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“INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION: LEARNING MATTERS AROUND THE WORLD”

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK, NOVEMBER 11-15, 2013



International Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. As part of a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education, International Education Week showcases the efforts of programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the United States. This year's theme is

"International Education: Learning Matters Around the World". To learn more about International Education Week, visit the Department of State website at <http://goo.gl/ukSQ1F>

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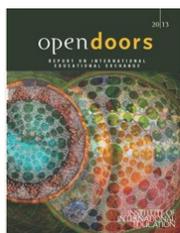
Secretary Kerry's Remarks on International Education Week 2013

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Statement on International Education Week 2013 by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan

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INDONESIAN STUDENTS STUDY IN THE U.S.



The number of international students enrolled in U.S. higher education increased by seven percent to 819,644 students in 2012/13, with 55,000 more students than last year enrolled in colleges and universities across the United States. This 2012/13 data marks the seventh consecutive year that Open Doors reported expansion in the total number of international students in U.S. higher education. There are now 40 percent more international students studying at U.S. colleges and universities than a decade ago, and the rate of increase has risen steadily for the past three years.

In the 2012/13 academic year 7,670 students from Indonesia were studying in the United States (up 7.6%

from the previous year). Indonesia is the eighteenth leading place of origin for students coming to the United States.

Academic Level: The majority of Indonesian students study at the undergraduate level. In 2012/13 their breakdown was as follows:

- ◆ 65.3% undergraduate
- ◆ 21.1% graduate students
- ◆ 3.4% other
- ◆ 10.3% OPT (Optional Practical Training)

Indonesia remains in the top 20 places of origin for international students in the United States.

Source: <http://goo.gl/V9sPst>

U.S. STUDENTS STUDY IN INDONESIA

Allan E. Goodman and Stacie Nevadomski Berdan, the co-authors of "A Student Guide to Study Abroad" wrote that Study Abroad is Essential.

Globalization is here to stay, and students who want to work in our interconnected global world should study abroad.

Learning how to interact with people from other countries and cultures equips future leaders in all sectors to address urgent issues — from curing diseases and finding energy solutions, to fighting terrorism and hunger — shared across borders.

Open Doors Data 2013 : U.S. Study Abroad

In the 2011/12 academic year 369 students from United States were studying in Indonesia (up 65.5 % from previous year were only 223)

Read more:

Study Abroad is Essential
Link: <http://goo.gl/g0XTwK>

Why Study Abroad
Link: <http://goo.gl/9ID4YI>

U.S. Study Abroad: All Destinations
Link: <http://goo.gl/kTZsI4>

EDUCATION U.S.A.

1. Education is the Only Solution / By U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, August 2013.

As all of you know, we live in a hyper-connected, highly inter-dependent world, where knowledge is the most important currency. That makes education more important than ever before. And it makes your work the most meaningful work that anyone can do. Nothing could make this clearer than Malala Yousafzai's remarkable, moving address to the United Nations last month. "We realize the importance of light," she said, "when we see darkness. We realize the importance of our voice when we are silenced." And, when the Taliban came for her and her classmates, she said, and I quote: "We realized the importance of pens and books, when we saw the guns." Malala was speaking on her 16th birthday—a day the extremists tried to stop her from ever reaching. She urged the world community to "wage a global struggle against illiteracy, poverty and terrorism." "Education," she said, "is the only solution." Read more at <http://goo.gl/71QAuO>

2. Community Colleges – Road to Building Skills for the 21st Century/ Posted Martha Kanter, June 2013.

Innovation in the 21st century has reshaped the world of work and civil society. Innovation has redefined the knowledge and skills necessary to support emerging sectors of the economy. Raising the overall level of educational attainment for all of our citizens is critical and addressing the skills gap in key industries is essential. Community colleges are uniquely positioned to design their curricula to match local labor market conditions, making them flexible and relevant to today's economy and job market. Read more at <http://goo.gl/PDZxDD>

3. Community Colleges are Smaller, Community-based, and Often Less Expensive/ By George R. Boggs. IIP Digital, April 2008.

Community colleges are the gateway to higher education in the United States for a growing number of students. These colleges provide students with an opportunity to earn credits for the first two years of a four-year bachelor's degree at high-quality, accredited institutions. With their lower tuition costs, community colleges give students a way to save money while learning in a supportive environment. They

also allow students to access training for associate-degree or non-degree careers, and they offer continuing education and personal development classes for the broad spectrum of adult learners. Read more at <http://goo.gl/V03E2K>

4. Overcoming Barriers to Equal Education / IIP Digital Pamphlet, August 2013

Access to education is a fundamental human right. Education provides the foundation for an individual's professional, economic, social and personal development. Education enables individuals to hone their skills and realize their full potential. Unfortunately, many barriers to education persist, preventing individuals from realizing their full potential and contributing meaningfully to society. These barriers may be physical, mental, social or financial. The barriers this pamphlet addresses affect predominantly those with long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments. Yet the solutions it suggests may be helpful in enhancing access to education for all students. Read more at <http://goo.gl/NwbKQw>

5. A Student's Perspective: Five Reasons to Study Languages / The Official Blog of U.S. Department of Education, June 2013.

