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## **DLO DAILY MEDIA UPDATE**

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#### **Air Force Culture and Language Center partners with Air Force Medical Service**

*(AF.mil)*...Kathryn Gustafson

The ability to work effectively across cultures is important for all Airmen, but for the Air Force Medical Service International Health Specialist program, the ability is critical to mission success, AFMS officials said. The IHS program was established in 2000 to develop medics with the foreign language proficiency and cross-cultural competence necessary to effectively address evolving global health issues in support of security cooperation.

#### **Monroe, Wash., Marine reaches out to Afghan women**

*(Marines.mil)*...Cpl. Katherine Keleher

"Last fall my unit, [II Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group], placed me on FET and at first I really had no idea what I was getting into," said. "Once I started training I loved it. This is by far one of the greatest experiences I've ever had." After four months of training at her home station at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., Francisco and the rest of her engagement team deployed to Afghanistan in late spring. As a FET member, Francisco works to build relationships with Afghan locals, especially women and children. These segments of Afghan society would otherwise be unreachable due to local and religious customs which frown upon unmarried male and female contact.

#### **Language program sends high school students to New York City**

*(Baltimore Sun)*...Sara Toth

For nearly 3,000 years, the Silk Road connected trade and culture between China, India, the Arabian Peninsula, Africa and Europe. Last week, Interstate-95 became a different kind of Silk Road, as 76 high school students from Howard County and surrounding areas traveled to New York City to practice their world language skills. Since June 20, the high-schoolers have been participating in [Howard Community College's](#) StarTalk program, a six-week, four-credit course that teaches critical world languages not normally taught in public schools — languages such as Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, Hindi and, for the first time this year, the Persian language of Farsi. The federal program is free to students.

#### **Exchange students learn American culture in Central New York (video)**

*(The Oneida Dispatch)*

Students from France and Spain got a taste of American life in Central New York during a record-breaking year for the Center for Cultural Exchange. Fifty-four students traveled from Europe to participate in the summer exchange program, a record number for the area. Staying with host families in the Oneida, Canastota and Chittenango school districts, students ages 14-17 spent a month, or a little less for students from France, taking English lessons and visiting local and state-wide hot spots.

#### **The Federal Service Language Academy**

*(North Georgia College & State University)*

If you are interested in a job in the [FBI](#), US State Department, [CIA](#), Homeland Defense, or as an officer in the US Armed Forces after you graduate from college, this academy is for you. These organizations and many others are seeking employees who have critical foreign language and culture skills. Knowledge of a critical foreign language will set you apart from the field of candidates seeking jobs in the federal government. In the academy, you will learn the fundamentals of Arabic, Chinese, or Russian, while earning Georgia high school course credit.

## **PREVIOUS NEWS**

### **Foreign Service Essential, Report Argues**

*(Executive Gov)...*Ross Wilkers

The State Department must expand its Foreign Service ranks despite pressure for spending cuts, [a Foreign Affairs Council report says](#). The report, released Wednesday, evaluated Secretary [Hillary Clinton](#)'s leadership over the past two years. The State Department's diplomatic staff [grew by 17 percent](#) in fiscal 2009 and 2010, and Foreign Service had 13,000 employees as of December 2010. "Yet, with most of the new employees being sent out just to fill existing vacant positions, Foreign Service staffing levels still fell far short of that needed to fully restore America's diplomatic and development capacity," the report says.

### **Programs in Conn., nation spur teens to teaching**

*(ctpost.com/Associated Press)...*Stephanie Reitz

While many of their friends are hanging out at the mall or beach, about 20 Connecticut high school students are spending much of their summer vacation in the classroom. It's an increasingly common scene nationwide as educators, seeking new ways to recruit teachers in critical shortage areas, are embracing a "grow your own" approach by introducing the profession to teens as early as middle school. The most critical areas nationwide include bilingual education, special education, science and technology, math and urban teaching jobs.

### **American Councils Research Fellowships**

*(American Councils for International Education)*

With funds from the [U.S. Department of State \(Title VIII\)](#), American Councils administers several major grants for independent, overseas policy relevant research in the humanities and social sciences as well as language training. In recent years, American Councils scholars have conducted independent research in Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Ukraine.

