

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.

2016 Fulbright ETA Mid-Year Enrichment Conference



On Monday January 18, the **34 English Teaching Assistants** and their **34 Indonesian co-teachers** descended on Jakarta from all over the archipelago to participate in the annual Mid-Year Enrichment Conference hosted by AMINEF. The 68 English teachers received training on topics such as: working effectively as a co-teaching team and classroom management from Regional English Language Office (RELO) teacher-trainer specialists.



On Tuesday January 19, the **34 English Teaching Assistants** presented "Indonesia Through Their Eyes" @America where the ETAs performed skits, stand-up comedy routines, and sang about Indonesia to audience members. Participating teacher-trainers included Itje Chodidah; English Language Fellows Ingrid Naumann, Sheridan Honore, Rebecca Taylor, and Macella Angel; Access teachers Bella Yuniarti, Areyke Manorek, Puspitasari Wardhani, and Gita Septiani.



The ETA Mid-Year Enrichment Conference featured a teaching practice on Thursday January 21, where the **English Teaching Assistants** and their **Indonesian co-teachers** worked together to prepare and teach a class at Sekolah Bina Bangsa Mandiri under the observation of the RELO specialists.



The ETA Mid-Year Enrichment Conference conference closed with a dinner hosted by Deputy Chief of Mission Brian McFeeters on Thursday, January 21. The **English Teaching Assistants, Indonesian co-teachers**, and RELO specialists celebrated the closing of the conference over dinner and music.

**“Education is a
slow moving
but
powerful force”**
- J William Fulbright

Makassar, South Sulawesi**December 13th - 15th, 2015**

Travelling to Tana Toraja



ETA Andrew Baker traveled to Tana Toraja with students from MAN 2 Model, Makassar. While in Tana Toraja, he visited famous tombs and funeral sites, while teaching student's conversational English at tourist sites. He also taught and played English word game during the nine hour bus ride to Tana Toraja.

Palangkaraya,**December 19th, 2015**

Christmas Celebration



ETA Mackenzie Findlay attended her school's annual Christmas Celebration. Students, parents, and teachers filled the auditorium and were treated to chorus performances from each grade, skits, traditional Dayak dances, and a gift exchange. Mackenzie joined her fellow teachers in singing a traditional Dayak song in front of everyone, as well as leading the English teachers in an English song. Mackenzie enjoyed seeing her students out of uniform, meeting their parents, and getting an opportunity to celebrate Christmas!

Gorontalo**January 9th, 2016**

Dinner with the Debate Team



ETA Kelsey Roggensack invited students from the debate team to have dinner at her house. Earlier in the school year, she helped students prepare for a debate competition against students from other schools throughout Gorontalo. The debate was held at the Universitas Negeri Gorontalo, and the students won several awards at the competition. She had promised to host a celebratory feast at her house for the students and a few teachers. They finally got around to having the dinner this January and ended up eating outside on the porch because of *mati lampu*!

Gorontalo**January 9th, 2016**

Join the Parade



ETA Clare McLaughlin joined the spectators as PMR Clubs (similar to First Aid) from local elementary schools, junior high schools, and high schools gathered on MAN Batudaa's football field for competitions during the day and a community-wide gathering at night. In the photo, Clare's buddies from her village's Elementary school lead the parade to the field.

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Gorontalo

January 30th, 2016

Scoring in Soccer



ETAs Grace Wivell and Clare McLaughlin attended a football game between their schools, MAN Model Gorontalo and MAN Batudaa. Both teams exhibited great semangat and sportsmanship, and MAN Batudaa handily won the game 3-1. Grace and Clare enjoyed a chance to support their students outside of English activities, as well as the opportunity to attend an after-school activity together.

Makassar, South Sulawesi

January 31th, 2016

English Camp

ETAs Andrew Baker and Sam Bishop, and English Language Fellow Leah Karels all participated in MAN



2 Model Makassar's 5th annual English Camp. At the English Camp, they led a session teaching participants American slang, idioms, and English accents. Andrew, Sam, and Leah also answered questions about life as a teenager in the United States and taught an American camp song. Andrew also discussed opportunities to the study in the United States through the YES program.



Mataram, West Nusa Tenggara

Art in the Classroom



ETA Abby Snyder partnered with One World Classrooms to foster learning and cross-cultural understanding between classrooms all over the world through the arts and technology. Continuing with the theme of eco-tourism with

the English Club, each student designed a piece of artwork that depicted the natural beauty of Lombok. Abby then shipped their artwork off to Boston MA, where One World Classrooms collects artwork from around the world. A few weeks later she and her school received a package containing pictures and artwork from every corner of the globe. Abby and her co-teachers are now in the process of organizing a school-wide art exhibition to show-off the artwork and celebrate cross-cultural understanding. They are looking forward to providing students with the opportunity to learn from their international peers



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Kelsey's Parents Visit Gorontalo



The greatest highlight of **ETA Kelsey Roggensack's** year thus far has been when her parents came to visit Gorontalo. In the week they were visiting, class was focused on learning interview skills so Kelsey's parents worked with the students and shared academic and career advice. The students hosted a talk show for the family that the entire school attended.