



2022-23 Annual Report of The Italian Language Foundation

Student Programs

In 2023, the ILF launched its Fellowship Program introducing three types of Fellowships for 12th grade high school and college level students of Italian.

1. **The ILF Fellowship** *for students continuing their study of Italian in college. \$1,000 per semester up to 3 years.*
2. **The Fred Kuwornu ILF Fellowship** *for students of African American & Italian heritage, enrolled in Italian language classes. \$1,000 per semester up to 3 years.*
3. **The Enrico Fermi ILF Fellowship** *for students enrolled in Italian language classes and mainly focused on science and math. \$1,000 per semester, renewable for one additional semester.*

Student Leadership, Mentorship & Internship

The ILF offered its **Commitment 2 Excellence** program, which provides ILF students with leadership, mentorship, and internship opportunities.

1. In partnership with **The Free Enterprise Leadership Challenge (FELC)**, ILF high school students are attending a week-long leadership conference. At FELC, students learn how a real business works, how to become a better leader, and how to become a better communicator.
2. **ILF's Emerging Leaders**, who are young, post-graduate professionals, volunteer to mentor ILF high school and college student members. ILF's Emerging Leaders help students with resume building, job interviewing and college application submissions.
3. **Internship:** For 2023-2024, an exciting new partnership with Claudio Giusti of *Acetaia Giusti* will offer internships in Italy to American college-level students studying Italian. Details to be announced soon.

From ILF Students ...



Orianna Soubllette

ILF Fellowship Awardee,
Orianna is pursuing a major in Italian at Florida Atlantic University.

“Undoubtedly, this Fellowship has strongly encouraged me to continue my study of Italian, as I had previously been an Italian minor and switched to be an Italian double major. I sincerely thank the Italian Language Foundation for generously granting me these opportunities.”



Angelica LaFranconi

FELC Leadership Attendee

Entering 11th Grade at Fremont High School, CA. Plans to study Italian in college.

“I want to attend the FELC Leadership Conference because I want to learn more leadership and teamwork skills, to learn to be comfortable in a class with new people, and to challenge myself to solve problems in an innovative way.”



Colin Grant

ILF Member & C2E Intern

2022 Graduate of Indiana University, Marketing degree.

“ILF has given me many opportunities including an internship at Ferrero, where I was able to get real world experience and mentorship during my job search.” Today, Colin is a Marketing Associate at Winthrop Capital Management in Indianapolis, IN.



Alyssa McCadden

ILF Fellowship Awardee

Freshman at Georgetown University, majoring in Int'l History; Minor in Italian.

“I plan to put my Fellowship grant towards studying abroad at an Italian university during my Junior year. The grant will help cover my travel expenses.”

Teacher Professional Development Webinars

The Power of Internships Webinar - March 2022

A 1-hour roundtable webinar discussion hosted in partnership with the American Association of Teachers of Italian (AATI) offered teachers and students insights into the skills corporations seek and the challenges corporations face in offering internships and jobs to college students. The webinar featured moderator Professor Ryan Calabretta-Sajder of AATI, and industry leaders: Mr. Paolo Scotti, Ferrero North America VP HR SCI, Retail & Supporting Functions; Dara Osur, Senior Associate & Recruiting Manager, Gensler; and Jodi Pulice, Founder & CEO of JRT Realty Group, Inc.



AP Italian Challenges & Strategies Webinar - October 2022

The second webinar offered teachers new insights into the teaching of Italian from our guest speakers, Teachers of Italian: Fiorella Bologna, James Goetschius, and Cristina Modica along with our moderator, Stephen D. Johnson, Ph.D, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment at The College Board for AP Italian Language and Culture and AP Spanish Spanish Literature.



Teacher Professional Development Webinars

2023 Professional Development Webinar #1

Italian educator,
Roberta Pennasilico

Roberta will offer a live webinar focusing on the following theme:

"L'Identita' Linguistica Nella Lezioni Di Italiano."

Date:
September 23, 2023

2023 Professional Development Webinar #2

Host: Montclair State University

Date & Webinar Description: *To be announced*

Teacher Recognition Awards

In 2022, ILF recognized two teachers with the ILF Teacher Recognition Award.

In 2023, two additional teachers will be recognized as well.

View full details at [ILF's website awards page](#).

