

Fulbright ETA Monthly Highlights

AMINEF proudly presents the Fulbright English Teaching Assistant (ETA) monthly highlights.

Each month we showcase the various activities ETAs have been involved in throughout the past month, both in and outside the classroom.

AMINEF oversees 34 ETAs who are placed in high schools across Indonesia.

Magelang, Central Java

5 November 2015

Central Java ETA Meet and Greet



ETA Safiyah Ismail organized a Central Java ETA Meet and Greet at MAN Magelang, where all of the Central Java ETAs met students at MAN Magelang for a cultural exchange event. There were four focus-sessions led by two ETAs each on the following topics: High School in America, College in America, Study Skills and Tips, and Study Abroad Opportunities for Indonesian High School Students (and how to make yourself competitive for such opportunities!) Eleven high schools from around Magelang attended the event and information regarding study abroad opportunities were distributed to the eleven schools in attendance.



Magelang, Central Java

5 November 2015

Learning from Our Differences



ETA Savannah Trifiro and **Semarang ETA Hilary Skov** speaking with a group of students at an event held at MAN Magelang. Here they are comparing and contrasting high school in Indonesia and America. The conversation was held almost entirely in English, and the students were able to ask them any questions they had as well as contribute their own insights. Afterwards, two volunteers from the group presented their findings to everyone else at the event.

Pangkal Pinang, Bangka Island

6 November 2015

Bujang Dayang (Beauty Pageant)



ETAs Kelly Fitzgerald and Caitlin Jordan accompanied the family and friends of Yoga, a student at SMAN3 Pangkal Pinang (Kelly's school) to cheer him on during the grand finale of the Bujang Dayang competition. Bujang Dayang is similar to a beauty pageant for young men and women, during which contestants must demonstrate grace and poise in answering difficult questions. Yoga won an honorable mention as the Most Talented male contestant for his skill in playing the dambus, a local stringed instrument.

Yogyakarta**10 November 2015**

Musyawarah Guru Mata Pelajaran (MGMP)
Yogyakarta English Teaching Workshop



ETAs Julia Xia and **Kendra Reiser**, based in Yogyakarta, and **Bryan Howard**, based in Wono-sari, presented interactive teaching activities at a workshop for English teachers of Yogyakarta's MGMP, an organization for English teachers to share and exchange teaching skills and ideas.

Banjarmasin, South Kalimantan**12 November 2015**

Club Chats



Banjarmasin ETA, Joel Palmer, with English Club students from Institut Agama Islam Negeri Antasari (IAINA), Banjarmasin.

ETA Joel Palmer (SMAN7 Banjarmasin) joined English students at Institut Agama Islam Negeri Antasari (IAINA), Banjarmasin for their weekly extra-curricular English Club. Organized by IAINA English instructor, Yetty Setiawaty, the club meets weekly to discuss opinions and current events entirely in English.

Yogyakarta**13 November 2015**

Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta (UMY)
American Corner Rewards of Learning
New Languages



Julia Xia, ETA based in Yogyakarta, collaborated with American Corner, a community for university students interested in English, to give a presentation regarding the benefits of multilingualism. Together, Julia and twenty English majors from UMY discussed the cognitive, social, professional, and personal rewards of learning new languages.

Banjarmasin, South Kalimantan**14 November 2015**

Seminar in Universitas Lambung Mangkurat



ETA Joel Palmer (SMAN 7) was invited to present at the day-long *Seminar Internasional Pendidikan Berbasis Etnopedagogi*. The event was hosted by the Fakultas Keguruan dan Ilmu Pendidikan of Universitas Lambung Mangkurat, Banjarmasin and held at the local hotel, Ario Barito. Alongside

scholars from Indonesia and Australia, Palmer presented original research on local pedagogy within The University of Delaware's Writing Program. Palmer discussed his findings and related current pedagogical research methods in American universities to the locally-oriented concerns of etnopedagogy in Indonesian scholarship.

Magelang, Central Java**15 November 2015**

Borobudur International 10k



ETA Safiyah Ismail competed in the Borobudur International 10k running competition with her students from MAN Magelang. One of Safiyah's hobbies is running, so it was a really great opportunity to share a slice of her personal life with her students. For many of her students, this was their first time competing in a 10k running competition!

