

Kennedy Post

2021 FLAM Outstanding Future World Language Teacher Award



The Outstanding Future World Language Teacher Award is given to a post-secondary world language student who exhibits superior performance in a world language program.

Kennedy Post is our Distinguished Future World Language Educator Award recipient and she recently graduated from Truman State University with her Master of Arts in Education. She double majored in French and Spanish, and participated in two study abroad programs in Costa Rica and France. Her emphasis is in French, but she plans to seek teaching certification in both languages.

Kennedy is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion in the world language classroom. While working as a Graduate Teaching-Research assistant at Truman's Education Department, Kennedy gave presentations on multicultural teaching and created a rubric that measures the effective inclusion of social justice for professors and interns alike. Kennedy said, "Social justice has become even more important in recent years, and we as foreign language educators have the unique opportunity to use our classrooms as a way to have thoughtful, respectful discussions about these issues in countries around the world "

In May 2021, she completed her student teaching at Marquette High School in St. Louis, MO where she taught French to in-person and virtual students concurrently. Despite the challenges of learning to teach in a COVID world, she remained enthusiastic and used technology to create lessons that could connect to all students. Kennedy's teaching reflects ACTFL's standards, and she strives to speak in the target language 100% of the time. Kennedy will be teaching French this fall at Fox High School in Arnold, MO.

"She conscientiously respects the rights of students while guiding them to take more responsibility for their own learning. In addition, she strives to make her lessons inclusive through the use of diverse resources".

- Mrs. Della Thompson, French Teacher and Mentor, Marquette High School

"Always exuding a deep commitment to instruction, with the goal of creating a student-centered classroom, Kennedy is a caring and compassionate individual and will be a highly effective teacher, one that foments an environment of inclusiveness and respect in which she will instill in her students a passion for life-long learning."

- Dr. Stacy Davis, Assistant Professor of Spanish, Truman State University