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Recipients of SANS Inc. /Mead Leadership Program to be Announced at NECTFL

North Branford, CT, March 29, 2011– Awards to the four fellowship recipients of the 2011 SANS Inc./Mead Leadership Program will be announced at the annual meeting of the Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (NECTFL) in Baltimore, April 1-4, 2011. SANS, the developer and exclusive worldwide licensor of Sony Language Learning Software, has sponsored the Leadership Program for the past four years.

This year's winners are Takako Shigehisa from Northern Virginia Community College (VA); Silvina Orsatti from The Kiski School (PA); Ruth Chang from East Brunswick Public Schools (NJ); and Toni Johnson from Penn Yan Academy (NY).

The SANS Inc. /Mead Leadership Program recognizes foreign language teachers who demonstrate leadership and vision in world language education. Mead Fellows are selected in part for the quality of the projects they propose. The plan of action for that project is developed by each Fellow with a mentor, using input from leaders of 14 state foreign language organizations.

"SANS supports language teachers and students with progressive interactive technology," said SANS president Ron Remschel. "As such, we see value in a program that encourages language educators to develop forward-thinking ideas and share their work with peers at the local, state, and national level. We applaud all the SANS Inc. /Mead Leadership recipients."

The Northeast Conference has long been committed to developing leaders for the profession from all instructional levels and languages. According to Rebecca Kline, NECTFL's director, "Good leadership programs are impossible without resources, and we are grateful to SANS Inc., for supporting our efforts to identify and encourage the most promising of our colleagues in their projects. The 2011 class of SANS Inc. /Mead Fellows is a brilliant and diverse group—we congratulate each of them!"

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The Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages serves educators in all languages, including classical, less commonly taught, and ESL, from Maine to Virginia, at all levels from kindergarten through university, in both public and private settings. NECTFL holds an annual conference for those involved with foreign language education, offering both professional development and the chance to network with colleagues. More than 2,500 attendees take advantage of 150 companies' exhibits and 200 sessions and workshops. Events include the recognition of award winners from both inside and outside the field. Past winners have been President Jimmy Carter, Sesame Street, musician Taj Mahal, and the late Senator Paul Simon. For further information about NECTFL, go to www.nectfl.org or email nectfl@dickinson.edu.

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