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December 11, 2019

Dear Dr. Jaumont,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (NECTFL), I am delighted to inform you that you have been chosen as the 2020 recipient of our organization's James W. Dodge Foreign Language Advocate Award. This award is presented in memory of the long-time secretary-treasurer of our organization, and honors an individual or institution outside the world language profession for work on behalf of languages and language learning. Past recipients include the Hon. Paul Simon, President Jimmy Carter, the Hon. J. William Fulbright, Sesame Street, blues musician Taj Mahal, and journalist Diane Rehm. The addition of your name to this list will add immeasurably to the award's prestige.

In your award nomination packet submitted by NYSAFLT, Beth Slocum wrote: Fabrice Jaumont has elevated the conversation on bilingualism across the globe. His work outlines the paths to proficiency and truly supports our work as language educators. In her letter of support, Liz Shovers wrote: Fabrice is an amazing advocate for world-language education and supports various initiatives through different types of media including research, the writing and publishing of various books, running a podcast focused on bilingual education, and speaking engagements. He travels through the boroughs of NYC and around the world to help parents, schools, and others understand the importance of bilingual education...

We hope you will be able to join us in person to receive the award on Friday, February 14, during the ceremony at 6:30 p.m., at the New York Hilton Midtown, 1335 Ave of the Americas, New York, NY 10019. There will be a photography session for award winners prior to the ceremony. Details will be sent as we get closer, but please plan to arrive by 5:30 p.m. Also, if you are available, you are cordially invited to attend our annual Chairperson's Reception on Thursday evening, at 9:00 p.m. (location tbd).

In order to facilitate your attendance, NECTFL is prepared to offer a hotel room for Friday night at the Hilton. Please let me know if you would like to take advantage of this offer.

I invite you to respond to me with any questions you may have and, we hope, with the news that you will be able to join us! Once again, we are all delighted to extend this well-merited honor to you, and we trust that you will be with us to receive our congratulations and accept your award in person.

Sincerely yours,

John Carlino  
Executive Director

cc:

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