

## **Professional Bio for Cavaliere Ufficiale Lyn "Linda" Scolaro, OSI**

Professoressa Lyn, "Linda" Scolaro is a retired Italian Educator of 40 years serving Prospect, former Mother Guerin, and Resurrection High Schools. Prof received the Ordine della Stella d' Italia, Knight recognition, by the Italian Government in 2019 earning her the title Cavaliere Ufficiale.

Cavaliere Scolaro earned a bachelor's degree from Rosary College, now Dominican University, in River Forest. She holds a minor in Spanish and a master's degree in administration and Supervision from Roosevelt University and a Master of Arts in Teaching Degree from Aurora University. She has been a member and former President of the AATI-Midwest Chapter, she served as Vice President K-12 of the AATI National organization, she is a member of the Osservatorio of the Consul General's Office of Chicago and was a member of the Development Committee for the AP Italian Language and Culture exam and served as the College Board Advisor for Italian. She also served as a Board Member for the Illinois Directors of Student Activities. She has been a participant and presenter of Italian and Co-Curricular Activities for numerous organizations. She is currently the President of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America (SADIA), a member of the Chicago Milan Sister City Committee, the Italian Human Relations Foundation, the San Padre Pio Society, and a director of the Giovanni Meli initiative to preserve the Italian dialects.

While at Prospect, Cavaliere Scolaro's AP Italian Class was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Frantoi Redoro in Grezzana (Verona) in 2016. Over four years her students aligned their Italian language skills with their career aspirations through the olive oil industry. Her Italian 4 Honors class worked with the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame in Chicago to create a visitor's guide in Italian and in English for the museum. Her dedication to career pathways for students in Italian did not stop at the high school. She piloted a work-study program through Idea Verona (a branch of the Uof I in Verona) and the Arena of Verona (the historical outdoor amphitheater) for students in college pursuing careers in vocal music, drama, marketing, and orchestra.

A regular presenter at conferences and symposiums, Prof represented Italian on Capitol Hill during Advocacy Week. She has contributed to Fra Noi, Il Canguro of the A.N.E.A, the book "Italians in Chicago," and to the North American supplement of the Italian pedagogy journal In.it. She was recently featured in the Chicago Voyage Magazine. Among other recognitions, Cavaliere Scolaro received the Distinguished Service Award from the National AATI, the Shining Star Award from Mt. Prospect, the Heart of Gold Award from Arlington Heights, the Leonardo DaVinci award for Education, the Cardinal Bernardin Humanitarian award in the field of Education, and Person of the year from the Sons and Daughters of Italy, Illinois.

She worked diligently on scope and sequence for the AP exam as well as teaching Italian to "learn smarter, not harder" in her classes. Cavaliere Scolaro has been a contributor to the Fra Noi, Il Canguro of the A.N.E.A, to the book Italians in Chicago, and to the North American supplement of the Italian pedagogy journal In.it published by Guerra in Italy, L'Italiano: Scope and Sequence, Skills and Components. Among other recognitions, Prof Scolaro received the Distinguished Service Award from the National AATI, for Outstanding Contributions to the promotion of the AATI and of Italian Studies in North America, as well as the Premio Dante from the AATI-Midwest. She is a Board member of Chicago Sister Cities International-Milan Sister City Committee, the Fedeli di San Padre Pio Scholarship Committee, Italian American Human Relations Foundation, and the Italian American Executive Transportation. It is an honor to have been selected as the Casa Italia Summer School Camp.