

BIO INTRO:

Nancy Scarselletta is the Founder and Director of the Language Learning Institute. A New York State certified teacher, Nancy has used her experiences through practice and research to develop an original and innovative “Method of Second Language Teaching.” Her staff is trained in this successful method to enhance the experience of all their students. Nancy uses her extensive training and continuing education to constantly improve the experience of her students.

Outside of the classroom, Nancy enjoys participating in competitive ballroom dancing, gardening, photography, fine dining, and clean cooking.

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FULL BIO [Format 2]:

NANCY A. SCARSELLETTA – Founder & Director

EDUCATION

A native of Colonie, NY, Nancy Scarselletta is a **New York State certified teacher**, specializing in French, with a passion for sharing her love of language. [A teacher for over 30 years, \[link to School History Page\]](#) Nancy has taught in both public and private school systems, working with children from pre-school age up through adult level classes. Besides her teacher’s certification, her training includes a year’s study abroad in Paris. During this intensive study, she participated in a comprehensive French language emersion program that combined art, history, culture, literature, linguistics, grammar, and phonetics, allowing her to fully experience “French” outside of just academia.

During her Masters in French studies, Nancy was afforded the opportunity to take education courses taught by innovative leaders in the field of French language education, which planted the seeds for her own teaching style today. Not stopping there, she continuously extends her education and studies, expanding not only her knowledge of languages, but also of **computer and technology education**. This has allowed her to continue developing different means of delivering her [courses, \[link to current class schedule\]](#) using current **21st Century skills** to enhance her classes in new ways.

GRANTS

Nancy has received three **grants** to pursue some of these studies: a scholarship to study the use of computers in the study of foreign language; a travel-study scholarship from the State Education Department and the Cultural Services of the French Embassy; and most notably, a grant for the development of her **innovative and original curriculum** for upper French language studies – **The Use of the Bayeux Tapestry to Teach Language, Culture, and History**.

UNIQUE, ORIGINAL METHOD

Nancy developed her **personal methodology** by combining her educational background with her own experiences in becoming bi-lingual. This methodology takes into consideration the **natural language center in the brain** and helps students to overcome the typical obstacles in learning a new language. Students practice **real life speech**, with an emphasis on speaking and listening comprehension. Reading and writing are used for enforcement.

Nancy's method makes learning **FUN** for all ages, regardless of whether a young student is enrolled to fulfill a school requirement, an adult is trying to keep his/her brain active, planning a trip abroad, or just to learn something new!

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Nancy is always continuing her studies, both in business and language, knowing how important learning a language is to a person's wellbeing. "There are so many **benefits** to learning another language, from keeping the brain active and healthy to being able to connect with people of other cultures. In studying and using another language, one is constantly active. I never tire of watching my students come into their own when they learn another language. Their self-esteem is challenged to rise, as does their ability to put sentences together in a standard and comprehensible language – and they have fun doing all of this too!" she says.

Besides having the opportunity to constantly be creative and meet new people, Nancy's passion also offers her the chance to see the **instant effect** on her students. Children start noticing the world around them more, while her adult students not only have the skill to specialize in a new language, they also reap the benefits of the excitement of learning something different and opening their view of the world with new information.

OUT OF THE BOX

Outside of the classroom, Nancy enjoys competitive ballroom dance, gardening, photography, fine dining, and clean cooking. Nancy's hobbies have found their way into her

classes as well. She has taught crochet, embroidery, and cooking as they apply to her original curricula. The Spanish summer camp can expect to see a little dance as well!

COMMUNITY RESOURCE

Under Nancy's direction, the Language Learning Institute has become the "go to" place [\[link to testimonials\]](#) in the Capital District for learning or enhancing languages, offering opportunities for students interested in remediation, enrichment, health, and fun! She also now provides a business English program titled, [Effective Communication and Email Writing](#), [\[link to course description\]](#) for those that want to improve their business communication skills.