).

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## ASELE TO MEET IN OPORTO, PORTUGAL

### Congreso Internacional de ASELE, 4-7 de septiembre de 2019

El Politécnico do Porto acogerá del 4 al 7 de septiembre de 2019 el 30º CIA - Congreso Internacional de ASELE (Asociación para la Enseñanza del Español como Lengua Extranjera) en la ciudad de Oporto, Portugal. Para esta ocasión, especialistas de todo el mundo en la enseñanza del español como lengua extranjera o segunda se reunirán para intercambiar ideas y debatir acerca de la **Internacionalización y enseñanza del español como LE/L2: plurilingüismo y comunicación intercultural**. Para más información, [haga clic](#).

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# NEWS FROM *THE CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION*

*The Chronicle of Higher Education* reports on recent MLA (Modern Language Association) study that documents losses in language programs in the U.S. [Click here](#) for full story. Also referenced is an article from *The Seattle Times* that discusses how the humanities support STEM and its potential consequences. [Click here](#) for full story.

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## DID YOU MISS OUR JANUARY WEBINARS? RECORDINGS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Please [click here](#) to go directly to the AATSP webinar page to view full information about how to access both webinars for free.

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## 2019 AATSP POSTER CONTEST

Contact your AATSP Chapter for Chapter Poster Contest deadlines and information.

2019 Theme:

***¡Juntos más fuertes: el español y el portugués!  
Juntos mais fortes: o espanhol e o português!***

AATSP is now accepting submissions for the 2019 Poster Contest! This contest provides the perfect opportunity for students to demonstrate artistically the usefulness of learning another language. If your Chapter does not already offer this contest, it is not too late! Please contact the National Coordinator for collaboration to provide this activity for your Chapter members.

For additional information on the AATSP Chapter Poster Contests, entry requirements, and student guidelines, [click here](#) and go to the Programs & Activities tab or contact Crystal Vicente, National AATSP Poster Contest Coordinator, [postercontest@aatsp.org](mailto:postercontest@aatsp.org).



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