Teacher Ambassadors

In 2023, the ILF created the Teacher Ambassadors group.

The Teacher Ambassadors group provides insights and program ideas for the ILF to continually offer innovative professional development to its Teacher Members.

From ILF Teachers ...



Cristina Modica, ILF Teacher Member, Teacher of Italian at Maine High School, Parkridge, IL:

“The Italian Language Foundation offers tremendous opportunities such as professional development for teachers and recognizing teachers for their hard work with their Teacher Recognition Awards.”



Professor Ryan Calabretta-Sajder, Professor and Section Head of Italian at the University of Arkansas, and President of the American Association of Teachers of Italian (AATI):

“I have been involved with The Italian Language Foundation through the enthusiastic labor of Dr. Margaret Cuomo and her passion for the promotion of the AP Italian language and culture exam. The Italian Language Foundation has continued to blossom and touch numerous new areas for the promotion and growth of Italian K-12 including most recently and for me, very exciting, internships and the rich blogs it also publishes.”



Gina Gallo, ILF Teacher Member, Teacher of Italian at Bristol Central High School, Bristol, CT:

“I am a proud member of the ILF. I can tell you first-hand my students have participated in blog post writing and to see the excitement on their faces when they see their work on a public forum is second to none. It makes their passion for Italian grow exponentially. Thank you for all you do to grow and support Italian language programming.”

Emerging Leaders' Council (ELC) Events

In June 2022, 35 young professionals joined the Emerging Leaders Council (ELC) and convened at the historic Townhouse in Manhattan. These dedicated postgraduates serve as volunteer mentors for ILF student members.

In November 2022, Mauro Porcini, Senior VP and Chief Design Officer of PepsiCo, presented his new book, *The Human Side of Innovation: The Power of People in Love with People*, to ELC members at DiPalo Wine Bar in Little Italy, NY.

In December 2022, ELC members gathered at the exclusive Dumbo House in Brooklyn, where Claudio Giusti of *Acetaia Giusti* presented a tasting of his fine, aged balsamic vinegar and offered a historical perspective on his company, which was established in 1605.



IN THE FALL 2023, THERE WILL BE ANOTHER EXCITING EVENT FOR ELC MEMBERS. STAY TUNED!

Parent Advocates join ILF...

In 2023, the ILF launched the new Parent Advocates group. Parents of ILF student members are invited to participate in the activities of the Italian Language Foundation.

Parents who are interested and engaged in their children's education join as Parent Advocates, so they can stay up to date on their child's ILF program activities.

Parent participation is key to ILF's mission and helps ILF to grow and spread awareness of ILF's programs.

2022 Annual Fundraiser

The Italian Language Foundation honored three outstanding **Italian Women of Influence** at ILF's October 2022 Annual Fundraiser.



Marian Pardo is a highly experienced investment professional with a deep background in banking and investment and securities analysis. She has had an extensive career in banking and investment management. Marian notably managed accounts and common trust funds totaling over \$2 billion and, earlier in her career, was a senior member of a large corporate banking team.

HONORING

Three outstanding Italian-American Women



MARIAN PARDO



JODI PULICE



JUSTINE DEVITO TENNEY

Jodi Pulice has served as Founder and CEO since 1996. She established JRT Realty Group, Inc. as a woman-owned, full-service commercial real estate services firm to address industry-wide supplier diversity initiatives. JRT Realty is recognized as the nation's largest certified woman-owned commercial real estate services firm.

Justine DeVito Tenney is a Partner with Weiser Mazars LLP, one of the country's leading accounting and consulting firms, and oversees the firm's Private Business Group from its Lake Success office.

2023 Annual Fundraiser

At its 2023 Annual Fundraiser, The Italian Language Foundation honored three Italian food industry executives for their accomplishments and business successes.



Silvana Chiappelloni
Owner, Alberto Restaurant



Mirella Galloni
The Galloni Company
&
Marianna Cuomo Maier
ILF's ELC Co-Leader



Claudio Giusti
Leader, Acetaia Giusti

2023 Annual Fundraiser

The ILF fundraiser on June 26, 2023, was a memorable and successful event.

After a generous tasting of Giusti aged balsamico, Parmigiano Reggiano and Galloni Prosciutto, an elegant buffet dinner of Italian specialties was served.





Grazie!

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