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Annual Conference call for proposals deadline June 12th, 2013



THE FULBRIGHT ASSOCIATION invites all its members and anyone interested in the Fulbright program to submit a proposal for its 36th Annual Conference to be held October 3 - 6, 2013 in Washington, DC.

The deadline to submit proposals is June 5^{th} , 2013. This year, more than ever, we are seeking breakout sessions that will bring the "wow" factor, are provocative, and keep attendees engaged in ongoing dialogues.

Proposals should fit with the conference's theme: "Fulbright in Action" and address how Fulbrighters, through their work and research, are taking action to address the issues of the day. For the 2013 Annual Conference, breakout sessions will be divided into five tracks of interest.

There will be approximately 2-4 sessions per track spread out over two days. Breakout session proposals should be submitted in one of the following five tracks:

- Science & Technology
- » Arts & Humanities
- >> Human Rights & Social Justice
- » Business & Entrepreneurship
- >> Global Public Health

Don't forget to take advantage of the July $15^{\rm th}$ early bird registration deadline. We look forward to seeing you in Washington DC in October.



FA's new ED turns a corner!

FORTY YEARS AGO in history on May 21, 1973, Senator J. William Fulbright (D-AR) of the Foreign Relations Committee warns of further turmoil in the Middle East due to dependence of foreign oil and the U.S. stance on Israel. Forty years later Stephen Reilly reaches a milestone on May, 22, 2013. He turns 40 and as the new ED adds a new page to the history of the Fulbright Association.

Second Leadership Conference took place in Chicago

BY SHAZ AKRAM

THE CHICAGO LEADERSHIP Conference held at Columbia College in collaboration with the Chicago Chapter on April 20-21, was a huge success.

Fifty chapter leaders from 46 chapters attended the two day conference that covered topics under programs, partnerships and profiles. The coming together of chapter leadership not only gave an opportunity for people to present their ideas, but also created a unique opportunity to network and share common Fulbright experiences.

We encourage our members to attend our annual conference in October. Our alumni conference provides opportunities to invest in collective pride, friendship and sharing of one's work.



Sandy Senior-Dauer, vice president of the Connecticut chapter

Have something newsworthy? email shaz.akram@fulbright.org



Shamita Johnson was instrumental in establishing an exchange with the Collège de Haut Penoy in France.

GEORGIA FULBRIGHTER IN ACTION

Cultural exchange between Atlanta public school and French college

BY SHAMITA JOHNSON

ON AUGUST 26, 2012, Collège de Haut Penoy, of Nancy-Metz, France and Luther Judson Price Middle School, of Atlanta Public Schools, officially began a partnership to enhance students' academic and personal lives from both sides of the Atlantic. However, this would not have been possible without the dedicated service and extraordinary work done by Madame Clémentine Bernon, former Deputy Attachée Culturelle of the French Consulate in Atlanta as well as other diplomatic representatives at the French Embassy in Washington D.C.

Since the partnership, both language instructors, of the respective schools, Madame Déborah Keeton and Madame Shamita Johnson, have developed a very strong business relationship. This relationship has resulted in the students from

both schools to become more motivated to learn the English and French languages as well as become active global citizens of the twenty-first century.

On February 15, 2013, Madame Keeton, English instructor of Collège de Haut Penoy, and International Relationship Liaison for the Ministry of Education in France, visited Luther Judson Price Middle School in Georgia. The purpose of the day visit was three-fold. First, Madame Keeton met the French students and their parents by giving special presentations throughout the day about her region of France, Lorraine, Nancy-Metz, as well

as her school, Collège de Haut Penoy.

The second purpose was to visit the whole school program of Luther Judson Price Middle School by meeting faculty and staff. The final purpose of the visit was to identify ten students along with five parents to travel to Nancy-Metz, France in June 2013 with Madame Shamita Johnson, their French teacher.

The objective of traveling to France is to further enhance students' knowledge and skills to become active global citizens. In addition, it will allow Luther Judson Price Middle School students' to meet their

"We're young, so we know much about technology and it really appeals to our senses because we can do more on the technology"

-DEMETRIUS DOZIER, 6TH GRADE STUDENT

French classmates from Collège de Haut Penoy and experience going to school in another country.

Rap is just one of the many tools Madame Shamita Johnson uses to teach her students French at Price Middle School. The Fulbright Scholar and Exchange teacher is also harnessing technology in the classroom. "Technology is the 21st century. How can you teach without technology?" Johnson said. In addition to the iPads the students use, they communicate via Skype with their sister school in France. The students say it motivates them to learn the language.

"And then with the Skype call, instead of just writing to them or sending letters to them we can talk face to face too," said Dyamond Jefferson, an 8th grader.

Dyamond and Demetrius are among ten Price students chosen to travel to France this summer to visit and live with the students they've become friends with on the internet.

Madame Deborah Keeton, a middle school teacher at Haur Penoy Middle School in France, says the trip has inspired her students to really learn English.

"Now they know why they have to learn English. It's not in a book anymore. They have people in front of them," said Keeton.

But for Madame Johnson, it's a chance to give her students what a middle school teacher gave her as a child growing up in Philadelphia's inner city—a trip to France.

"I want to take them to see the world because they need to. And when they do, they will change, and they will give back to the community just as I am," Johnson said.

The Price students need more than \$34,000 to pay for 16 round trip airline tickets to France for themselves and their parents. Click **here** if you'd like to help.