



# 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 27 ETAs who are placed in high schools across Indonesia.

## Foreword

Welcome to the April edition of the Fulbright ETA Monthly Highlights. With the end of the 2016-2017 grant period, our 27 ETAs return to the US mid-May and therefore this edition is the last one that showcases the various activities Fulbright English Teaching Assistants (ETAs) have been involved in with their schools and communities throughout April and the first two weeks of May. The activities range from ETAs collaborations with their schools and communities to create several large scale projects, including Teachers' Workshops, Debate Competitions, and Pen Pal letter exchanges. They also engaged in everyday cultural exchanges: sharing American food and learning how to cook Indonesian dishes, watching films with students and friends, and exploring their temporary homes with friends they have made during their grant. In early April, all ETAs accompanied a student representative from their school to the national WORDS Competition, which was held in Jakarta. In early May, an insightful discussion on empowerment and, sadly some farewell activities were held.

The ETA Program, one of US State Department-funded Fulbright programs carried out in many countries throughout the world, places recent

college graduates and young professionals as English teaching assistants in primary and secondary schools or universities overseas. The program helps improve foreign students' English-language abilities and knowledge of the United States while increasing the US student's own language skills and knowledge of the many host countries around the world.

In Indonesia, the Fulbright ETAs are placed in high schools (both SMA and *madrasah*) where they assist local English teachers. The program has now been going for 12 years and has affected many thousands of Indonesian students and their communities across the archipelago over that period. AMINEF, in charge of the Fulbright program in Indonesia since 1992, works closely with the Indonesian ministries of Education and Culture and Religious Affairs to administer the ETA program in Indonesia.

The *Highlights* recount in an informal way the stories and experiences of the ETAs, their co-teachers and students, and the people in the communities where they are placed. We hope they are informative and capture the special value of this program. We welcome your feedback.

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### We'd love to get your feedback.

**For ETAs:** please share with us your favorite stories: which teaching method is most fun or you'd like to apply, or which activity you'd like to hear more of, or what is happening in your community?

**For Indonesian teachers, students and the general public:** Send us your reactions: which stories struck you as interesting, which experiences are compatible with your own, how can Indonesians

learn from Americans and vice versa? We'll post your feedback in the next newsletter and you may win a special thank-you gift from us. Email us at: [socmed@aminef.or.id](mailto:socmed@aminef.or.id)

Many thanks to all of the ETAs for their wonderful stories and photos. Be sure to get next month's newsletter!

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# WORDS Competition 2017

From April 5th through April 8th, 29 high school students and their English Teaching Assistants (ETAs) gathered in Jakarta for the annual WORDS Competition. A highly-anticipated event each year, this year marked the tenth anniversary of the WORDS Competition.



WORDS is a speech and talent competition, with performances centered on a given theme; this year's theme was "Cicak on the Wall," and participants were asked to respond to the question, "If you could be a *cicak* on the wall of any room in the past, present, or future, where would you choose to be, and why?" Leading up to the national competition, each ETA held a local competition at their school, and the winning participant from the local competition was then invited to represent their school at the national competition in Jakarta.



Reflecting on the preparation for coming to Jakarta, ETA **Shreya Kundur**, who is placed in Malang this year, said, "I think the WORDS

Competition has been one of the best experiences with the AMINEF/Fulbright Program so far, because all of the ETAs get to work on one thing all together, and we had so much anticipation for this one weekend."



Each of the students represented their school fantastically. The speeches varied widely in their topics and styles, and the students demonstrated an array of impressive talents alongside their speeches. The audience was captivated.



Said **Jerry Chamberland**, a member of AMINEF's Board of Management, "This is the second WORDS Competition that I've attended. It's an opportunity for ETAs and students from all over Indonesia to meet, and for us, the audience, to see what an incredible job the ETAs do, and what an incredible job the students do." The judges—who included two past WORDS winners of Best Use of English, **Ditacut Aisyah** and **Nanda Dima Tasha**, as well as **Triwik Kurniasari**, Fulbright alumna and author,

**Dr. Rebekka Moore**, Fulbright alumna and senior manager of @america, and **Douglas Ramage**, Fulbright alumnus and a member of AMINEF's Board of Management—certainly had a tough job in selecting the winning participants from such talent.



