

**2013-2014 Annual Report American Association of Teachers of German  
for the  
Ohio Foreign Language Association**

**AATG National German Exam for High School Students Award Winner**

The National German Exam had a new online format this year. In Ohio, 592 students in 18 schools participated in the exam. Test results showed that 51 students scored in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile in tests at level 2, 26 students scored that high in tests at level 3, and 18 students achieved that score in tests at level 4. Given these strong results, Ohio was able to nominate three candidates for the award trip, rather than the usual two candidates. The criteria for the award trip are that a candidate must be at least 16 years of age by the end of the school year and have spent less than two weeks in a German-speaking country previously. Ohio's nominees are:

Kristen Vellinga, a senior at Westlake High School (teacher: Kristen Harter)

Adam Erickson and Altan Turkoglu from Dublin Jerome High School (teacher: Michele Engberg).

Decision from the national office will be announced soon.

**Chapter Spring Meeting**

The spring meeting of the Ohio chapter will be held during the Ohio Foreign Language Association's spring conference (April 10-12, 2014) in Columbus.

**Ohio AATG Fall Conference**

The Ohio AATG held its annual fall conference November 1-2, 2013 in Columbus at the Hyatt-Worthington Hotel, with approximately 25 people in attendance. The conference started on Friday afternoon with President Kristina Wassmann leading a discussion of the possible definitions of culture and the different way we may be able to incorporate it in our classes. We watched the AATG webinar, *Teaching Culture*. Following dinner, the group reconvened to watch the film, *Das tapfere Schneiderlein*.

On Saturday, Tricia Fellingner presented *How to make the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System Work for You and Your German Program*, addressing topics of assessment, proficiency, and program promotion. She provided information on the kinds of authentic resources available, and how to get outside support for a German program. Tricia also presented information about the A2 exam on behalf of the Zentralstelle für Auslandsschulwesen. A discussion about the changes to the National German Exam followed. The exam will no longer be paper and pencil, but housed in a *Quia* format.

Following lunch, Debbie Page presented a hands-on workshop on Ted Ed, a method to use to flip a class. Everyone left with plenty of ideas and the tools to develop additional lessons. The annual business meeting followed the workshop, where Darlene Lyon was reappointed as the Testing Chair. The members discussed the possibility of launching a website independent of a university, which would involve purchasing a domain name. Such a site could be accessed and modified by officers and others as they came onto the board, rather than being limited to an individual faculty member.

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