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## **DLO DAILY MEDIA UPDATE**

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### **CURRENT NEWS 28 JUNE 2011**

#### **DLIFLC accepting nominations for the Hall of Fame**

*(DLIFLC)*

The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center is accepting nominations for the DLIFLC Hall of Fame by August 1, 2011. The purpose of the DLIFLC Hall of Fame is to honor the heroes of the Department of Defense language community who have contributed significantly to language and culture training. **ELIGIBILITY:** Any person who has made a lasting contribution to language training or military linguist operations in the Department of Defense is eligible for nomination to the Hall of Fame. However, to ensure that actions for which persons are nominated are of an enduring nature, and to prevent any appearance of impropriety, all actions must have occurred at least ten years prior to the date on which the nomination is submitted.

#### **Plymouth, UK sailor proves her worth in Nahr-e-Saraj**

*(dvids)...*Lance Cpl. Bryan Nygaard

In many parts of Afghanistan, women are not permitted to talk to or associate with men outside of their immediate family. This hinders male NATO troops from engaging with half of the country's population. Telford, along with other FET members, works to bridge these cultural divides. "She mucks in with everyone else," said Sgt. Alex Miller, a linguist with Military Stabilization Support Team, Nahr-e-Saraj (South). "She wants to do an excellent job out here. She's very enthusiastic about doing it."

#### **Mineola Schools Weigh Options on Foreign Language Program**

*(Patch.com)...*Geoffrey Walter

As part of competing in a globalized society, foreign languages are being introduced to students at younger and younger grades. At its most recent meeting of the board of education, Mineola School Superintendent Dr. Michael Nagler gave a brief update on changes being made to the foreign language program for the 2011-12 school year.

#### **Hip-hop, texting may help save world's languages**

*(The Sacramento Bee)...*Tim Johnson

In southern Chile, young speakers of Huilliche, a language that's in peril of extinction, produce hip-hop videos and post them on the Internet. Across the globe in the Philippines, teenagers this it's "cool" to send mobile phone text messages in regional languages that show signs of endangerment, such as Kapampangan. Technology, long considered a threat to regional languages, now is being seen as a way to keep young people from forsaking their native tongues for dominant languages.

#### **Emily Burke Awarded Prestigious Boren Scholarship**

*(Patch.com)...*Kathy Shaskan

Emily Burke of Morris Plains, who recently graduated from the University of Maryland, has been awarded a prestigious Boren Scholarship to continue her studies next year in Turkey. Boren Scholarships, awarded by the National Security Education Program (NSEP) to support international study, can cover up to \$20,000 of the student's expenses. Burke was one of 151 students nationally to receive the scholarship.

#### **UO students earn distinguished study-abroad scholarships**

*(University of Oregon)*

Five UO students received Fulbright awards for international study or research during the 2011-12 academic year. Randianne Leyshon, a graduate student in Journalism, received a Fulbright English Teaching Award for Russia. Four other individuals have received academic Fulbright awards: Tracey Gill

(Business, Spain), Kate Margolis (Psychology, Spain), Monica McLellan (Comparative Literature, China) and Kelly Sky (Environmental Studies, India). In addition, four undergraduate UO students received Boren scholarships. Funded by the National Security Education Program, the Boren scholarship provides up to \$20,000 to undergraduate students to study in geographic areas, languages and fields of study deemed critical to U.S. national security.

### [Press Release: Talk About More Options for Language Learners - Gale and Middlebury Interactive Languages add Five New Languages to Powerspeak Languages](#)

*(PR Newswire)*

Gale, part of Cengage Learning and a leading publisher of research and reference resources for libraries, schools and businesses, and Middlebury Interactive Languages today announced the addition of five new languages to *Powerspeak Languages*, an online language-learning product. The new languages are: English as a Second Language (ESL) for Mandarin speakers, Italian, Japanese, Russian and Korean. With these additions, the total number of languages taught through *Powerspeak Languages* has grown from five to ten.

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### [US Army Corps of Engineers: Bridging the language gap to create a better Afghanistan](#)

*(divids)...*LaDonna Davis

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Joel VanEssen studied architecture in college with hopes of using his skills in the engineering field. But, in an unexpected twist of events, his aspirations took a sharp right turn in a field he had never even imagined. "As someone who went to school to study fields in math and science, learning a foreign language was something I never expected I'd do," VanEssen said. VanEssen became one of the first graduating classes of the AfPak Hands or Afghanistan Pakistan Hands program. The goal of the program is to teach service members and civilians the local languages of Pakistan and Afghanistan so that they can communicate with locals and help build U.S. relationships with foreign countries.

### [Translating Success](#)

*(Inside Higher Ed)...*David Moltz

Many foreign language departments at four-year institutions have been [threatened](#) or [eliminated](#) in the past few years as administrators look to trim academic budgets. And language offerings are limited at many community colleges, which may offer Spanish and not much else. During these trying times, however, foreign language offerings have multiplied at Bergen Community College, a two-year institution in New Jersey that does not even require its students take a foreign language to earn an associate degree. What's Bergen's secret? Professors say it's listening to student interest and speaking to them with one voice about the skills they will need in an increasingly global society.