Five participants were recognized at the national competition for notable performances. **Kezia Natalia Wattie** from SMA Eben Haezer Manado was awarded Best Use of English, **Artyo Rizqi Syabhantera** from Wachid Hasim 2 Sidoarjo was awarded Best Use of Theme, **Chalvyn Rahmat D.** from SMKN 4 Malang was awarded Best Talent, and **Muhamad Hilmi Ainun Fikri** from MAN Insan Cendikia Gorontalo was awarded Best Costume. The Overall Winner for the 2017 Competition was **Muhammad Bobby Primadiansyah** from SMAN 2 Malang, with his speech "Dream Away to the Milky Way." Though all five were honored to be selected as winners, they all felt, as Kezia emphasized, the best part of WORDS was that they, "got to meet so many talented, amazing people from all over Indonesia."



To commemorate the 10th anniversary of the WORDS Competition, an additional event was added to the experience. English Fun Day, held at @america, included the WORDS Participants and their ETAs, as well as forty-two participants from two Jakarta-based organizations that serve disadvantaged children: Ticket to Life and Sahabat Anak.



Several groups of ETAs developed storytelling, song, and game activities in which everyone could participate, for an afternoon of fun and English language learning for all.



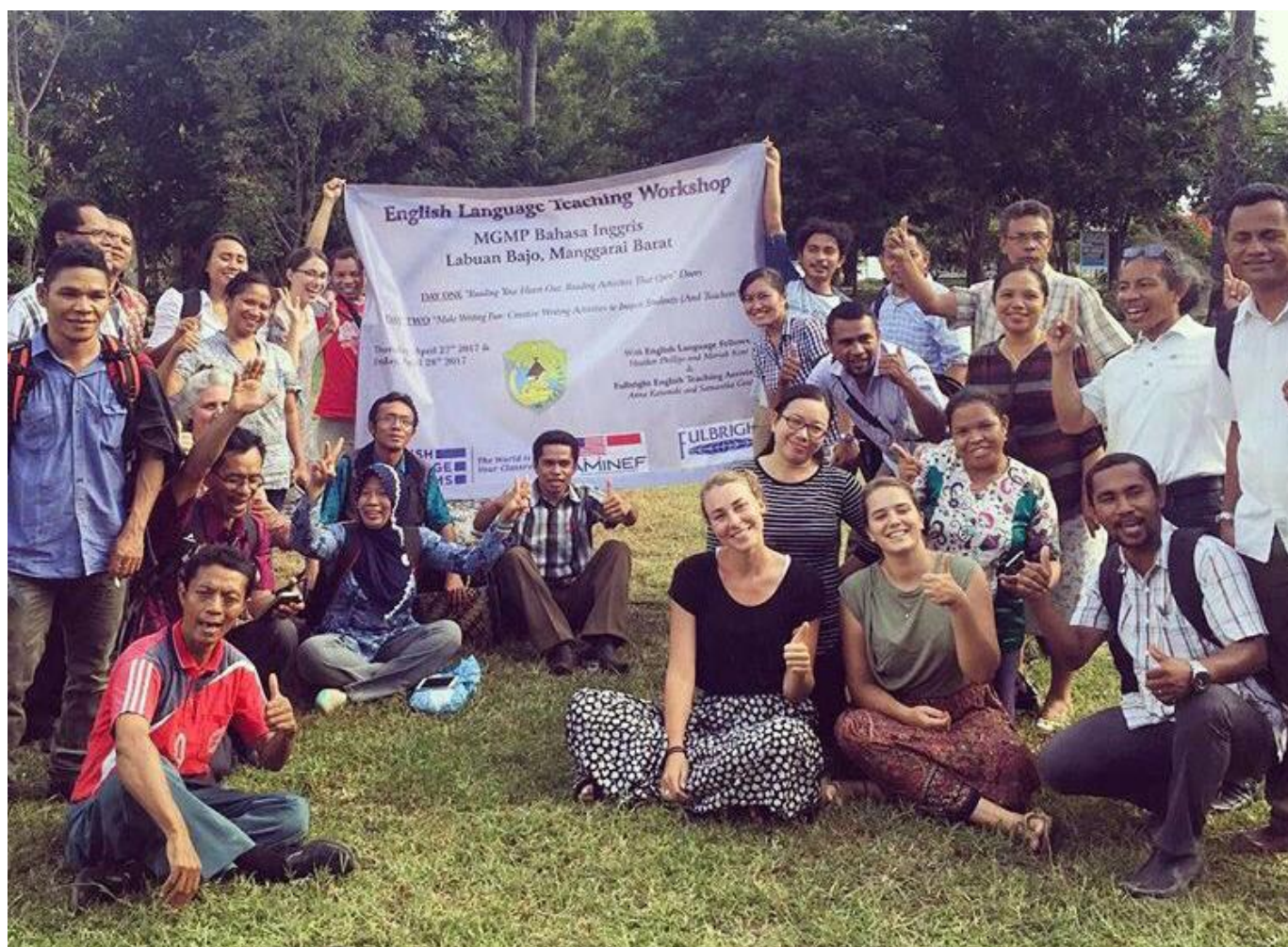
**Jesika Welan**, a member of the Sahabat Anak group who performed an impromptu Korean dance number at the end of the event, said, "I really loved the Sing-a-song activity, because I can learn more in a relaxed style of studying."

