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**Students from Twin Valley School District attended prestigious  
Middlebury-Monterey Language School this past summer**

August 11, 2010 MIDDLEBURY, VT. — The Middlebury-Monterey Language Academy (MMLA), a summer language immersion program for pre-college students, ended its third year of programming on Sunday, July 24. Two students from Twin Valley School District, Karley Webster and Jeremy Seitz-Brown, were accepted into this college-preparatory program this spring and attended the four-week residential session, at Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio and Green Mountain College in Putney, Vermont. MMLA offers immersion programs in Arabic, Chinese, French, Spanish, and new for the summer of 2010, German; the students spent the four weeks studying in French and Chinese.

MMLA's mission is an excellent fit with Twin Valley School District's focus on preparing 21<sup>st</sup> century learners to succeed and contribute in a global environment. The Middlebury Language Schools, which began in 1915 with the founding of the German School, have long been a leader in the immersion approach to language learning. According to Middlebury College Vice President of Language Schools, Schools Abroad and Graduate Programs Michael Geisler, the success of the program has more than affirmed the demand for this type of high quality foreign language instruction for pre-college students.

“MMLA's intensive immersion approach to the teaching of language and culture — like that of the internationally recognized Middlebury Language Schools — is without a doubt the best way to provide today's young people with the skills and resources to become tomorrow's global citizens and leaders,” said Geisler.

The students joined more than 800 students—23% percent of whom have received financial assistance—in the program. All students studied under the guidance of almost 300 faculty and staff members, including experienced language teachers from public, private and international schools throughout America, Europe, Asia and Africa.

MMLA is designed to meet the learning styles of middle and high school students in a fun and challenging environment. As participants, Twin Valley High School students lived in language-specific residence halls, participated in language instruction, and spoke their target language in every activity —cooking classes, group hikes, soccer competitions and social events. Through a carefully planned progression of language learning and culture studies designed for beginning to advanced levels, MMLA students are challenged to make language breakthroughs while cultivating new friendships and having fun.

Any teacher or parent wishing to learn more about MMLA or the application process should visit [www.mmla.middlebury.edu](http://www.mmla.middlebury.edu), call 802-443-2900, or email [mmla.info@middlebury.edu](mailto:mmla.info@middlebury.edu).

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