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Dear Alumni,

We're excited to announce two #MentorTalks this month in celebration of International Education Week! We're also finally announcing the winning Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund (AEIF) projects. Read on for more details...

MentorTalks – Upcoming Episode

We are excited to be hosting two #MentorTalks sessions this November!

Join us on **Friday, November 20th at 12:00 pm EST** as we meet with Bianca Avarado to discuss her exchange experience through the Gilman Scholarship. If you're interested in studying abroad, but need financial assistance, programs like the Gilman Scholarship are one way to gain international experience and education. As an alumna of the Gilman program, as well as entrepreneur and teacher, Alvarado will share her experiences as an exchange program participant and how she's become involved as an exchange alumni and applied – and won – grants. Come ready to ask questions and be inspired! Use **#MentorTalks** when asking your question, and we'll see you online.

And be sure to check out our [most recent episode](#) as we discussed with Doug Mitchell, Founder/Project Director of NPR's Next Generation Radio and Fulbright Commission alumnus, and Jordyn Hawkins-Rippie, a Fulbright Scholar alumnus, tips on how you can tap into the power of exchange programs to advance your career goals. In the lead up to International Education Week, these two exchange alumni discussed their experiences in Chile and Malaysia, respectively, and how the Fulbright program shaped their careers.

Find Out More Here

AEIF Winners to be Announced

Congratulations to our 2020 Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund (AEIF) winners! This year, the U.S. Department of State hosted its 10th annual AEIF competition, focusing on the theme of Women, Peace, and Security, with 80 winning teams from 67 countries.

We received over 300 competitive applications from alumni teams of various U.S. government-funded and U.S. government-facilitated exchange programs, from all around the world. We will be announcing the winners in the coming days, so keep an eye out!

International Alumni Resources



As you adapt to working virtually, you may not have the access to information you would normally get through your school, office, or local library. Did you know that as alumni you have access to a treasure trove of periodicals, academic journals, and magazines? Access to Gale and EBSCOhost is easy [through our website!](#)

If you are a LinkedIn user, follow our new page, [#ExchangeAlumni - Alumni Affairs](#) to learn more about upcoming networking events, job opportunities, career advice, and more. Add in a section on your exchange program experience on your work profile to

find out who you might know, and to connect with an alumnus who might spark your next big project or idea!

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Many of you are creating positive health, educational, and social impacts in your local communities using the diverse experience and skill sets gained through exchange programs. Your courage, ingenuity, and kindness are the threads that we, the Office of Alumni Affairs within the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), pull together to build a stronger alumni network for you.

But we need your help. We know you are often working across cultures, classrooms, and communities to ensure people are staying strong, safe, and healthy. Remember to tag us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) with #ExchangeAlumni to share out your stories of a brighter and healthier future!

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