During their time in Jakarta, WORDS Participants were also able to explore the capital city with a visit to MONAS, and all students and their ETAs were also kindly invited to a farewell dinner at the residence of the US Deputy Chief of Mission **Brian McFeeters**.



It was a very special few days for all involved, and as **Sutriyaningsih** from Magelang said: "This is my unforgettable experience."





**SMKN 1 Labuan Bajo  
& SMK Stella Maris  
Labuan Bajo,  
East Nusa Tenggara**

local West Manggarai English Teacher's Association (MGMP Bahasa Inggris) and RELO ELF's Moriah Kent (Surabaya) and Heather Phillips (Makassar) to hold a two-day English Teaching Workshop. The workshop was held at SMK Negeri 1 Labuan Bajo, and had 27 attendees hailing from over 10 different SMAs,

On April 27th and 28th, Labuan Bajo  
**ETAs Anna Katomski**  
and **Samantha Geary**  
collaborated with the

SMKs and SMPs in the Manggarai Barat region. Participants learned exciting ways to engage their students, with one workshop day focused on reading activities, and the next on writing activities. Anna and Samantha were excited to see how the teachers incorporate these new tactics into their lessons, and hope the workshop will result in more fun in the classroom- particularly when it comes to the sometimes daunting task of teaching English reading and writing skills.

## Teacher's Workshop



### MAN 1 Kota Gorontalo Gorontalo, Gorontalo

development workshop for English language teachers from several public and private junior high and high schools throughout Gorontalo City. English Language Fellow Alicia Bradley, who teaches at Universitas Negeri Gorontalo through RELO Jakarta,

On Saturday, April 22nd, MAN 1 Kota Gorontalo, with the help of **ETA JoAnn Doll**, hosted a one-day professional

shared several strategies, activities, and resources English teachers could use in the classroom to help students actively improve their English speaking skills. Ms. Bradley also explained how to incorporate the practicing of speaking skills in lessons that usually focus on listening, reading, and writing. The teachers discussed how they would adapt and utilize these resources for their own students and shared which activities they were looking forward to implementing in their classes.



# Western and Eastern Legends



Throughout April, students at MAN 2 Model Makassar studied narrative texts. After a week of learning about a classic European legend, Hansel and Gretel, **ETA Ayat Abourashed** put her students to the test, and had students perform storytelling skits of classic Indonesian legends. For two weeks, students created scripts and made

properties for stories they grew up hearing. Ayat and her co-teachers watched the talented students perform legends like “Malin Kundang” and “Candi Prambanan,” as well as many more. Ayat really enjoyed getting to learn more about the history of Indonesia and seeing her students show their creative side. The students did such a wonderful job acting and really showcased a variety of legends from all over Indonesia.

# Classroom Final Projects: Storytelling



**ETA Kelly Fitzgerald** has greatly enjoyed teaching at two different high schools in Indonesia over the course of two years. From all of the lessons she

**SMA Wachid Hasyim 2  
Taman Sidoarjo  
Sidoarjo, East Java**

has taught during this time, one of her all-time favorites was a final project she assigned to her students during

the month of April. The students were put into groups of 4-6 and instructed to write a short story in English as part of the Narrative Text unit. Then the students were given a choice in how they would present the story to the class. Students could make

a storybook, comic book, play, or film. Students chose a project based on their talents and interests and Kelly was amazed at the results. No matter what project students chose to do, Kelly was impressed by the outcome. Some of the highlights from this project were some truly spectacular drawings, some very creative stories, some cinema-quality films, and some well-rehearsed plays which even included a *wayang kulit* [traditional shadow puppet] performance in English. Kelly is so proud of all of her students' hard work and is sad to be saying goodbye to them next month.



## Movie Night with Students

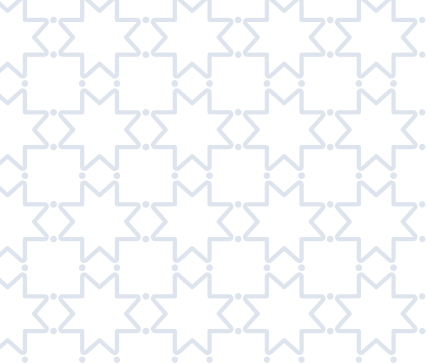
**MAN 1 Kendari,  
SMAN 4 Kendari,  
& SMAN 7 Kendari  
Kendari,  
Southeast Sulawesi**

**ETAs Mackenzie Findlay,  
Kate Barton, and Shelby  
Lawson** took their WORDS  
students Elanda Yovita  
(MAN 1), Sabitah Salsabila  
(SMAN 4), Sefia Hanin  
(SMAN 7) to the “Kartini”  
movie on April 23rd.