### [A Pre-College Summer To-Do List](#)

*(New York Times)...*Lynn F. Jacobs & Jeremy S. Hyman

**Brush up on a foreign language.** At many colleges, the biggest single requirement is two years of a foreign language. Many freshmen have had a smattering (or more) of some foreign language in high school, whether it be Spanish or French, or for the more enterprising, and global-minded, Mandarin or Arabic. Whatever the case, the summer before college is an excellent time to get ahead on your language skills. If travel abroad is in your plans, pick a country that speaks the language you're working on; if Spanish is your intended tongue, volunteer work in most communities can put you in a situation where Spanish is routinely spoken.

### [Demand for Early Childhood Language Courses Reaches Epic Proportions](#)

*(Patch.com)...*McCarton Ackerman

Brooklyn has long offered foreign language courses for parents interested in having their school-age children learn a second language. But the demand has recently shifted to an even younger set of learners. With parents ready to do just about anything to give their kids a leg up in school, many families

are now raising their kids, who have often just spoken their first words, to be bilingual. From native French speakers looking to instill their home language in their children at an early age, to parents dropping off kids at Mandarin and Hebrew classes without speaking a word of it themselves, the demand for language programs in the neighborhood which cater to young children has reached a swelling point.

### **First Lady's Visit Lifts the Spirits of Peace Corps Volunteers in Botswana**

*(Huffington Post)*...Ross Szabo

Meeting new people is part of the fun of being a Peace Corps Volunteer in Botswana. When I first arrived I lived in a village for 2 months to start learning the language and culture; I stayed with a host family and met someone new almost every day. Then I moved to the village I have lived in for the past year, and part of the integration process was to meet as many people as I could. I kind of got used to the normal conversations and daily routines. I can honestly say I never thought one of the people I would meet here would be the First Lady of the United States, but that changed on Saturday when Mrs. Obama took the time to thank US Mission staff and Peace Corps Volunteers in Gaborone.

### **Advisors Aid Afghan Administration**

*(DoD Live)*...Erik J. Leklem

Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) are preparing to assume leadership for security in seven areas of Afghanistan this summer. In many respects, the professionalism of the Afghan military and civilian leaders of the Ministries of Defense (MoD) and Interior (MoI) are critical to the success of this process.

### **Females bond over English class**

*(dvids)*...Spc. Hillary Rustine

The room was filled with nervous giggles as looks darted from the students to the teachers as a female engagement team from Task Force Bronco tutored girls ranging in age from 12- to 20-years-old are being tutored in English. The U.S. Army female volunteers of 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division visited Zangui Village, June 22. After meeting with the local malik, Fahrman Shah, the Afghan girls and female soldiers sat together for English tutoring.

### **China's State News Agency Eyes Denver For English-Language Hub**

*(NASDAQ)*

China's state-run news agency is considering Denver for a production facility and studio employing as many as 300 as it builds an international English-language news channel to eventually challenge CNN. A delegation of six Chinese officials representing the [CNC](#) World channel visited Colorado on Sunday and Monday, meeting separately with Gov. John Hickenlooper and Denver Mayor-elect Michael Hancock.

### **Opinion: Rethinking Civilian Assistance in Afghanistan**

*(New York Times)*...Desaix Myers

Develop "expeditionary" civilians willing to be deployed to danger zones critical to national security for years not months. The military has an "AfPak Hands" program to develop a cadre of 750 officers with knowledge and expertise to work on the region's problems for five to seven years. Civilian agencies could do something similar, creating a team based in Washington, traveling frequently to the field, living in-country for up to 24 months, working the problem for four to five years, and developing the area and language expertise needed to do the job.

### **STUDENTS TRADE SUMMER WITH NATIONAL SECURITY LANGUAGE FOR YOUTH (NSLI-Y) SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

*(Salt Lake City Tribune)*

The budding linguists earned National Security Language Initiative for Youth Scholarships (NSLI-Y), a merit-based award that gives students a chance to learn one of seven, less commonly-taught languages through immersion programs in more than 10 countries. According to the NSLI-Y website, students stay with host families, attend language classes, visit notable sites, and participate in community service projects. The scholarship covers travel expenses, overseas and within the country, as well as living accommodations, meals and tuition. Learn more about NSLI-Y at:

<http://www.nsliforyouth.org/nslicms-1.1/>

## **AIR FORCE ROTC CADETS EMBRACE FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE INITIATIVES**

(U.S. Air Force Website)

Six-hundred fifty ROTC cadets participated in the Language Enabled Airman Program and Project Global Officer, foreign language programs that allow cadets to honing leadership skills through cross-cultural competence, said officials here June 21. Each year the Arnold Air Society hosts a three-day conference for its Air Force ROTC members from across the U.S., and the service's leaders said they encourage involvement with LEAP, a career-long Air Force program meant to identify, develop, utilize and sustain foreign-language proficiency. Learn more about LEAP at: <http://www.culture.af.edu/leap/index.html>