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1. Happy New Year

We hope that you have the International Education Conference on your list of New Years Resolutions. Go to www.education.wisc.edu/elpa/conferences/iec/index/shtm For more information.

2. Attention High School Teachers: Opportunities for HS students

NSLI Scholarships will provide full scholarships for 550 high school students to learn Chinese, Arabic, Korean, Russian, Hindi, Farsi and Turkish in 2009-2010. Students will participate in cultural immersion programs during summer and semester and year-long experiences. HURRY, the deadline is February 2.

Go to www.NSLIforYouth.org

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Opportunity for Juniors and Seniors to study Chinese

Students will immerse in culture and language of China in this five-week program open to Mandarin language learners of all levels, including beginners. This program is designed to give high school students a stimulating and exciting college study abroad experience.

For more information, go to
<http://www.uwc.edu/academics/abroad/china/>

Opportunities from the U.S. Dept. of State.

We are pleased to bring to your attention an excellent opportunity for American high school students to receive support to study less commonly taught languages. NSLI-Y is an exciting, new merit-based US Government overseas language program for American high school students that will fund approximately 550 students to study and master languages not traditionally taught in U.S. high schools but which are critical for our country's future. The program is funded by the Department of State's Educational and Cultural Affairs Youth Programs Division and is being implemented by a consortium of organizations led by the American Councils for International Education.

In 2009/2010, NSLI-Y is expanding the language offerings as well as the length of time for the programs. There will be programs in Arabic, Farsi, Hindi, Korean, Mandarin Chinese, Russian and Turkish. There will be summer programs in each of the seven languages. There will also be semester and academic year programs for Arabic, Korean, Mandarin Chinese, Russian and Turkish. For more information and to apply online, visit www.NSLIforYouth.org. The application deadline is February 2, 2009. <http://exchanges.state.gov/youth/programs/nsli.html> provides more information about the NSLI-Y program. If you'd like to join the conversation about exchanges in general and become a part of the growing network of individuals interested in NSLI-Y, visit <http://connect.state.gov/> and register for the NSLI-Y group. _

3. 2009 National School Conference on International Youth Exchange

Hartford , CT – February 27-28, 2009. International education and exchange advocates, school administrators and educators, including principals and assistant principals, guidance counselors, and foreign language and social studies teachers, are invited to learn, share, and discuss topics related to international youth exchange. This conference will provide a unique opportunity for school leaders, educators and administrators to meet and network with school colleagues and leaders of various youth exchange programs. The Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), the Connecticut Department of Education and the Capitol Region Education Council have come together to sponsor this conference to provide a forum on a wide range of topics related to international youth exchange.

The conference will include informative sessions such as the Nuts & Bolts of Exchange Programs, School to School Exchanges, the Dualities of Culture Shock, Outbound Exchanges, and a Toolkit for Advocacy. Topics to be addressed include, trouble-shooting for school administrators, F-1 and J-1 visas, and tools to make the most out of an exchange experience for the students, teachers, and school communities. The winners of the **2009 CSIET Global Classroom Awards** will be presented to the Milwaukee School of Languages (Wisconsin), Roosevelt High School (Washington) and Westford Academy (Massachusetts).

For registration and conference information, visit www.CSIET.org or visit the conference website directly.

4. Your African Experience Is Waiting!!!!
Do you dream of Africa? Live that dream with the Global Environmental Teachings Program! June 2009, US educators will join South African educators on a 3-week study tour filled with whales, cheetahs, and fynbos. This program is designed specifically for educators. Travel with other teachers on this African journey that takes you along the coast of South Africa between Port Elizabeth and Cape Town to experience the unique Cape Floral plant kingdom, host to over 5,800 endemic plant species. During the journey you will learn how educators teach about the environment as it relates to health and poverty. Be inspired by historical leaders that helped South Africa rise after apartheid.

Only 3 spots remain! Deadline for registration is January 30, 2009. For more information, visit us at

<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/wcee/get/southafrica.asp> or contact Susan Ermer, sermer@uwsp.edu or 715-346-4150.

Also from UW-Stevens Point: Needed: volunteers educators to serve in Djibouti for 9 months in the following positions:___ *
Educators with background I Early Childhood Education, Child protection or health tied to education and fluent in French_ *
Educators with background in monitoring and evaluation with experience in conducting baseline studies and fluent in French_ *
Educators with background in public health, reproductive health and HIV/ADS education and working knowledge of French_*
Educators with specialization in adult literacy or vocational training, curriculum development, teacher training and fluent in French__ Please contactt: Momodou Kunta Mambouray_E-mail: <<mailto:mams@ifesh.org>>mams@ifesh.org_website:www.ifesh.org

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5. Global Exploration for Educators Organization (GEEO)

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Global Exploration for Educators Organization (GEEO) is a 501c3 non-profit organization that helps and encourages educators to travel abroad. In the summer of 2009 GEEO will run trips to [Tunisia](#), [Tanzania](#), [Peru](#), [Ecuador](#), [Thailand](#), and [India](#). GEEO hopes to make America more outward-looking by helping teachers travel and then giving them an effective way to share these experiences in their classrooms.

The trips are designed for teachers and include activities such as school visits and homestays that give participants authentic exposure to local culture. The trips are deeply discounted so as to be affordable to teachers. GEEO also helps teachers find funding to subsidize the cost of the trips.

Detailed information about each trip, including itineraries, costs,

travel dates, and more can be found at www.geeo.org.

6. Madeline's Public Letter 16

If you haven't read Madeline Ura-neck's Public Letter number 16, you can view it at the following website:

<http://www.thedailypage.com/isthmus/article.php?article=24620>

It appeared in the December 18th issue of the ISTHMUS newspaper. Very thought provoking.

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