These three students won their respective WORDS competitions at their schools and were able to travel to Jakarta with their ETAs for the national WORDS competition in early April. Elanda’s speech was about Kartini so Mackenzie was especially excited



to take Elanda to see this movie! Rahyuni Melisa, a student at Haluleo University and one of the WORDS judges at MAN 1, also joined for the movie and the students enjoyed getting to know Yuni better. The movie was in *Bahasa Jawa* and *Bahasa Indonesia*, with no English subtitles, which the students found very funny because Mackenzie, Shelby, and Kate struggled to understand some of the dialogue. Overall, they had a great time and the ETAs hope the three girls remain friends for a long time!



**SMAN 2 PangkalPinang  
& SMKN 2 PangkalPinang  
PangkalPinang,  
Bangka-Belitung**

On April 28th, **ETAs Lizzy Hardison** and **Kiana Ward** kicked off a long weekend with a perfect Friday night

itinerary: dinner and a movie with friends! Together with five of their best friends in Pangkalpinang, Lizzy and Kiana enjoyed a viewing of “Guardians of the Galaxy” at the local cinema and a dinner of *nasi goreng* at a cafe. It was the first time that everyone in the group had been together in months, and the reason for their reunion was a bittersweet one: their good friend Fajri was about to leave for a month-

long trip to England. Since they would not see Fajri again before leaving Indonesia, Lizzy and Kiana had to say the first of what will be many goodbyes to their dear Indonesian friends. This early farewell gave them a taste of what will come at the end of May, but also reminded them to cherish the time they’ll spend with others as their Indonesian experience draws to a close.





## **SMKN2 Bandar Lampung Bandar Lampung, Lampung**

On April 3rd, **ETA Matt Poissant** tried an activity that he learned at the MidYear Fulbright ETA

Conference, which he called speed reading. At MidYear it was demonstrated to the ETAs by *Ibu Harumi* from the University of Indonesia who had the ETAs pair up with a co-teacher and work together to answer a set of questions about a reading posted on the wall. The answering of the questions was framed as a race between the sets of pairs: only one person from each pair is allowed to go up and read the text while the other person can see the questions; this means one person must read the question to their partner and then the partner must go up to the text, find the answer, and relay to their partner the answer, who will then write it down. Matt fell in love with this activity but was waiting for the right time to use it. Luckily the subject of Factual Reports came up in the curriculum, which Matt thought was perfect for this activity because he wanted to emphasize that when reading factual reports students don't have to understand every word or phrase in the text: they instead need to focus on picking out important information. Matt still had to be sure to modify the activity to account for the large number of students in his classes (35-40) because having them work in pairs would mean 18-20 students would be running back and forth which would be too difficult to supervise. Instead Matt made it into a group competition where each group had 4-5 students. There was one reading posted up front and each group would rotate the person they sent up as their "reading runner". Also the class was given one question at a time instead of an entire list to allow for better monitoring. When the reading runner found the answer (or what they thought was the answer) they had to return to their groups and relay the information. Matt told the students that the runner had to make sure everyone in their group knew the answer but the runner couldn't write the answer, only speak it (the other folks in the group were allowed to



write the answer for themselves when they heard it). Everyone in the group had to have their hand raised before Matt came over to randomly select one student to give the answer. The first group to get the correct answer earned 2 points and the second and third group earned 1 point. The reading was a news article about the improvement of fake arms for those who have lost an arm and it was from the website [NEWSELA.com](http://NEWSELA.com). Matt really enjoys this resource because it has a news article available at multiple reading levels. Regarding classroom management, Matt realized early on he had to pay close attention to the "reading runners" as he would often catch them trying to write the answer or he would see multiple students from the same group trying to be "reading runners" at the same time. It was a lot of work to supervise but Matt saw the "cheating" as a sign of engagement.



**SMA Kristen Mercusuar  
Kupang,  
East Nusa Tenggara**

As her final days in Kupang wind down, **ETA Christal Clemens** is trying to explore as much around her town as possible. The rainy season is finally coming to an end, which means more sunny days and more time to *jalan-jalan*. In the middle of April, Christal along with **ETA Julianne O'Connell** and their friend, Cara, took a day trip to a nearby

waterfall east of the city. It took about one hour to hike to the waterfall through treacherous jungle paths, but the women finally made it and the journey was well worth it. They had a refreshing swim before making the hike back down the trail. They hope to discover more waterfalls and other beautiful landscapes in Kupang before their time comes to leave East Nusa Tenggara and return to the United States.



