



## What Is CT COLT?

CT COLT is a non-profit service organization committed to the professional growth of its members and to the promotion of quality teaching and learning of languages and cultures from pre-kindergarten through college and beyond.

### CT COLT:

- Advocates for our profession
- Recognizes the success of teachers and students
- Connects to the many world language professional organizations
- Supports teachers throughout their career



# CT COLT

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## WORLD LANGUAGES BENEFIT US ALL

“ Foreign language is crucial to our nation’s economic competitiveness and national security. Multi-lingualism enhances cognitive and social growth, competitiveness in the global marketplace (four out of five new jobs in the United States are created from foreign trade), national security, and understanding of diverse people and cultures...global communication will be essential for survival. We cannot afford the luxury of international ignorance. ”

United States Congress  
Foreign Language Assistance Act



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## Mission Statement

**The Connecticut Council of Language Teachers (CT COLT)** promotes, advocates for, and fosters the teaching and learning of world languages and cultures. We support, guide, and connect educators, students, policy makers and the public through professional development, scholarship and collaborative initiatives.



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# WHY JOIN CT COLT?

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## For Educators

### Exclusive Access To:

- Members only news and information
- CT COLT e-newsletter
- Regular updates, and members only access to conference workshop session handouts and webinars

### Invaluable Career Services:

- CT COLT job bank; connecting job seekers and employers at all levels and languages

### Professional Development:

- CT LILL Webinars
- EdCamp
- Fall Conference
- Mentoring
- Professional Awards:
  - Amaral Award
  - Mead Award
- Summer Institute
- Teacher of the Year
- TEAM and edTPA Support

## For Students

### Contests:

- Poetry Recitation Contest
- Essay Contest
- Rhyme Celebration
- Poster Contest

### Scholarships and Awards:

- Student Awards for Excellence
- Irene Stanislawczyk Scholarship
- Kenneth A. Lester Summer Immersion Scholarship
- CT COLT Future Teachers Honor Society

## For Our Profession

- We advocate in your district, state, and at the national level for recognition of world languages as an essential 21<sup>st</sup> century skill.
- We provide on-line publications, workshops, conferences and webinars.
- We collaborate with policy makers, professional organizations, and universities.
- We offer venues to promote community recognition of student achievement.
- We offer opportunities to network with other world language professionals.
- We work with the State Department of Education to award the Seal of Biliteracy.
- We participate in the National Language Advocacy Days with JNCL-NCLIS.

Please visit [www.ctcolt.org](http://www.ctcolt.org), under the Services tab, for more information on how to join!

## 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY SKILLS

**Social & Cross Cultural Skills • Technology Literacy**  
**Critical Thinking & Problem Solving • Global Awareness**  
**Creativity & Innovation • Communication & Collaboration • FLEXIBILITY & ADAPTABILITY**

*CT COLT partners with:* American Council of the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL), as well as with a variety of ATT and language-specific national and state organizations. It is affiliated with the Joint National Committee of Languages (JNCL) and the National Council for Languages and International Studies (NCLIS) in Washington, DC.