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Afghan Pilot Trainees Test Cultural, Gender Barriers

(Chicago Tribune)...CNN

The school's four new female students -- each in their 20s and wearing Afghan military camouflage and burqas -- are turning heads. The women, along with hundreds of other foreign military officers, were sent to the United States to learn English, courtesy of the U.S. military.

Army-funded Headstart program to be revamped in Europe

(Stars And Stripes)...Kent Harris

An Army-funded program designed to teach newcomers posted overseas some language and cultural skills will be revamped and turned over to garrison communities to fund and run as they see fit in Europe, but will continue in Japan and South Korea for the time being, U.S. military officials said. In Europe, the Headstart program will be replaced starting next week by Culture College, a course run by local Army Community Service branches. The Headstart program included basic language skills, an overview of local culture and tips on making purchases and using public transportation off base. Headstart in Europe, which had been running for more than four decades, has been reduced in recent years from 10 to four days.

Spec ops chief warns of al-Qaida 2.0

(Associated Press)...Kimberly Dozier

Olson agreed with the White House's newly announced policy to strike terrorists through focused action rather than full-scale invasion, preferably by training and working with the host country's forces. He cautioned against thinking raids would solve all U.S. foreign policy problems. "This idea of being able to wait over the horizon and spring over and chop off heads doesn't really work," he said, describing the "yin and yang" of special operations as including capture-and-kill raids as well as long-term engagement with host countries' militaries. The latter involves U.S. troops "developing long-term relationships, learning languages, meeting people, studying histories, learning black markets."

Mobile language class makes impression

(Af.mil)...Kathryn Gustafson

With their clipboards and homework packets in hand, students at the Defense Language Institute English Language Center boarded the bus and headed for the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin, Texas. However, this is no ordinary field trip. It is a mobile classroom, and the students are expected to actively participate and meet objectives as if they were in a typical classroom environment. Every year, approximately 2,700 international military students filter through the doors of DLIELC. Students from around the world travel to DLIELC for English language education and training, and to experience U.S. culture first hand. "DLIELC ... what a crown jewel for American diplomacy and global engagement," said Thomas Shubert, the deputy director of the Air Force's Language, Region and Culture Program Office.

Afghan police broaden horizons through local literacy program

(dvids)...Cpl. Marco Mancha

Among the biggest challenges the local government faces as the United States prepares to draw down thousands of troops from Afghanistan is its literacy rate. Only one in 10 recruits who sign up for Afghanistan's police and army can read and write according to a recent Reuters article. Many of the local residents find something as simple as spelling their own names a challenge. Qalamyar, who works as an aid for the District Chief of Police said he always has a busy day, and with that he knows the importance of being literate. "I like to learn new things and I want my friends to be able to read and write like me," he

said. "As far as learning English, it helps me communicate better with the Marines when a linguist is not available."

Jackson Local receives grant to develop International Academy

*(The Suburbanite)...*Patricia Faulhaber

Jackson Local Schools recently received a grant from Ohio's Race to the Top Initiative. The district will receive \$600,000 over three years to develop an International Academy. Jackson's development team will use a model provided by the Asia Society, an organization that partners with schools in effort to create an International Studies School Network. According to Linda Salom, secondary curriculum and international baccalaureate director, Jackson is one of 33 schools nationwide that is a member of the Asia Society. Once developed, the International Academy will offer internationally based programming including various foreign language classes and other international associated studies.

PREVIOUS NEWS

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.

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.