# Southeast Sulawesi's Birthday



## SMAN 7 Kendari Kendari, Southeast Sulawesi

Kendari was abuzz during the month of April as they celebrated Southeast Sulawesi's

birthday! **ETA Shelby Lawson** was been busy attending and helping with a variety of events happening around the city. First, she helped her school SMA 7 set up their art booth that showed off talented student artists from high schools across the city. She even bought a *batik tulis* scarf! Later in the week, she attended several concerts with friends, including her first ever *dangdut* event. The city center was filled with booths and displays featuring each district's art, agriculture, animal and marine life, and culture. Shelby also got to watch her talented counterpart, *Ibu Ani*, compete in the choral competition with teachers from around Kendari. Yet, Shelby's favorite event was the District



Competition at the Governor's House. Each district was represented and showed off their unique cuisines and traditional costumes. Shelby was asked to represent Muna Barat. Waking up at 6 am for hair and makeup wasn't easy, but it was definitely worth it! Shelby spent the day greeting guests, taking lots of pictures, and even meeting the Governor himself. Muna Barat received 4th place in the competition. "Being welcomed into this community and sharing their traditions was the highlight of the event," Shelby said, "I'm so grateful to have been a part of such a cool cultural event!"





# Regional Explorations and Cultural Exchange



**SMAN 3 Kupang  
Kupang,  
East Nusa Tenggara**

During her time of living in East Nusa Tenggara **ETA Julianne O'Connell** has been able to explore a lot of her region. From her site,

Kupang, she has had easy access to islands Kera, Semau, and Rote and has been able to visit towns all throughout West Timor. Though each place that she visited was more beautiful and culturally fascinating than the last, Julianne was anticipating when she might be able to visit one of East Nusa Tenggara's more well-known islands and attractions: Flores Island and Komodo National Park. She had heard about this area from fellow cohort members and had seen photos of the landscape and the famed animals this area is known for and couldn't wait to explore it herself.



Luckily Julianne had the chance to visit Flores in April when her counterpart and her counterpart's husband, from Julianne's teaching job in Austria, came to Indonesia to visit. During the Easter holiday the group spent a week on Flores Island in Labuan Bajo and Ende, soaking up the sites, the sun, and the unique culture of this region. The three of them experienced the power and majesty of the Komodo dragons, saw multi-colored lakes and learned about Manggarai culture first hand from their guides and hosts. For Julianne's friends the highlight of the trip was exploring villages and rice paddies. For Julianne the highlight was trying to translate from Indonesian to German to English and introducing her former counterpart from Austria to her current one in Kupang. It was a great trip and the cherry on the sundae of an already amazing year!



# Mountains and Friends

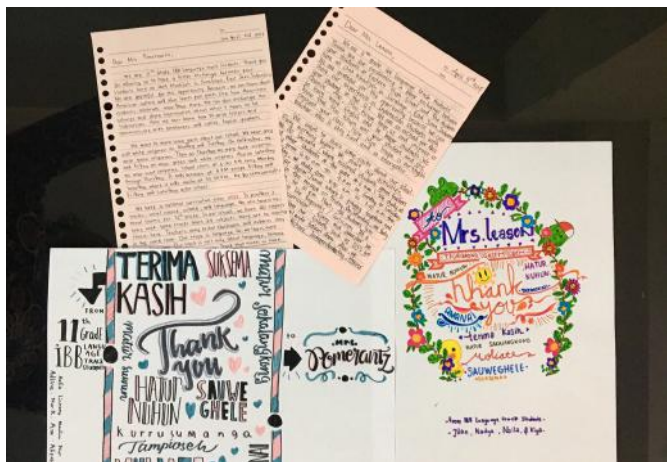


## **SMA 1 Bringin Bringin, Central Java**

With Mount Merbabu looming over Bringin, **ETA Katarina (Kata) Krueger** looked at the volcano every day and hoped to be able to climb it before leaving Indonesia. With a lot of planning help from her co-teacher, Miss Tyas, two students were able to join Tyas and Kata for the hike. The group set out from basecamp at noon and made it to a campsite at 4 pm, just before the rain started. Camping out in tents with instant noodles and coffee, the hikers passed the evening waiting for their midnight departure to climb to the summit for the sunrise. At midnight, the air was clear and tiny lights could be seen all over the valley below. Hiking up steep, rocky trails in the dark is no easy task, but the view from the summit made everything worth it. Arriving at the top just as the sun came

