

# **Your Investment in Languages, Literatures and Cultures Education at the University at Albany**

The gift of communication with other peoples and cultures is a treasure for a lifetime that enhances many lives. You can be part of that. Your contribution as an alumnus, friend or sponsoring business will help develop well-rounded, culturally competent, and internationally sensitive students who go on to use language skills obtained here in many different settings such as business, diplomacy, education, the media, social services, tourism, law, healthcare, research, the sciences and international development.

Formed in 1997 from several smaller departments that taught French, German, Italian, Russian and Spanish, LLC has, over time, added other languages such that we now also teach Arabic, Hebrew, Latin and Portuguese. A vibrant department embracing the many different languages and cultures represented by our faculty, we celebrate our unity and diversity in many ways, from holding research conferences, hosting guest speakers and performers, and organizing foreign film festivals, to coordinating current events topical fora and other international events. We also actively implement technology-enhanced language pedagogy. In our Center for Language and International Communication, classes can participate in real-time interactions with native speakers in other countries.

## **We Welcome Your Involvement and Support**

How can you help enhance learning, teaching and research opportunities for LLC students and faculty? Designate a gift for a specific purpose, a specific language, or choose to make an unrestricted gift, allowing the department to use it as it is most needed and permitting us to respond to unexpected opportunities and needs. Here are some examples of how different levels of contributions might be used:

### *A contribution of \$200:*

- help underwrite student and faculty workshops and conferences
- purchase a specialized documentary film that may be used in one of our culture courses
- help support activities of student language tables and clubs

### *A contribution of \$500 - \$1000:*

- offer a new LLC merit-based prize or scholarship for one year
- help an LLC undergraduate or graduate student participate in an overseas study program
- provide a travel grant for a graduate student to attend a national conference at which he/she will present a paper and thus improve his/her professional prospects

### *A contribution of \$2500:*

- fund a distinguished guest speaker or a significant cultural event
- update hardware and software in the CLIC language center (your name recognized as a center sponsor)
- hold a major international conference at the University at Albany, (your name featured as a sponsor in the conference program)

## **How to Donate**

Making a gift is easy and means so much to our current and future students and our faculty, simply visit [Ways of Giving](#). **All levels of contributions are welcome.** Please clearly designate your gift to the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures (if you do not designate, your gift may go to UAlbany's general fund). Please also consider providing for LLC and its languages in your estate planning.

## **Thank you!**

Since 2003, 109 LLC students have received merit awards from endowed funds, totaling over \$46,000. Your generous support helps aspiring language students with excellent potential to pursue and achieve their goals. All of our LLC faculty greatly appreciate your support!