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AMIDEAST Alumni Newsletter (Issue 1)

Greetings from AMIDEAST! Thank you for being a part of AMIDEAST's larger mission to help develop mutual understanding between Americans and the people of the Middle East and North Africa. Quite simply, there is no single better way to learn about the world and other peoples than by stepping out into it in order to learn from your own experiences and personal interactions. As the first of AMIDEAST alumni newsletters please provide feedback on additional resources or suggestions for future newsletters. The Alumni Association is here as a means to help our former students, so any information you think would be helpful we'll do our best to include. Have a wonderful upcoming holiday season!

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What's New at AMIDEAST Education Abroad Programs

PROGRAMS

This semester Education Abroad has been hard at work developing new study abroad programs based in our field offices. In both Egypt and Jordan, several new summer programs have been created. Also, we are excited to be resuming our Learn & Serve program in Tunisia this coming summer.

Here is a list of programs new in the summer of 2012:

- **Contemporary Egyptian Politics in Cairo**
- **History of Engineering in Cairo**
- **Learn & Serve in Egypt**
- **Traditional Islamic Arts in Amman, Jordan**

- Learn & Serve in Tunisia (Resuming)

If you would like to read more about these programs, we invite you to visit [our website](#).

RESOURCES

[The Alumni Association Website](#) is updated and online. This site provides information on job opportunities, Middle Eastern activities and cultural events, and Arabic studying resources. Feel free to e-mail edabroad@amideast.org if you have any suggestions for the site.

[Mosaic](#), AMIDEAST's collaborative student blog project, is also updated, featuring new posts from previous and current students. As an alumni of our programs, we are eager to hear your reflections from your time in the Arab World. While we are working to build this project into a resource for current and past students, please consider submitting an article, reflection, old blog post, photos, or other artwork about your experience abroad to edabroad@amideast.org.



Career Resources

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES:

Below you can find some great websites to search for jobs in all fields in the Middle East. For more suggestions visit [our website](#).

1. [Idealist.org](#) - A great way to search for internships, jobs, and volunteer opportunities abroad.
2. [Foreign Policy Job Board](#) - Great resource for Foreign Policy professionals. There may be a limited number of internship and entry-level postings, but it never hurts to look!
3. [AMIDEAST](#) - Yes, that's right, you can get a job with AMIDEAST! We do much more than run education abroad programs in the Arab World. Regular internships and entry-level job postings. Also, see details on the Alumni Website about teaching English or interning abroad with AMIDEAST.

TRAINING RESOURCES:

Interested in teaching English? Check out [AMIDEAST's new Professional Certificate in English Language Teaching \(PCELT\)](#)

AMIDEAST and World Learning/SIT Graduate Institute have joined forces to offer a truly unique TESOL certificate program. The PCELT is a 120-hour program that provides current and future English language teachers with the knowledge and skills they need to be well-informed, reflective professionals in their respective teaching contexts - from primary school to university. A major emphasis throughout the program will be the fostering of ongoing teacher development and the preparation of participants to share resources and ideas with other teachers at their schools and professional communities.

WHO: For aspiring or current teachers of English, novice or experienced, with the required English language proficiency

WHAT: A 120-hour TESOL certificate program, with a minimum of 6 hours' practice teaching, on a wide range of topics

HOW: In classes of 10-12 participants, taught by expert PCELT-certified trainers in a highly interactive classroom

WHERE: At AMIDEAST offices across the Middle East and North Africa

WHEN: In intensive (4-weeks, daily), semi-intensive (10 weeks), or non-intensive (16 weeks) delivery options

WHY: To gain confidence and a competitive edge in English language teaching

For more information, visit [our website](#) or contact Helena Simas in Egypt: hsimas@amideast.org

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

AMIDEAST Cairo is currently hiring energetic, dedicated interns for the Spring 2012 semester. Interns will work in the Cairo offices, and positions are now available with the Advising department, for various programs for Egyptians and Americans, as well as other departments. AMIDEAST alumni are strongly encouraged to apply for a position!

Please send your CV and e-mail stating interests to Matthew Kuehl at mkuehl@amideast.org

Alumni Updates and Networking

The Alumni Association is planning on remodeling the Alumni Networking Forum. The Forum will be a place for previous students to discuss career goals or arrange to meet and network. As you can see on the Alumni Website, the Networking Forum we would like to mark where alumni are in the world, what their occupation is, and the duration of time they'll be there.

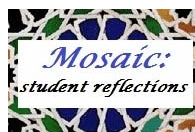
If you are interested in joining the Alumni Association, please fill out the AMIDEAST [Alumni Membership Networking Form](#). Rest assured that AMIDEAST will not give your contact information to third parties, and e-mail addresses will only be provided to students who participated in an AMIDEAST program or prospective students who have questions about a particular program.


Lastly, be sure to check out our [alumni in the spotlight](#) for the month of October, Brittany Kyser and Glen Dalakian III. If you are interested in being featured on the Alumni Association and AMIDEAST Website, please fill out the [alumni survey here](#). If you have suggestions of other alumni that we should consider featuring, please feel free to email us those thoughts as well!

Gatherings and Events

The Alumni Association is interested in planning or assisting alumni in organizing periodic reunions, get-togethers, or other events for alumni in the Washington, DC metro area. This could range from a formal dinner event or something very casual like a group museum trip to the Freer & Sackler Gallery at the Smithsonian Institute.

Please provide feedback, including your interest level and suggestions for events you might like to see, [in the Alumni Membership Networking Form](#).



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