up gave the group amazing panoramic views of the volcanoes surrounding Merbabu and the valley below, including Bringin! This was a memorable experience for Kata and included many important aspects of her time in Indonesia: spending time with friends, creating new opportunities for students, and getting to enjoy the beauty of Central Java. This grant has sometimes felt this hike for Kata, in the tough moments wondering if it is all worth it and why someone would willingly do something that is so difficult, but at the top forgetting the climb and reflecting on the beauty of the accomplishment. In looking back on this hike, and this time in Indonesia, Kata won't think about the steep trail or the miserable moments, but the incredible view at the top and the friends who were made along the journey.

# Pen-Pal Exchange



## SMA Khadijah Surabaya, East Java

After working on this project for months with her co-teachers and students, **ETA Krupa Patel** at SMA Khadijah in Surabaya, East Java finally mailed handwritten letters from approximately 400+ Indonesian students to American students at her former high school in Voorhees, NJ, USA. Her high school English teachers, Mrs. Pomerantz and Mrs. Leason, were extremely helpful and facilitated this exchange. At first, SMA Khadijah students were nervous when Miss Krupa gave them the assignment. However, they rose to the challenge and succeeded. Through this project, Indonesian students practiced their letter-writing and critical thinking skills. They put their thoughts onto paper and received 1-on-1 feedback from Miss Krupa for 2-3 letter drafts. She feels lucky that she was able to work closely with almost every student.



Then, the teachers from Eastern High School sent letters back to Indonesia from their students! ETA Krupa was shocked at how excited the American students were. This project led to greater cultural exchange between American and Indonesian students. It was extremely important for Miss Krupa to open dialogue between these two sets of teenagers to show them that regardless of their religion, nationality, etc., they are all just students and teenagers. The differences are beautiful and worth celebrating but at the end of the day, everyone involved in this exchange is simply human. "This was one of the most complicated things I've ever orchestrated but it is by far the coolest," said ETA Krupa Patel.



# Trek with Dorm Students

## SMAN 2 Balige Soposurung, North Sumatra

Another dormitory adventure on the way, this time a trek through the backroads surrounding Balige to

Siboruon Waterfall, with all the 10th and 11th grade dorm students. On April 30th, **ETA Daniel Gerardi** joined the back of the pack with military supervisors Bagus, Cyharjo, and Royanti while the students led the way. It was a two-hour walk to the waterfall, but it was well worth it to spend the morning passing through the green hills of North Sumatra. The rocky trail leading up to the falls was strewn with fallen logs to climb over and walk across, and the waterfall itself was towering and beautiful. The water cascaded down into a small pool and filled the air with misty spray. Daniel, the supervisors, and some of the male students went swimming in the pool and took photos under the waterfall. The stinging water made for a fantastic natural massage, maybe the best in Balige!

On the walk home, Daniel walked with many of his 10th grade students. They asked him questions



about American politics, careers, salaries, cost of living, and other aspects of American life. With the grant wrapping up, it was nice to be able to share a little bit more about the United States with curious students.

From Dolok Tolong to Lake Toba, Soda Springs to Simarjarunjung to Siboruan Waterfall, Balige and the surrounding countryside is filled with natural beauty. It's been Daniel's pleasure to explore these places, and he wishes he had time to visit the countless other locations around North Sumatra.



## Beautiful Juga Project



**SMAN 2 Malang  
and SMKN 4 Malang  
Malang,  
East Java**

In April, **ETAs Caroline Rose** and **Shreya Kundur** hosted a discussion at their local American Corner at Universitas Muhammadiyah Malang (UMM). As part of the larger ETA project “Beautiful Juga,” which will include other ETAs from East Java, the discussion focused on beauty and beauty standards in the United States and Indonesia.



The ETAs served as the discussion leaders, preparing questions beforehand and guiding the conversation. However, the conversation flowed naturally, and as a true exchange, Caroline and Shreya were able to learn as much about Indonesian beauty standards as they shared about American beauty standards and culture. The discussion concluded on a high note as the participants agreed it is inner beauty that matters most.



# Beautiful Juga Project



## Malang and Surabaya, East Java & Kendari, Southeast Sulawesi

Juga is a discussion-based seminar that encourages participants to think critically about society's beauty standards. The goal of the workshop is to empower both men and women to feel more comfortable in their own skin. The idea for this workshop came when **ETA Krupa Patel**, from SMA Khadijah in Surabaya, noticed her students, members of her community, and even the media prioritizing a certain type of beauty. For example, she saw students making fun of others who had darker skin and bigger bodies while they praised others for having whiter skin and pointed noses.

