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Michael Katz

Michael Katz exemplifies the standards of this award, which honors scholar-teachers for exceptional contributions to the field of language and literature. He is a dedicated and gifted administrator, translator, editor, and teacher who has touched many lives. His accomplishments are amplified by the personal qualities he brings to his work: his energy, enthusiasm, generosity, and delightful humor are evident in everything he does. At the Middlebury College Language Schools he introduced Portuguese, expanded Arabic, and opened the doors to research in second language acquisition. He served as president of the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages, on the Executive Committee of ADFL, and on the editorial board for the MLA series Texts and Translations. He encouraged Russian studies by translating ten major Russian texts into English, writing commentary on nineteenth-century Russian literature, and editing Tolstoy’s short fiction. He was named teacher of the year by the Texas Foreign Language Teachers Association. A colleague writes, “Michael Katz has been an exceptional dean who listens, understands, asks critical questions, helps faculty members reformulate their ideas, and then supports them in ambitious projects. Michael's impact has been remarkable: he is a force in the foreign language field.”

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