

2014 Founders Award
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Dr. Jayne E. Abrate

Jayne Abrate's innumerable accomplishments and contributions to the profession require no reiteration here. Jayne has been known as a person who is generous, attentive, and a consummate leader. Under her guidance, the AATF has developed a stunning number of resources to support the teaching of French and Francophone cultures. She listens and observes carefully, thinks reflectively and views any problem from multiple perspectives. These skills allow her to propose genuinely innovative solutions. Whether negotiating with the Ambassador, presiding over a meeting, advocating on Capitol Hill, or presenting at a conference, her dedication to individuals and organizations is tireless and most of all Jayne makes the profession feel it is in good hands. Jayne has never missed a Central States Conference since she began her career. It was during her tenure as a college professor that Jayne became active in Central States. She began her career as a professor of French at Drury College in Springfield, Missouri. She still talks about the lessons she devised as imaginative, motivational, intricate and interesting. She is a devoted member of the CSC Advisory Council. Jayne's sessions and workshops are legendary. She inspires all teachers who attend with her wealth of knowledge, her innovative approach and her enthusiasm for the subject matter. She is on the program at every Central States Conference and her sessions are always well-attended and much appreciated. Jayne is also a consistent exhibitor at CSC, representing the AATF at their booth at each conference. She continues to inspire and amaze due to her willingness to work very hard, even outside regular business hours.