The workshop begins with a showing of the "Dove Evolution" film in which participants can see an average-looking woman become "beautiful" with the help of makeup and Photoshop. Participants then discuss American beauty standards, Indonesian beauty standards, and the origin of these beauty standards. They are forced to consider the effects

In the month of May, the Beautiful Juga workshop came to life across Indonesia. Beautiful



of the media and colonialism on Indonesian beauty standards, i.e. why white skin and pointed noses are thought to be more beautiful when those features are not native to Indonesia. The workshop ends with a redefinition of beauty and a call to action for participants to be empowered to find their own beauty in their daily lives.

Krupa collaborated with many other people to make an impact across Indonesia. **ETAs Shreya Kundur** and **Caroline Rose** from Malang, **ETAs Shelby Lawson** and **Kate Barton** from Kendari, and **ETA Kelly Fitzgerald** from Sidoarjo all held Beautiful Juga workshops in their respective cities. For Krupa and Kelly, Beautiful Juga was well-received in four venues: SMA Khadijah, Airlangga University, Adi Buana University, and the U.S. Consulate in Surabaya. By presenting at these venues, Beautiful Juga reached an eclectic mix of over 400 Indonesian students, international high school and university students, bloggers, teachers, models, journalists, and more. Beautiful Juga was even featured in the Jawa Pos on May 10th with the headline "Cantik Itu Tidak Punya Standar."



**SMAN 1 Salatiga  
Salatiga,  
Central Java**

Kartini Day was a day spent in the glorious sun, making flower arrangements and hearing encouraging speeches on women's rights and equality. On April 21, 2017, Salatiga **ETA Michaela Chinn** participated in all the Kartini Day events and even dressed to impress, wearing traditional *kebaya* that she borrowed from a SMAN 1 Salatiga *Bahasa Inggris*

teacher. She thought it was really spectacular to see her students dressed in Javanese, Balinese, and other traditional clothes from their roots. She loved watching all of their performances for this national holiday. Michaela had fun taking pictures with students, who were pleasantly surprised that she had dressed in traditional clothing, and also learning more about Kartini from the teachers.



## Cooking with Students



**MAN 2 Kudus  
Kudus,  
Central Java**

Earlier in his grant, **ETA Vinny Owen**'s students asked him to make something that he eats in America. After gaining inspiration from seeing what other ETAs in the cohort had been cooking with the limited ingredients and cooking tools in Indonesia, Vinny decided to start with guacamole. Some of the students liked it, but it tasted a bit too strange

for many, as avocado in Indonesia is generally used only for sweet fruit smoothies. Vinny has since been making guacamole and other new foods with his students every few weeks. This month, Vinny and his students made peanut butter oat balls. These were by far the biggest hit yet, and the students have been asking for more every week since! Vinny has enjoyed continuing this informal cooking club with his students during his time in Kudus.



# Cooking Traditional Indonesian Dishes



## SMAN 4 Kendari Kendari, Southeast Sulawesi

With only a few weeks left at site, **ETA Katerina Barton**'s co-teacher wanted to teach her how to make some local Indonesian dishes. On the menu for the day was red and green *sambal*, fried chicken, *kangkung* (similar to sautéed spinach), and *wajik* (a cake made from sticky rice and palm sugar). On April 21st, they went to the traditional market to gather the ingredients. Kate walked along behind her *Ibu* as she gathered the necessary items: tomatoes, chili peppers and water spinach. Then

they came to the chicken cages. By the flick of her wrist her *Ibu* ordered two chickens and to Kate's shock they were quickly beheaded and de-feathered right in front of her. Back at the house Kate worked on making the two types of *sambal* (Kate's favorite is the green *sambal*), while her *Ibu* handled all of the chicken preparations. Kate also tested her arm strength stirring the sticky *wajik* concoction. After all the cooking was done, they had a great feast prepared to feed a whole family, and it did! And now Kate can bring her favorite dishes back home with her!



# English Debate Competition



## MAN 1 Kota Gorontalo Gorontalo, Gorontalo

On Wednesday, April 26th, with help from **ETA JoAnn Doll**, MAN 1 Kota Gorontalo held its first local English Debate Competition. Two teams of three 10th grade students each participated in the competition, as well as another student who acted as the Speaker of the House. All of these students had been learning about and practicing debating in English using the Australasian high school debate system for about four months under the guidance of student teachers from Universitas Negeri Gorontalo

(UNG). The competition was composed of a first round with a prepared motion titled "This house would criminalize littering," and a second round with an impromptu motion titled "This house would ban uniforms in school areas." Many 10th grade students who had elective English classes on that afternoon were able to attend and see the incredible progress of the debate club students. The guest judges, who were senior students from UNG, awarded Best Team and Best Speaker and gave constructive feedback to all of the students.