### **Hendrix Students Spend Summer in Italy**

*(Hendrix College News)*

Eight Hendrix College students are completing a month-long study program in Florence, Italy. The Hendrix-in-Florence program is funded by the Hendrix-Murphy Foundation Programs in Literature and Language. Students study Italian language and visit the region's significant artistic, cultural, and historical attractions. "Italian grammar is very complex, and since our professor at the Università di Firenze didn't speak much English, class was quite challenging at times, but we did gain a basic level of Italian skills," she said. "Bridging the language gap with Professor Alessandro was a very rewarding process as well."

### **AFPAK Hands make bonds stronger than steel, begin phase III**

*(DLIFLC)*

Army Lt. Col. Michael King could have imagined that his military career would take many unexpected turns, but he never expected to become an Afghan village elder's marriage counselor, a former Mujahedin freedom fighter's best friend, or create such strong bonds with his Afghan "brothers in arms" that he would put his life in their hands with ease. This scenario, seemingly straight from a Hollywood movie script, became reality when King joined the Pentagon-sponsored Afghanistan/Pakistan Hands (AFPAK) program in September of 2009, designed to teach language and culture to officers and senior enlisted, with the intent of redeploying these individuals to the same region twice to maintain established local relationships.

### **Monroe, Washington, Marine reaches out to Afghan women**

*(Regional Command Southwest Press Room)...*Cpl. Katherine Kelcher

Lance Cpl. Chandra Francisco, 22, a Marine with Female Engagement Team 15 in Sangin District, Helmand province, and a native of Monroe, Wash., enlisted into the Marine Corps in September 2009 as a supply administration Marine. As a member of the FET, Francisco helps build relationships with the

local populace by reaching out to Afghan women and children. "At first I really had no idea what I was getting into," said Francisco. "Once I started training I loved it. This is by far one of the greatest experiences I've ever had."

### [Federal contract awards for the week of July 25](#)

*(Washington Post)*

**Language Associates** of Arlington; **ICA Language Services** of Arlington; **General Dynamics Information Technology** of Fairfax; **JTG** of Vienna; **International Center For Language Studies** of the District; and **Dictyon** of Greenbelt will share a \$20.8 million contract from the Army for the procurement of foreign language training support services and instruction.

### [The Norway bombing, foreign languages and real time search](#)

*(Pandia News)*...Per & Susanne Koch

The Norway bombing and shooting shows us that there is a need for search solutions that let you follow foreign language news and social web streams in real time. The last point brings us to the main message of this post. There is a need for tools that can provide real time translation of foreign language news sources in times of crisis. What we are missing is a way of searching the native language news and social media streams during a crisis. To turn such a feature on permanently would result in too much noise and too much information, but it would be extremely useful when your local media is lagging behind due to language differences.

### [The phone-hacking scandal and the language of evasion](#)

*(Guardian)*...Michael Rosen

There's an irony at the heart of the [News International](#) crisis and it's do with language. I can't think of how many meetings I've sat through where people have explained that language has become less important because we now live in a visual age. While it's true that the present proceedings take place in front of cameras, the whole matter, right from the event of phone-hacking itself, through to the resignation speeches, Commons hearings, debates in the house, this newspaper's forensic investigations and the world media's analyses, is language-intensive.

### [Charlotte Morse Earns Foreign Language Award](#)

*(Patch.com)*...Jeremy Bauer-Wolf

Winters Mill High School graduate Charlotte Morse is the recipient of the Angela A. Saxton Foreign Language award, a specialty award at Winters Mill honoring advancement and dedication to a particular foreign language. Morse talked with Patch about the multitude of Advanced Placement courses she took, as well as her desire to advance her French-language skills in college. English speakers are lucky in some ways because the rest of the world wants to know our language, but unlucky because since our language already dominates, a lot of the time we don't make the effort to understand other languages.

### [Afghan women hope to break new ground in the sky](#)

*(CNN)*...Tracy Sabo

In a flower-filled courtyard near San Antonio, adult education students gather during a break, some celebrating the passage of final English exams and some discussing an upcoming social event. The scene resembles very little of a typical campus. Everyone here is in a military uniform, each representing one of 80 countries. Loudly competing voices are conversing in dozens of different languages, each conversation competing against thunderous U.S. Air Force C-5 cargo planes training overhead. Lackland Air Force Base's Defense Language Institute English Language Center (DLIELC) has been teaching the English language to foreign military students for over 55 years. Approximately 10% of its enrollment at any given time is made of up females; however, this marks the first time the school has welcomed Afghan women to its student body.