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Seven U. of I. students receive national scholarships for language studies

*(University of Illinois)...*Madeline Ley

In separate federal competitions, seven Illinois students cumulatively earned more than \$80,000 in scholarship awards to fund their studies abroad as part of a U.S. government effort to expand the number of Americans studying and mastering critical languages. The Illinois undergraduate recipients were among 161 scholarship recipients from a national pool of 1,014 applicants. One hundred nineteen Boren Fellowships were awarded to graduate students from among 575 applications.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Star Trek universal translator to join war on terror

*(Fox News)...*Allison Barrie

Imagine being able to turn up in any city anywhere in the world and speak freely with the locals. It was fiction as Star Trek's Universal



Translator, in the hands of Lieutenant Uhura, chief communications officer on the USS Enterprise

who kept Captain Kirk in touch with both Starfleet Command and the universe at large. It's now nearly a reality and may soon be in the hands of U.S. boots on the ground. [Raytheon's BBN TransTalk](#) is a two-way translation technology that can in real time translate explicit communication in languages like Arabic and Farsi into English.

McHugh: Language Skills Critical to Mission Success

*(Defense.gov)...*Claudette Roulo

Language skills and cultural understanding are critical tools for accomplishing missions in places like Iraq and Afghanistan, Secretary of the Army John McHugh said during a May 21 visit to the Defense Language Institute, Foreign Language Center in Monterey, Calif.

DLIFLC launches digital Globe magazine *(DLIFLC)*

The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center has launched its inaugural digital edition of the Globe magazine available through iTunes. The magazine, which features interactive videos and photo galleries, was designed to reduce printing costs and allow for broader and easier electronic distribution globally to



members of the defense language community. To access the magazine, go to iTunes and type in DLIFLC to download the free iBooks publication to your computer or directly on your iPad. The Portable Digital File (PDF) version of the magazine is also available to users at WWW.DLIFLC.EDU, but without the interactive functions.

Brig. Gen. Davis says linguists are absolutely critical

*(DLIFLC)...*Brian Lamar

According to Davis, the students demonstrated the



importance of foreign language acquisition. "You guys represent an absolutely critical military capability for the Armed Forces. You don't really understand

that until you get out in the field. You may never get to see some of the outcomes of the information that you provide. Realize that you wouldn't be here unless there was a critical need for your capabilities out in the field," Davis explained.

NATIONAL

National Security and International Exchange

*(Inside Higher Ed)...*Elizabeth Redden

Former U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates delivered a rousing oration in favor of international education and exchange Tuesday. Addressing the thousands gathered for the annual NAFSA: Association of International Educators Conference, Gates described foreign language

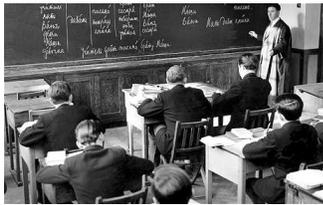
education, study abroad, and the recruitment of foreign students to U.S. campuses as key strategies in promoting America's national security and economic interests. Gates called for more students to learn foreign languages in order for the U.S. to retain its competitive economic position. He ended his speech by restating his central point that if the U.S. wishes to maintain its credibility and influence, "we must continue to build bridges with universities that are in cultures different from our own."

INTERNATIONAL

Four-year-olds to start learning two foreign languages

(Telegraph)...Simon Johnson

Alasdair Allan, the SNP Learning Minister, said that within a decade all pupils will start learning



other languages from the first year of primary school instead of P6, as is currently the case. It was estimated that poor foreign

language skills are costing the Scottish economy more than £590 million.