Recently, I participated in a panel discussion on ED's international strategy, "Succeeding Globally Through International Education and Engagement." Maureen McLaughlin, senior advisor to Secretary Duncan and director of international affairs, asked me what advice I would give to U.S. students contemplating whether or not to study another language. My suggestion? You absolutely should! For one, it's fun, and beyond that, there are countless benefits. Read more top five reasons for learning another language at <http://goo.gl/APk4q8>

6. Connected Learning in the Digital Age: Improving American Education Through Technology / remark by Gene Sperling, Director of the National Economic Council. Whitehouse.gov, September 2013.

Gene Sperling spoke at an event focused on transforming education through technology, in particular the President's ConnectED Initiative that announced in June. We have heard an outpouring of support for ConnectED and its vision to give every student and teacher the benefits of high-speed broadband, digital devices, and proven educational software. Con-

nectED must be seen as so much more than just about wires, or wireless, or even the coolest new gadgets. The power of ConnectED is in what it can mean for the lives, learning, and educational future of our students — regardless of the accident of their birth, the education or income of their parents, or the zip code of their home. The end goal is not connectivity for its own sake: it is about allowing all students to have a more robust, individualized, and ambitious educational experience that better prepares them to be citizens, parents, and, of course, the skilled workers of the future. Complete remark is available at <http://goo.gl/66O96B>

Study in the USA Online Resources



Study in the USA from IRC Info Pack <http://goo.gl/JXwUYJ>

Required Reading: An Insider's Guide to Higher Ed (EJUSA) Link: <http://goo.gl/gcJ00s>

Your 5 Steps to U.S. Study Link: <http://goo.gl/syqWGa>

Booklet 1: Undergraduate Study Link: <http://goo.gl/H8m5ML>

Booklet 2: Graduate and Professional Study and Research Link: <http://goo.gl/mOaoGH>

Booklet 3: Short-Term Study, English Language Programs, Distance Education and Accreditation Link: <http://goo.gl/lbDawb>

Booklet 4: Getting Ready to Go: Practical Information for Living and Studying Link: <http://goo.gl/rYT6rK>

College Navigator from U.S. Department of Education Link: <http://goo.gl/nHgKLe>

Education Issue from White House Link: <http://goo.gl/8vZMk1>

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GLOBAL ISSUES

7. USAID Facts on U.S. Aid for Typhoon Victims in Philippines/ IP Digital, November 2013

As President Obama said in a statement this weekend, the U.S. government is providing \$20 million in immediate humanitarian assistance to benefit typhoon-affected populations, including the provision of emergency shelter, food assistance, relief commodities, and water, sanitation, and hygiene support. USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance activated a Disaster Assistance Response Team and a corresponding Washington, D.C.-based Response Management Team, and other humanitarian groups including the International Red Cross and the United Nations have also deployed response teams. Read more at <http://goo.gl/Snuk0z>

8. 10 Things We've Learned About Fat / Smitsonian.com, November 2013

It wasn't much of a surprise last week when the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced that it's about to drop the hammer on trans fat—the by-product of the process of adding hydrogen to vegetable oil, which brings taste and texture to a bunch of food that's not so good for us. The reason, of course, is that it's a notorious artery-clogger, one with a double negative of decreasing good cholesterol and raising bad cholesterol. But, as we say a not so fond farewell to trans fat, researchers keep finding out new things about fat, whether in our food or in our bodies. Here are 10 things they've learned so far this year. Read more at <http://goo.gl/ogtSgV>

9. President Obama on Taking Control of America's Energy Future / Remarks of President Barack Obama, November 16, 2013

In his weekly address, President Obama discusses progress in American energy and highlights that we are now producing more oil at home than we buy from other countries for the first time in nearly two decades. We reached this milestone in part not only because we're producing more energy, but because we're wasting less energy, and as a result, we are also reducing our carbon emissions while growing the economy. That's a big deal. That's a tremendous step towards American energy independence. Complete remark is available at <http://goo.gl/Pqm21i>

