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Pre-Departure Orientation
Wednesday, June 24, 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.
U.S. Embassy
Rose Garden Tower, 170 Ngoc Khanh

You are invited to attend this year's PDO if . . .

- ★ You have been accepted to a college or university in the U.S.!
- ★ You are parents of any student who will be departing for the U.S. this fall and want to join in PDO!
- ★ You are applying to a college or university in the U.S.!

What you need to do:

Register to attend the PDO:
<https://goo.gl/uMoNV4>

PDO topics:

- ★ Travel arrangements
- ★ Socio-cultural adjustment
- ★ Academic expectations
- ★ Student life in the U.S.
- ★ Practical information about living in the U.S.

Meet other students who are going to the U.S.
Get HELPFUL TIPS from returning students
Q & A session and More...

Questions ??

Email: HanoiEducationUSA@gmail.com



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Agenda

8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:05	Introduction by EducationUSA
9:05-9:35	Pre-departure, travel and arrival in the U.S. Phuong Anh, Wesleyan College
9:35-9:55	Q&A
9:55-10:25	Academic life Linh Nghiem, University of Miami
10:25-10:45	Q&A
10:45-11:05	Tea break
11:10-11:40	How to deal with culture shock Jill Kester, Senior English Language Fellow, U.S. Embassy
11:40-12:00	Q&A
12:00	End of program

About our speakers



Phuong Anh just graduated summa cum laude from Wesleyan College in GA, USA with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Environmental Studies. Phuong is passionate about social work and environmental issues, and is involved in various activities that have helped her get engaged with community service and sustainable development initiatives. She currently volunteers as an Executive Team member at VietAbroad and manages the Rung Oi program through the Rainforest Education Project in Vietnam. At present, she is in charge of developing content of VApedia -VietAbroad's online encyclopedia which provides Vietnamese students with reliable study-abroad information. She plans to obtain a Graduate degree in Environmental Management and return to Vietnam to run her own community-based environmental conservation projects.



Linh Nghiem (Nghiêm Hoàng Linh) just graduated summa cum laude from the University of Miami, Florida with a major in Finance and Mathematics. While in college, he was extensively involved in research, and was the recipient of various research grants and awards at the University of Miami; he also represented the University of Miami in various scientific workshops and US-national conferences. Linh is active in several leadership roles on campus, including Student Government, Miami Ballroom, and Table Tennis Club. He is co-President of VietAbroad and has held the position since 2014. He is a classical music lover and enjoys playing piano, reading, and traveling during his free time. In August, Linh will return to the US to pursue a Doctorate degree program in Statistics at the Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.



Jill Kester is a Senior English Language Fellow at the Foreign Languages 2020 Project in Vietnam for the past two years. She serves as a consultant in teacher training curriculum and textbook development. She leads a variety of US Embassy sponsored projects from teacher development programs, action research conferences to developing alternative models for professional development. Jill is passionate about empowering teachers to make changes in their teaching methodology. She holds a Master's degree in TESOL from The School for International Training. In 1988, she left her small town in Minnesota (USA) for a semester abroad in France and has been exploring the world ever since. She has worked in education for over 20 years and has taught all ages in the US, Japan, China, and Vietnam.