



# U.S. Embassy Algiers Alumni News

Issue II Volume II

Winter 2017



## Inside this issue:

1  
Alumni Engagement  
Innovation Fund

1  
Key Dates and  
Events

2  
Alumni Projects  
funded by U.S. Em-  
bassy Algiers

3  
Tech-Girls Alumnae  
participated in Hour  
of Code event by  
Microsoft



## Apply Now!

The Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund (AEIF) 2017 is now open! The Fund was created to support alumni initiatives that promote shared values and innovative solutions to global challenges. The competition provides small grants to teams of past and current participants of U.S. government-sponsored exchange programs to carry out community service projects utilizing the skills and knowledge they gained during their exchange experiences.

Please visit: <https://alumni.state.gov/aeif> for more information and to apply.

### Key Dates and Events

- EducationUSA Advising every Monday and Wednesday from 1p.m. to 2p.m. at the ACCA in the Embassy
- TechGirls—Deadline to apply: March 9, 2017
- Atlas Corp Professionals and Entrepreneurs Fellowship—Deadline to apply: March 15, 2017
- Coca-Cola Global Business Institute (GBI) Scholarship —Deadline to apply: March 18, 2017
- Teaching Excellence and Achievement (TEA) Program—Deadline to apply: April 30, 2017
- Fulbright Foreign Student Program 2018-2019—Deadline to apply: May 31, 2017
- EducationUSA U.S. University Fair —April 24, 2017, Palais de la Culture, Algiers

[https://algiers.usembassy.gov/academic\\_exchanges.html](https://algiers.usembassy.gov/academic_exchanges.html)

***“ I am proud that nearly 4,000 Algerians have participated in our educational and cultural exchange programs. We count among our alumni Algerian ministers, scientists, senior business executives, NGO leaders, museum professionals, entrepreneurs, professors, actors and rappers, and disability rights activists – and that’s just a few of the very impressive people who have been part of our exchanges. ”***

**Ambassador Joan Polaschik**

## Alumni Projects funded by U.S. Embassy Algiers

In Summer 2016, the Embassy's Public Affairs Section awarded six grants under the 2016 Alumni Project Competition. Our long-term goal is to support the alumni of US-funded exchange programs in their efforts to strengthen their communities by sharing information, expertise and values; mobilizing resources; and enriching relationships between Algeria and United States.



Public Diplomacy Officer Ana Escrogima with young participants

**Exchange in English Caravane** by E-Teacher Alumna Souad Kacher. (English language teaching for children of Timimoun)



Alumna Nacira Amari with the participants

**STEM Training for Girls** by IVLP Alumna Nacira Amari, a project that aims at training disadvantaged girls from Saida on science, technology and mathematics.



BYC participants with the Mayor of Biskra

**Biskra Youth Council**, by MEPI alumnus Ali Belghit, aims to bridge the gap between local government institutions and Biskra youth.



Head of Political and Economic section Jay Munir with Arif Abdeldjalil

More than 150 youth took part in the **2016 Algeria Model United Nations** Conference chaired by alumnus Arif Abdeldjalil.



Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer Erin Tyler at opening ceremony

**Innovative Teachers' Academy** by SUSI alumna Zina Asma Belhedded. An innovative training for teachers.



AWEP Information Day

**Algerian Women Entrepreneur Program**, by IVLP Alumna Meriem Chikirou, provides enthusiastic women who want to start their own business, with trainings, information and guidance in the entrepreneurship field.



## TechGirls Alumnae participated in Hour of Code event by Microsoft

Please contact the Alumni Coordinator at the U.S. Embassy for any inquiries:

Amina Eddouaouda  
EddouaoudaA@state.gov



**STATE ALUMNI** is the official website for more than 1,000,000 alumni of exchange programs sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Interactive, dynamic and password-protected, [alumni.state.gov](http://alumni.state.gov) offers alumni from U.S. government-sponsored exchange programs a place to network with other alumni from around the globe; share information about exchange programs and alumni activities; participate in Q&A Live discussions with experts; and access resources such as grants, jobs and research databases.

Build upon your exchange experience. Visit:  
<https://alumni.state.gov/>



In December, TechGirls alumnae participated in an event called 'Hour of Code' organized by Microsoft Algeria. The two-day event for 50 girls aged 15 to 20 gave them the opportunity to learn about careers in technology, connect with Microsoft employees, and participate in hands-on computer and technology workshops.

The two-day event has creatively engaged the participants to think about solutions in relation to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals using Microsoft technologies. It was also an opportunity for the TechGirls Alumnae to share their knowledge and expertise with other girls in Algeria.



## Professional Fellows return to Algeria



PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS

In November, a group of eight Algerians returned after five-weeks in Washington, D.C. Participating in the Professional Fellows Program (PFP). PFP brings emerging leaders in the fields of legislative process and governance; civic engagement; NGO management; economic empowerment and entrepreneurship; and journalism from around the world to the U.S. for intensive fellowships designed to broaden their professional expertise. The eight alumni developed great project proposals funded by small grants from Legacy International in the field of civil society, NGOs, education and health care.

