

# WHY AATSP?

The **American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese** has been serving educators and students for 99 years and offers numerous opportunities, programs and events for its members.

- **Annual Conference:** More than 250 sessions, workshops, e-posters and invited speakers to enhance your cultural, literary, and professional knowledge. Typically held in July at locations rich in Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian culture and heritage.
- **AATSP Chapters:** Your AATSP membership includes automatic enrollment into your local chapter. Stay in touch with members near you!
- **National Portuguese Examinations (NPE):** An assessment and competition for students in grades 7-12 enrolled in Portuguese classes.
- **National Spanish Examinations (NSE):** An online, standardized assessment tool and competition given by more than 3000 teachers throughout the United States to measure proficiency and achievement of students at appropriate levels. Students in grades 6-12 compete for prizes and travel scholarships. Free practice exams are available online.
- **Poster Contest:** K-12 students create themed posters to promote the study of Spanish and Portuguese, compete for prizes, and gain recognition for their participation.
- **Publications**
  - **Announcements and Reminders:** Newsletter sent on a continuous basis with up-to-date information about our programs, activities and events.
  - **Conference Wrap-Up:** A recap of the annual AATSP Conference with photos of sessions and events.
  - **Hispania:** The official journal of the AATSP is published quarterly and features articles on language, literature, theoretical and applied linguistics, cultural studies as well as book/media reviews. You must be a member to publish in Hispania.
  - **Spanish & Portuguese Review:** The graduate student journal features studies on culture, film, language for special purposes, linguistics, literature, second-language acquisition, translation/interpretation, and other areas related to Spanish and Portuguese.
  - **The Portuguese Newsletter:** Published in the spring and fall, this newsletter features items of interest about the Luso-Brazilian world.
- **Awards:** Each year the AATSP offers a number of awards that recognize the achievements of AATSP members. The awards are presented at the Awards Banquet held during the annual AATSP Conference.
- **Scholarships:** The AATSP offers scholarships and travel stipends annually for a number study abroad programs to countries such as Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, España, Guatemala, México, and Perú
- **Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica (SHH):** An honor society for high school students enrolled in Spanish and Portuguese offering opportunities for student activities, publishing, competitive scholarship and travel. Currently there are more than 2,400 national and international chapters.
- **Sociedad Hispánica de Amistad (SHA):** A service-learning organization with benefits for middle/junior high students enrolled in Spanish and Portuguese.
- **Webinars with Santillana USA:** During the academic year AATSP and Santillana USA offer webinars on current topics of interest to instructors of Spanish.