Pantai Matras, Bangka Island**15 November 2015**

Learning to Dance at the Beach



During her short time in Indonesia, **ETA Kelly Fitzgerald** has held countless children and been invited to dance in public (sometimes simultaneously) with unprecedented frequency. In this photo, Kelly is receiving dance instruction from Dea, a student at SMK 2 Pangkal Pinang (sitemate Caitlin Jordan's school). Kelly is at Pantai Matras with Dea and her extended family to celebrate Dea's brother's birthday. Shortly after this photo was taken, the entire family joined in dancing to the song "Gemu Fa Mi Re," followed by an impromptu karaoke session during which Kelly sang "Bento" by Iwan Fals and "Sakitnya Tuh Disini" by Cita Citata.

Bandung, West Java**20 November 2015**

New Entrepreneurs Club



ETA Dalton Fouts created an entrepreneurs club at his school SMA BPI that features a speaker series. Cynthia Chaerunnisa, marketing manager of Uber in Indonesia, was a guest speaker at the group's first meeting in November. Meeting monthly, the club utilizes English while promoting student business initiatives by connecting high schoolers with local business mentors who offer them personal encouragement and professional advice.

**Pangkal Pinang, Bangka Island****22 November 2015***Jalan Santai for Hari Guru Nasional*

In celebration of National Teacher's Day, a special Jalan Santai ("Relaxed Walk") took place in and around the center of Pangkal Pinang. Most of the schools in the city – from elementary to high schools – participated in the festivities, as shown by this large crowd of people (that goes from forefront into the distance)!

This photo was taken by **ETA Caitlin Jordan** as she walked with some of her students and teachers from SMKN 2 Pangkal Pinang.

Here is a 'mid-walk selfie' taken by ETA Kelly Jordan with her SMKN 2 Pangkal Pinang students and teachers. After the walk, there was singing, motivational speeches and a raffle in the city center, Alun-Alun, where some of her students and fellow teachers won prizes! (A rice cooker, rice box, and a mixer – each to different people of course.) It was a great way to get to know her students outside of the school setting, to stay healthy and fit, and to celebrate all the hard-working teachers in Indonesia.



Magelang, Central Java

25 November 2015

National Teacher's Day in Magelang



For National Teachers' Day, **ETA Savannah Trifiro** and her fellow teachers at SMKN 3 Magelang shared a meal in their temporary teachers' lounge. The headmaster made a speech before they indulged in a spread of traditional food, including nasi kuning, or yellow rice, in the form of tumpeng, which is often enjoyed at special events.



Wonosari, Special Region of Yogyakarta

25 November 2015

National Teacher's Day in Wonosari



ETA Bryan Howard

had a wonderful time marching with his fellow MAN Wonosari teachers in honor of Hari Guru, Teacher's Day. The special upacara ceremony took place in Wonosari's alun-alun and featured thousands of teachers from across the Gunungkidul region in Daerah Istimewa Yogyakarta all celebrating educators together.



Pangkal Pinang, Bangka Island

25 November 2015

Helping to Coach the Women's Futsal Team



Having been a football/soccer player in the United States when she was young and still playing for fun now **ETA Caitlin Jordan** helps with the women's futsal team at SMKN 2 Pangkal Pinang as the assistant manager. Here, she looks on as the girls – in the red pennies – play their bi-weekly match. The SMKN2 team won the game 3-1. They have weekly practices that Caitlin also helps out with and this was one such day. The language barrier is still challenging, especially with sports, but Caitlin is learning quickly and hopes to offer some new drills and ideas for practices, even though the team is already pretty much the best!

Medan, North Sumatera

27 November 2015

#SMKbisa



At the end of November, **ETA Izaak Earnhardt**, at SMK Negeri Binaan in Medan attended a ceremony to celebrate the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the school and Perumnas, a state-owned construction company. The agreement provided internship training opportunities and post-graduation employment opportunities for the students in the school's technical drawing specialization. Education and business partnerships like this in Indonesia are one of the main reasons why #SMKbisa.

