

Iowa International Center Newsflash - February 2014



International Journalists Leave Lifelong Impression on Iowa Students

The Sehgal Family International Visitors Center welcomed 20 leaders from 12 countries to Des Moines from February 5 through 11, as part of the International Visitor Leadership Program's project on "Journalism & U.S. Foreign Policy." These international journalists and foreign policy professionals met with counterparts at the Des Moines Register, IPTV, Iowa Public Radio and WOI TV during their visit. They also took part in meaningful conversations with students at

Drake University in Des Moines and Newton High School, who are studying to be journalists as well.

Here is what one Newton High School student had to say after interacting with the visitors in the classroom: *"Seeing these journalists, these foreigners, walk through the door was one of the most inspiring moments I have had at N.H.S. The experience was unforgettable. The discussions I was able to be a part of were incredible. I learned what it's like to write in the Middle East. To not only deal with governmental censorship, but also to have to work through unstable social and religious environments. I gained a preview, a snapshot if you will, into the world of a professional journalist. Overall, the whole experience is something I'm not likely to forget in my entire journalistic career."*



The Sehgal Family International Visitors Center supports the Iowa International Center's commitment to connecting emerging leaders from around the world with Iowans, enabling them to build new partnerships, friendships and learning opportunities.

Iowa International Center Dialogue Series - April Event **"Schooling in a Crisis: The Case of Syrian Refugees in Turkey"** **Featuring Selin Yildiz Nielsen**

Tuesday, April 1 - Noon to 1 pm - Free Admission
Central Library, 1000 Grand Avenue, Downtown Des Moines

Selin Yildiz Nielsen has worked in international education for the last 20 years as a teacher, manager, coordinator, researcher and professor. She currently teaches at Drake University in Des Moines. While recently serving as a visiting Assistant Professor of Education at Zirve University in Gaziantep, Turkey, she spent considerable time at nearby Syrian refugee camps. Her presentation will address issues surrounding the recent Syrian refugee crisis in Turkey, including the need for a systematic approach to creating a temporary and effective education system for refugees. The Iowa International Dialogue Series is sponsored by DuPont Pioneer, with support from Drake University, Des Moines Public Library and the Greater Des Moines Partnership.



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We Provide Internships with International Flair!

The Iowa International Center is the perfect place to experience an internship that includes international relations, marketing, promotions, and more. We currently have three excellent interns helping with everything from administration to events to marketing in our office (our interns Hillary, Andre and Faith are pictured L to R) but we are seeking additional intern support for Summer and Fall 2014. Please call us at 282-8269 if you are interested in learning more about upcoming internship opportunities with the organization.

New Interpreters Provide Access to More Languages

The Iowa International Center recently hired six new professional interpreters who speak Arabic, Swahili, Somali, Dinka, Farsi, French and Kindi. Our Interpretation and Translation Services are available in more than 60 languages and dialects, and are utilized by companies, service providers, the legal system and more. For more information, contact Rhonda Greenway at rgreenway@iowainternationalcenter.org.

Community partnerships Expands Outreach in Des Moines



As part of our overall mission to support the international community in Iowa, the Iowa International Center is has plans to expand ESL (English as a Second Language) instruction to refugees and immigrants living in Des Moines. We are thrilled to announce a new partnership with Zion Lutheran Church in Des Moines, where we will expand our professional ESL instruction, citizenship and life skills classes for the immigrants and refugees attending programs at Zion each week. If you are interested in volunteering to help students practice and improve their English during our classes, please email Amy at ayost@iowainternationalcenter.org.

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Saturday, September 27, 2014

Look for information on how you can nominate individuals for recognition during Passport to Prosperity in our next Newsflash!



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