# Traditional Dance Performance



## SMKN 4 Malang Malang, East Java

SMKN 4 Malang celebrated its birthday this month with a day filled with parades and performances. To kick off the day, **ETA Shreya Kundur** and 10th grader Inge performed a traditional Javanese dance called *Tari Beskalan*. Shreya and Inge practiced together for about a month leading up to the performance. Shreya has studied Indian classical dance since she was a child, but learning the new Javanese dance

style was a challenge. Thankfully, Inge was a patient teacher and did a great job. On the day of the event, Shreya and Inge started getting ready at 4 am due to the complexity of the costume, hair and makeup. They were on stage by 7:30 am, cheered on by the entire student body, teachers, and staff. Shreya felt nervous before the performance but so thankful for the opportunity to learn and experience new aspects of Javanese culture.



## Generations of ETAs Meet

**SMAN 7, SMAN 4,  
and MAN 1 Kendari  
Kendari,  
Southeast Sulawesi**

Kendari had the rare opportunity of hosting four ETAs this week with the arrival of ex-ETA, Peter. Current **Fulbright ETAs Shelby Lawson, Mackenzie Findlay, and Kate Barton** had the chance to sit down with Peter over a delicious lunch of the city's best *gado-gado*. They talked about the similarities and differences in grant experiences, favorite restaurants and past times, and future plans. Getting to connect with alumni in Indonesia was a fun time for all!

Peter was an ETA in 2013-14 at SMA 7. He now works in New York on the operations team at a food delivery company called Caviar.



## American Corner Visit



**SMA 2 Malang  
Malang,  
East Java**

With only a few weeks left at her site, **ETA Caroline Rose** was glad to introduce some of her students to one of her favorite places in Malang, the American Corner at Universitas Muhammadiyah Malang. To learn more about the American Corner, the students participated in a small scavenger hunt. The scavenger hunt encouraged them to look around the American Corner, searching books, magazines,



and movies to answer the questions. Afterwards, the students played games. Caroline also used the wall map to show her students places in the US such as her hometown and where she went to college. By bringing the students to the American Corner, Caroline hopes they will continue to use the resources there to improve their English and understanding of American culture even after she returns to the US.

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## English Camp

### MAN 1 Kota Gorontalo Gorontalo, Gorontalo

**ETA JoAnn Doll** and English Language Fellow Alicia Bradley worked with six student teachers

from Universitas Negeri Gorontalo to develop and lead a four day after-school English camp for about forty total 10th grade students from MAN 1 Kota Gorontalo. Students met in the American Classroom from 2 to 4pm every day, and two student teachers co-taught each day. English Camp session topics included: "Learning English with Music," "Poetry and Interpretive Dance," "Learning English with Drama," and "Cross-Cultural Understanding," as well as involving many active team-building and camp-style games. It was a fun and positive way to end the semester!



## Farewell Film Project

### SMA Wachid Hasyim 2 Taman Sidoarjo, East Java

For her *pesta perpisahan* (farewell party), **ETA Kelly Fitzgerald** wanted to make a surprise for

her students. She was inspired by watching films her students created for their narrative text final project, so she also decided to make a film. The film is titled "10 Hal Yang Akan Saya Kangen Dari SMA Wachid Hasyim 2" ("10 Things I Will Miss from SMA Wachid Hasyim 2"). The film is documentary style with Kelly sharing her thoughts on ten things followed by a skit about each thing. She wrote the script herself and then enlisted talented students to help her film. The student in the photo is Dela, a very talented videographer who helped make the film a reality.

Most of the filming happened around her school, though she did get help from her friends in the wider community for certain scenes. Some of the things Kelly will miss from her school include the students, the teachers, the English classroom, GoJek, and the *warkop* in front of her school. For comedic effect, Kelly used costumes when appropriate. For example, she wore a student uniform (including the hijab) and pretended to be a student in class for one scene. In another scene, she also pretended to be a

man at the *warkop* by wearing a *peci*, fake mustache, and *batu akik* rings. Everyone who saw the filming process had a good laugh at Kelly's costumes.

On the big day of her farewell party, it was unfortunate that technical difficulties prevented the



film from being screened. Kelly and her students were disappointed, but she is still happy that she made the film. This film will be a great way for her to share about her experience as an ETA in Sidoarjo with her friends and family in Chicago.

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