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New immersion facility transports students and instructors

(DLIFLC)

Imagine walking up a dusty dirt road, gazing out at the mountains of Afghanistan, hearing the chatter of the open market with throngs of people buying and selling goods, haggling over the price of eggs, tomatoes, peppers, and chicken...with the only thing missing being the smell. This is what the Eagle Language Training Center at Fort Campbell, Ky., provides for Soldiers studying Dari and Pashto for 16 weeks prior to deployment to Afghanistan. "We have a very unique instructional concept here at the Language Training Detachment in that we are training General Purpose Force Soldiers versus intelligence Soldiers or linguists," explained Libby Johnson, the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Language Training Detachment (LTD) site director who manages the language program at Fort Campbell.

Indiana University takes leadership role in effort to restore federal funding to vital foreign language and culture programs

(Indiana University News Room)

Indiana University President Michael A. McRobbie has reached out to congressional leaders, urging them to restore federal funding for international education and foreign language studies programs cut from the current fiscal year budget. In a letter co-authored by McRobbie and Georgetown President John J. DeGioia, and signed by more than 80 college and university presidents from around the country, McRobbie called on Congress to restore \$50 million in cuts to the Department of Education's HEA-Title VI and Fulbright-Hays programs. In addition to IU, presidents of seven other Big Ten universities, as well as the presidents of leading schools such as Columbia, Princeton, Cornell, Stanford and New York University signed the letter.

173rd Airborne BCT Soldiers jump into Ukraine with paratroopers from 5 nations

(Army.mil)

More than 200 paratroopers completed the first multi-national airborne operation of Exercise Rapid Trident 11 at the International Peacekeeping and Security center here, July 26. "This is my first time working with this many partner nations and this is my first time being a jumpmaster alongside a partner nation," said Maj. Jarrett Hunter, operations officer for 2nd Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt. Though the paratroopers speak different languages, the actions remain the same. Pfc. Dominick Kuczynski, of Battle Co. helped bridge the language gap, translating for the Polish Soldiers. "It was a good icebreaker for me to go up to the Polish group and introduce myself and start speaking Polish to them," he said. "I am Polish as you can tell by my last name, so it was a pretty awesome experience talking to them and socializing with them before the jump."

Campbellsville University wins prestigious Boren Award

(ReadMedia.com)...Campbellsville University

Kristina Wallace, a 21-year-old senior from Hopkinsville, is the first Campbellsville University student, and one of only five students in Kentucky, to win the prestigious Boren Award, which allows her to study in a foreign country. Out of 944 applicants, Wallace is one of only 151 students presented the award this year and the only person going to Azerbaijan. She first studied abroad two years ago as a participant in Campbellsville University's English as a Second Language Institute's summer service-learning program in Ukraine.

Concordia Language Villages: Ohio language students benefit from Arabic Camp

(The Bemidji Pioneer)...Delaney Daly

Imagine becoming immersed entirely in an Arabic culture. Learning to adjust to a different language, different food and a different way of thinking can be a challenging process for most people. Since December 2010, nine kids from grades seven-11 worked diligently to raise enough money to attend language camps at Concordia Language Villages. Established more than 25 years ago, the Academy of World Languages offers extensive diversity in different cultures, providing students with the choice to learn Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, and Russian. English as a second language is also taught.

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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.

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

(cftpost.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."

