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November 15, 2019

Dear CLTA Colleagues and Lifelong Admirers of Hal Wingard,

Ten years have elapsed since the passing of our dear friend, colleague and mentor, Hal Wingard. Yet his footprint remains very much alive within those of us who continue to carry out his vision of a vibrant world language education community. We trust that you are still among those who, like Hal, believe in the importance of the role that world language and culture education plays in our society and would wish to continue to nourish Hal's legacy.

One of Hal's most treasured friends and colleagues was Sylvia Jones, former CLTA President, Conference Coordinator and CWLP Program Associate. One of Sylvia's last wishes was to establish a Hal Wingard endowment to support the development of leaders in the profession, leaders who would continue his legacy. This wish was brought to our attention by Sylvia's husband, Vernon Jones, who will seed the endowment in memory of his wife. He now challenges us, who also believe in the importance of world languages and culture as much as Hal and Sylvia did, to do the same.

You may have known and/or worked side by side with Hal, as he advocated for inclusivity of world languages in critical legislation, learning languages and cultures for real-world communication, and continuous professional learning for language educators. You may have simply heard references to his efforts on behalf of the profession and profited indirectly from his efforts to gain respect and move our profession forward.

The primary goal of the endowment is the development of new leaders who will keep Hal's visionary leadership alive in our profession. Therefore, we are asking you, as a vested member of our profession, to find it in your heart to contribute to this endowment, regardless of the amount. An attached document provides additional details about the intent and purposes of the proposed endowment.

You can make your tax-deductible donation by writing a check made payable to CLTA Hal Wingard Endowment and mailing it to the address at the bottom of this letter or by credit card at this URL: <https://clta.net/hal-wingard-endowment-fund-donation-page/>

We plan to formally launch the Hal Wingard Fellowship Endowment during the CLTA's 50th anniversary celebration at the SWCOLT/CLTA annual conference to be held in Anaheim on April 2-5, 2020, and would appreciate receiving your donation by December 31, 2019. For more information about the conference, please logon to: <https://www.swcolt.org/conference>

Hal always used the expression "many thanks." Using Hal's expression, we say many thanks for helping us to keep Hal's spirit and legacy alive via the future leaders that the Endowment will support.

With gratitude and fond memories of our lifelong mentor Hal Wingard,

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Hal Wingard Inspirational Leadership Endowment Campaign Coordinators



Hal Wingard Inspirational Leadership Endowment Fund

Ratified by the CLTA Board on May 9th 2019

Introduction/Background:

Hal Wingard was instrumental in the creation of the California Language Teachers' Association and was its first Executive Director. In this role, he led and inspired the organization and the world language teaching profession in California for over 40 years. Prior to assuming this position, he was a teacher of German language and culture and later an administrator in the San Diego Unified School District. While teaching German, Hal instilled in his students a deep appreciation for the German language and culture by encouraging them to acquire the language and engaging in culturally authentic experiences that allowed them to gain a deep understanding of the "German mindset." When he assumed the position of Director of Basic Education for the San Diego Unified School District, he placed the teaching of world language education on the map for the district. Under his leadership, the district developed several model programs that continue to this day and have served as fertile ground for researchers, mainly in the area of immersion language education.

CLTA Executive Director:

When Hal Wingard assumed the role of CLTA Executive Director at the organization's inception, he brought the same level of passion and leadership to bear on the organization's affairs that he had exhibited as a teacher of German language and culture and as an administrator. Under his tenure as Executive Director, the organization grew in multiple dimensions; even today, its enduring pillars are the direct result of Hal Wingard's vision, leadership, and entrepreneurial spirit. Thanks to Hal's deep conviction of importance of continuous linguistic and cultural immersion for language educators, CLTA members can use *LangAbroad* funds to pursue language and culture immersion opportunities in countries around the world. He also stressed the need to increase our profession's presence on the local, state and national stages, where we could influence language policy.

Exalting Hal Wingard's Inspirational Leadership Legacy Fellowship

May 25, 2019, marked the 10th anniversary of Hal Wingard's passing and most of us who were privileged to be mentored by him, to this day continue to be guided by his gentle and compassionate spirit and actions. On the occasion of CLTA's 50th anniversary, we are proposing that CLTA establish the Hal Wingard Inspirational Leadership Legacy Endowment to commemorate his everlasting impact on the first half-century of the organization's existence.

Hal Wingard Inspirational Leadership Legacy Endowment

- The endowment is established to honor and continue the leadership legacy of Hal Wingard by supporting promising leaders in the world language teaching profession in California to grow their leadership development and ultimately contribute to the profession in ways that parallel the fellowship's namesake.
- The endowment will be initially funded by friends, colleagues and especially those who were mentored over the years by Hal Wingard. Subsequent fundraising events will be held annually to continue to fund the endowment to a level that it can support its vision and mission to the greatest extent possible.
- The endowment is intended to be self-sustaining and provide an annual funding source of support for leadership growth candidates at different stages of their leadership development process.
- Funds generated by the endowment may be used to support candidates to defray conference registration fees, travel to participate in different leadership opportunities and/or support a particular project that will benefit the world language teaching community. The intent is that the recipients would then pay it forward to the profession in multiple ways, but certainly in the area in which the candidate was supported to investigate.
- The endowment will be administered by the California Language Teachers' Association and guided by a steering committee that will set funding priorities to be supported by the endowment on an annual basis.
- The California Language Teachers' Association, in collaboration with the Endowment Steering Committee, will create a protocol for how the funds generated by the Endowment will be distributed. An application, evaluation rubric, and review process, also will be established for recruiting, selecting and awarding the fellowships.



Hal Wingard Inspirational Leadership Endowment

Each contribution to the Hal Wingard Inspirational Leadership Endowment Fund is a solid investment in the future of our profession as well as a tribute to the memory of the Fellowship's namesake, Mr. Hal Wingard. The following categories and contributions levels have been established for the fund with the understanding that each dollar donated will be a valuable contribution toward developing CLTA's leadership to address and meet one of its primary goals of developing a globally competent citizenry.

Category:	Contribution Amount:
Global Ambassador Circle	\$1,000 +
Global Navigator Circle	\$500 - \$999
Global Professional Circle	\$250 - \$499
Global Passport Circle	\$100 - \$249
Global Citizen Circle	\$1.00 - \$99

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Yes, I wish to contribute to the Hal Wingard Endowment Fund at the level indicated below:

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- You have my permission to include my name in the public donors' roster
- Please keep my donation anonymous

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