

August 21, 2013


To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the UCLA National Heritage Language Resource Center and the STARTALK Program, we would like to congratulate Sybil Alexandrov for the completion of the Summer Heritage Language Teacher Workshop held at UCLA on July 22-26, 2013.

The workshop was designed to help K-16 language teachers face the challenge of teaching heritage language (HL) students. The workshop included discussions and lectures to help participants understand the differences between teaching foreign language learners and HL learners, the issues involved in heritage language teaching, and how to address them in the classroom and curriculum design. Additionally, participants learned how to use differentiated instruction, backward design, and authentic materials in the target language, and how to research a heritage language community and create a community-based program. The workshop presentations covered both theoretical and practical issues of teaching heritage language learners.

The workshop contained a total of forty contact hours, ten to fifteen hours of pre-workshop preparation, as well as daily assignments, and culminated in presentations of final projects. Sybil Alexandrov completed the workshop and presented a final project based on an innovative curricular design that included specified learning materials and assessment tools for heritage language learners.

Sincerely,



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Director, National Heritage Language Resource Center



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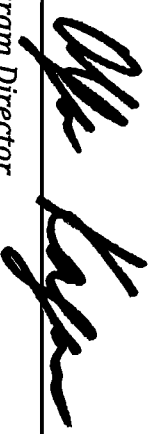


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