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Monaco named president of the American Association of Teachers of Italian

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Annamaria Monaco, Suffolk County Community College associate professor of Italian and adviser to the college's Italian Club, has been elected president of the Long Island chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Italian.

Monaco studied at the University of Pavia in Italy and earned a doctorate degree from Stony Brook University in

2004.

She was also the recipient of the 2012 SUNY Chancellor Award for excellence in teaching.

"The mission of the [American Association of Teachers of Italian]," said Monaco, "is to promote the study, teaching and appreciation of Italian culture and language in academic and community settings.

"AATI-LI provides its members with a communicative network among colleagues and with various opportunities for professional growth, such as informational meetings, lectures, conferences, workshops and culturally enriching events."

Monaco said the organization awards scholarships to high school seniors who have excelled in Italian and bestows the Dante Award on an individual in the community who has promoted Italian in a noteworthy way.

Monaco leads the college's summer program in Sorrento, Italy, each year. In addition to spending two weeks in Sorrento, the students also visit Florence, Venice and Rome.