



## New York State Association of Foreign Language Teachers, Inc.

November 13, 2020

Dear Dr. Vitti-Alexander,

The Rochester Region of the New York State Association of Foreign Language Teachers (NYS AFLT) hosts a major conference for the language teachers of Western New York each year. Part of our annual event is to present the Friends of Foreign Language Award. The Rochester Regional Friends of Foreign Language Award is given to a person, institution or business that champions the goal of world language education within our community. The award looks for those who go above and beyond to promote the knowledge of world languages and their cultures.

As world language teachers, we strive to develop proficient language skills as well as respect and appreciation for the diverse languages and cultures we teach. The Casa Italiana has created and maintained an impressive, multifaceted program of Italian language instruction. Your classes appeal to diverse learners as you offer credit-bearing in addition to enrichment courses. Your students range from children to adults and cater to promote language speakers as well as culture. Equally impressive is the fact that you include events and activities into your offerings throughout the year.

It is for these reasons that the Rochester Regional NYSAFLT Planning Committee has designated the Casa Italiana the 2020 recipient of the Friends of Foreign Language Award. We hope that you or a representative of the Casa Italiana will be able to join us on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Otto Shultz Center of Nazareth College to receive the award. The General Session, in which the award is to be presented, will occur between 8:50 and 9:20 a.m.

Please let me know if you or a Casa Italiana representative will be able to come and accept the award in person. Congratulations and thank you for all you do for our world language community!

Sincerely,

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