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THE DES MOINES TALENTED AND GIFTED ASSOCIATION
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Explore Concordia Language Villages as one path to learning a second language

Is being multilingual losing its luster?

In a recent opinion piece for the New York Times entitled, "What you (really) need to know," Lawrence Summers, former president of Harvard University, suggests the emergence of English as a global language may make mastery of a second language less critical. That sparked a lively discussion in the Times' "Room for Debate" forum. Both Summers' piece and the responses are worth reading. Here a link to the "Room for Debate," where you can also reach the original essay:

<http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2012/01/29/is-learning-a-language-other-than-english-worthwhile>

Come to the next Des Moines Talented and Gifted program on **Thursday, Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m.** to learn more about Concordia Language Villages, including its many summer village programs for ages 8 through 18.



Patricia Thornton, Concordia's director, is responsible for the summer programs and will be happy to answer your questions.

Knowing a foreign language can open doors to life opportunities as well as offer greater understand of the world in which we live. Concordia of Moorhead, Minn., has been a leader for more than 50 years in language immersion instruction. Please join us on the 16th in the Central Academy main lobby, 1912 Grand Ave., to learn more.