U.S. SOCIETY AND VALUES

10. Goal! Food. Fitness. Fandom/ eJournal USA, IIP Digital, October 2013

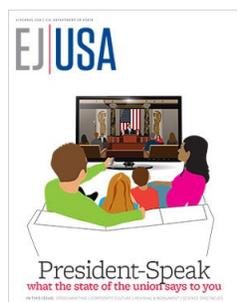
Obesity rates are high, and U.S. health experts worry about hypertension, diabetes and cancer. Health encompasses more than eating well and working out. Everything from bikes to beauty can play a role. In this issue, you'll find other ways Americans are confronting health problems and boosting fitness, plus reports on trends, such as a move by teenagers away from driving and an increase in soccer fandom in this country. Our editors explore commercial plans to go to the moon and a sci-fi writer's view of photos from Mars. Enjoy the journal. And when you're done reading, take a walk. Complete journal is available at <http://goo.gl/CBRcsy>

11. Parents' Time with Kids More Rewarding Than Paid Work — and More Exhausting/ By Wendy Wang. Pew Research Social and Demographic Trends, October 2013.

There's no tougher job than being a parent, or so the saying goes. This sentiment seems to be confirmed by a new Pew Research Center analysis of government time use data. Parents find caring for their children to be much more exhausting than the work they do for pay. At the same time, parents find much more meaning in the time they spend with their children than in the time they spend at work. American

parents with children under age 18 find 62% of their child-care experiences “very meaningful,” compared with 36% of paid work-related activities. They also rate 12% of child-care activities “very tiring,” compared with 5% of paid work-related activities. Read more at <http://goo.gl/Drq7bu>

12. President-Speak. What the State of the Union Says to You / eJournal USA, IIP Digital, November 2013



The Constitution gives the president important powers, from being commander in chief to faithfully executing all laws. But it also imposes requirements, and one of them is unique: the president must “from time to time

give to Congress information of the State of the Union.” That is why many presidents since George Washington have stood before Congress once a year and given a speech. Apart from the inaugural address, the State of the Union address is the highest-visibility speech the president makes. But the State of the Union rarely inspires great rhetoric. “The State of the Union is a really odd duck in the menagerie of presidential speeches,” said Jeff Shesol, a

speechwriter for President Bill Clinton. No Cabinet department wants to be overlooked, and each lobbies hard for a mention in the text. Download the eJournal at <http://goo.gl/AQfLLf>

13. Veterans Day: U.S. Military Veterans Honored Each November/ IIP Digital, November 2013

November 11 is Veterans Day in the United States, and parades, ceremonies and tributes to veterans and their families are planned throughout the country to honor those who have served, and are currently serving, in the U.S. military. “In an unbroken line of valor stretching across more than two centuries, our veterans have charged into harm’s way, sometimes making the ultimate sacrifice, to protect the freedoms that have blessed America,” said President Obama on Veterans Day 2010. This year, as always, the memorial amphitheater built around the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery, just outside Washington, remains the focal point for national Veterans Day ceremonies. The traditions are firmly established: A combined color guard representing all military services executes “present arms” at the tomb, the president lays a wreath, and a bugler plays “Taps,” the haunting bugle call used at U.S. military funerals. Read more at <http://goo.gl/IDpTC9>

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GENERAL INFO

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Our professional reference specialists are trained to assist users to conduct library research as well as to retrieve information quickly and conveniently. We also conduct regular programs on English language learning, study in the U.S./EducationUSA advising, information literacy classes, presentation/discussion/workshop events and movies/gaming activities. All services, facilities and programs are available for free to the general public.

With one day appointment in-advanced, public are welcomed to visit us on weekdays from 08.00 AM to 04.00 PM. The IRC is closed on Indonesian and American Holidays (check the list of holidays at: <http://goo.gl/Y99he>)



Taking part in American Library Association's International Gaming Day on November 16, 2013, the IRC Jakarta run several gaming programs and hosted a presentation on "Teaching English using Games". Participants were students and teachers from IPEKA Tomang, SMKN 38 Jakarta, Universitas Negeri Jakarta, SMK 5 Muhammadiyah, Global Prestasi School, Raffles International Christian School, Jakarta International School and SMA Labschool Jakarta.

PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

November 2013

- ◆ November 21 and 29, 2013
IRC Literacy Session: eLibraryUSA database training. Facilitator: IRC librarian.

- ◆ November 26, 2013
IRC Cultural Sharing: Presentation on American Special Culinary at Thanksgiving Day. Speaker: Cultural Attaché of the Embassy of the United States, Jakarta.

December 2013

- ◆ December 6, 2013
10.00-11.30 and 14.00-15.30
IRC English Learning: Creative English writing. Facilitator: Information Resource Officer of the U.S. Embassy Jakarta
- ◆ 2nd week of December 2013
IRC Literacy Session: eLibraryUSA database training. Facilitator: IRC librarian.
- ◆ 3rd week of December 2013
IRC Cultural Sharing: Movie screening and discussion on diverse Americans celebrate holiday season.

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