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**RETIRED COLUMBIA TEACHER HONORED WITH LIFETIME  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Kansas City, MO – The Foreign Language Association of Missouri (FLAM) has awarded retired Columbia Schools Spanish teacher Cynthia “Jo” Cunningham the 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Cunningham was honored at FLAM’s annual fall conference in Kansas City on October 18<sup>th</sup>. The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to an outstanding Missouri teacher who has devoted their professional career to the improvement of foreign language education.

Long time friend and colleague Carol Lund recognizes Jo as a “master teacher, whose relationships with students extends beyond the classroom. She frequently took students abroad to demonstrate her love for them and her desire to widen their horizons and world-view.”

Mrs. Cunningham retired in 2012 from Jefferson Junior High School in Columbia, MO after 31 years in education. She also taught courses at the University of Missouri. Throughout her career, Jo Cunningham led 17 trips abroad with students to over 20 countries. In addition to her teaching, Cunningham served 20 years as a member of the FLAM board.