Gorontalo

English Corner in Gorontalo



ETA Grace Wivell, in Gorontalo, Sulawesi, created an English Corner at her school in an attempt to reach students beyond those classes that she teaches. The English Corner includes elements of both language and culture, and some change monthly, others weekly, and still others daily.



Here students are participating in one of the weekly challenges, which related to talking about hobbies, as well as the English Corner at the end of November, following the completion of the November monthly project, a Thankfulness Tree.

Semarang, Central Java

Debate Competition in 3 Languages



The debate team at SMK Negeri Jawa Tengah competed against teams around the island of Java at the University of Semarang under the guidance of **ETA Hilary Skov**. Students have been practicing debating in Bahasa Indonesia, Javanese, and English for months now and were so excited about competing. The debate was 13 hours long, and this picture was taken right before they went home, still enthused and excited!

Education is a
slow moving
but
powerful force

- J. William Fulbright

Semarang, Central Java

Extra-Curricular Activities



ETA Hilary Skov organized an extra-curricular event which combines English language learning with physical fitness. The 10th grade is split into teams and they play games like "Simon Says" and "May I go to the pool?" which require them to practice their English skills in a low-pressure and high-energy environment.

Semarang, Central Java

Thank You Ceremony



ETA Hilary Skov is posing with the teachers of SMK Negeri Jawa Tengah at the student's closing ceremony for marching and dance. These students have practiced daily over the last two weeks in order to perform at this ceremony for their parents and for education officials in central Java, such as the head of the education department. Since the school is government-funded, this ceremony served as a "thank-you" to everyone who assists in providing these students with an education.

Semarang, Central Java

Visiting American Corner



ETA Carlie Skellington visited the American Corner at UIN Walisongo Semarang several times to meet with students. The first time, there were two members from the US Embassy giving a talk.

Carlie had some really insightful conversations with the students about how Muslims are viewed and treated in America. The second time Carlie went back with **ETAs Hilary Skov and Sam Slattery** to have more conversations.



Palangkaraya, Central Kalimantan

Fruit Party Custom



ETA Carlie Skellington invited her students at MAN Model Palangka Raya over to her home for a fruit party, which is a custom in Indonesia. During this event, people bring various fruits to someone's house, and they just eat and chat together. Carlie introduced her students to apples and peanut butter. It was their first time trying it, but they loved it!

"We must learn to explore all the options and possibilities that confront us in a complex and rapidly changing world."

- J. William Fulbright

Gorontalo Weekly

English Club at Magna Hotel



ETA Grace Wivell joins an English Club at Magna Hotel each week, so that employees at the hotel have the opportunity to practice English with a native speaker. This also provides Grace with the chance to learn more about the history and customs of the local area from the knowledgeable staff there. Here members of the club can be seen practicing giving advice to guests about places to visit, with Grace listening to one pair who is demonstrating their conversation.



Pangkal Binang, Bangka Island Weekly

Photography Club



Since September, **ETA Kelly Fitzgerald** has held a Photography Club for interested students at SMAN 3 Pangkal Pinang. Photography Club meets Wednesday afternoons at 4:30.



During Photography Club, students share photos they have taken and get feedback from other students. Photography Club has also hosted professional photographers who teach the students the basics of photo composition and the mechanics of using a camera and all of the features available on cell phone cameras. The first semester Photography Club has taken a couple of field trips to the local port and botanical garden, and next semester the students are eager to do more photo-related field trips in other parts of Pangkal Pinang.

Bandar Lampung, Lampung Regularly

English Educational Podcast Series



Throughout the semester **ETA Rebecca Selin** and co-teacher Ibu Halimatusakdiah made several visits to the Lampung office of education to contribute to an educational podcast series. They recorded several full-length English lessons as well as many short English vocabulary audio bites. Ramon Caleon, the other ETA in Bandar Lampung, also contributed to help explain such expressions as "raining cats and dogs" to the youth of Lampung province. In the picture, Rebecca is wearing traditional Lampung batik.

THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving Gathering with Ambassador Blake



To celebrate Thanksgiving, the American Ambassador to Indonesia, **Robert Blake**, hosted a Thanksgiving luncheon for Fulbright researchers, English Teaching Assistants, English Language Fellows, Peace Corps volunteers, and other guests. 12 ETAs were in attendance at the celebration, where they enjoyed sharing stories about their first three months at their sites.

Gorontalo



ETA Grace Wivell celebrated Thanksgiving with her English Club students in Gorontalo, Sulawesi. After outlining a brief history of Thanksgiving, as well as the history of the Native American experience following the arrival of a European presence in America, she and her students made "Thankfulness Turkeys."

Bandar Lampung, Lampung



ETA Rebecca Selin hosted a Thanksgiving event for the three English extracurriculars at SMK Negeri 2 Bandar Lampung: English club, English Drama and Writing Club, and English MC Club. She provided food and activities for the afternoon event.



The event was held in the common area of Rebecca's kosan (boarding house). In attendance were students from all three clubs as well as English Club advisor, Ibu Sulistiyani. After sharing what they were thankful for, the participants tried a few American favorites like garlic mashed potatoes and sautéed green beans. Then, the students had some fun making hand turkeys. They also added humorous speech bubbles in English!

THANKSGIVING DAY

Palangkaraya, Central Kalimantan



ETA Carlie Skellington celebrated Thanksgiving with her English Club. She introduced them a bit to the history, traditions and customs of Thanksgiving through some videos and storytelling time. Then the students played sentence scrabble games with the new information they learned about Thanksgiving. After that, they all wrote what they were thankful for on little leaf doilies.



Medan, North Sumatera



Students in **ETA Izaak Earnhardt's** English Club at SMKN Binaan talked about the history of Thanksgiving and made turkeys that expressed things for which they were thankful. Students wrote down things or people they were glad to have on each of the feathers of their "thankfulness turkeys." Thanksgiving was also the birthday of ETA Izaak Earnhardt, the ETA at SMKN Binaan. The students and the co-teacher helped him celebrate in style by bringing a cake to English club.



INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

The week of November 16 - 21, educational institutes around the world celebrated International Education Week.

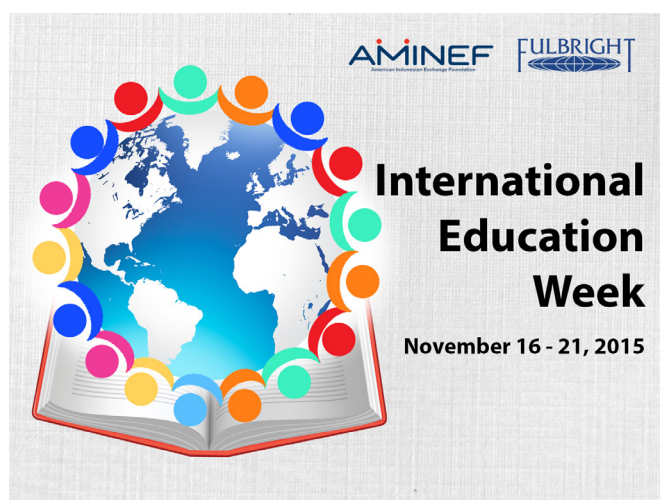


In Bandung events were centered around the American Corner at the Bandung Institute of Technology (ITB). On November 24th, **ETA Stevenson Ramsey** and Indonesian Fulbright Alum Budi were guests on RRI Pro 2 FM to promote International Education Week. Budi and Stevenson answered listener questions about higher education opportunities in the United States. Topics ranged from campus life in the United States to how to obtain scholarships to study abroad.

During Stevenson's presentation, he provided an overview on how to apply to graduate school in the USA, gave tips on how to write a personal statement, and gave advice on studying for the GRE. Stevenson also talked about campus life in the United States and gave advice on how to stay physically and emotionally healthy while pursuing an advanced degree in the United States of America.



International Education Week culminated with an Educational Discussion Forum with **ETA Stevenson Ramsey** and three other Indonesian Fulbright alumni Budi Fedrinaldy, Nita Novianti, and Andika Putra Pratama. The Fulbrighters gave presentations ranging from tips on studying for the TOEFL to academic life in the US and also gave advice for applying for a Fulbright grant.



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