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On Saturday, October 1, 2016, the Appalachian Professional Language Educators Society (APPLES), hosted its annual fall event in conjunction with its fall membership meeting. This year's event was titled "Making Grammar Mean Something to the Learner" and included a guest presentation by IUP's own Jason Killam.

Killam's interesting and engaging presentation shared research on how language learners learn, and challenged teacher's and student's thinking with respect to their classroom activities.

Attendees included secondary and postsecondary foreign language teachers as well as current IUP Spanish Education students. Current teachers also had the option of earning ACT 48 credit through collaboration with the Pennsylvania Modern Language Association.



The event included a lunchtime opportunity to converse in Spanish, and concluded with the APPLES fall membership meeting, which included a special election. Kevin Buynack (IUP Spanish Education, 2015) will serve a one-year position as treasurer, with a full officers' election slated for next fall.

APPLES membership includes foreign language professionals from Western Pennsylvania and encompasses both K-12 and post-secondary educators.

Another of APPLES' primary events is a competitive language festival for high school students. This year's festival will be held on April 1, 2017, on the IUP campus. Killam will serve as this year's festival coordinator.

More information about APPLES is available on the [APPLES website](#).

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