

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.

Palangkaraya, Central Kalimantan

1 December 2015

Annual Christmas Parade



ETA Mackenzie Findlay participated in Palangka Raya's Annual Christmas Parade along with a hundred of her students. Mackenzie and her students joined thousands of other students and organizations in the parade. She led rousing renditions of Jingle Bells all through the hour-long parade

and high-fived hundreds of excited young children who had lined the streets to watch the parade.

Yogyakarta

2 December 2015

Yogyakarta Teachers Compete



All guru-guru in Yogyakarta from public schools, SMAN and SMKN alike, were invited to participate in an olah-raga event at a public field. Teachers formed teams within their schools and competed in volleyball, badminton, chess, and a traditional Indonesian game known as Galah Asin or Gobak Sodor.

ETA Kendra Reiser had not yet seen many of her fellow teachers outside of the school setting so it was incredible to get to know them on a more personal basis while bonding over the competition. She was lucky enough to participate in the women's volleyball event and also cheered and danced passionately for all other events she was not competing in.

Medan, North Sumatera

3 December 2015

English Language Classes Drama Performance



At SMA CT Foundation (CTF) in Medan various tenth grade English language classes were given the opportunity to develop their English skills by performing their theater adaptations of Jack and the Beanstalk and Timun Mas. **ETA Christopher Linnan** and his co-teacher Mr. Guntar were on-hand to help prepare and assess the students' performances. This gave the students an opportunity to improve their English speaking skills and develop their self-confidence, as well as an opportunity to demonstrate their creativity via their various costumes and unique, yet engaging performances.

Martapura, South Sumatera

5 December 2015

Circumcision Party



ETA Patrick Dougherty attended a circumcision party in Martapura, Sumatra where he learned that the practice of sunat in Islam is a bit different than the circumcision that many American newborn boys receive. The boy is many years older (the boy in the photograph is 10) and a celebration is held. In this case, it was quite the celebration indeed as a few hundred people were in attendance.

Magelang, Central Java**5 December 2015**

Hike to Gunung Andong



Magelang **ETAs** **Safiyah Ismail** and **Savannah Trifiro** went on a hike to Gunung Andong with two of their friends from Magelang. They met fellow backpackers from various cities in Indonesia at the summit.

Martapura, South Sumatera**6 December 2015**

Patrick Learns a New Trade



ETA Patrick Dougherty with the family of one of his friends in Martapura. Her family lives in a village in which all the members practice the same trade: making roof tiles (genting). After watching them make a few tiles, he tried it out himself. While it turned out like the others, he took twice the time! In a day, they can make about 1000 tiles using this hand-operated machine.

**Bandar Lampung, Lampung****6 December 2015**

SMAN 7 Tour Guide Competition



ETA Ramon Caleon hosts English Club three times per week at SMAN 7 Bandar Lampung and for the end of the semester, the club held a school-wide tour guide competition. With the help of the school's English teachers, the club organized three rounds of selection. The first is an in-school competition, where participants presented their choice of three tourist sites within the Lampung province. The second was held at the Museum Lampung in Bandar Lampung, while the last round was held in the gorgeous Pahawang Island in the neighboring Pesawaran Regency. From over 60 participants, it came down to 15 lucky contestants that guided the English teachers, **ETA Ramon Caleon**, and guest tourist ETA **Rebecca Selin** (SMK 2) around several islands off the coast of Sumatra.



Education is a
slow moving
but
powerful force

- J. William Fulbright

Pangkal Pinang, Bangka Island

9 December 2015

Beach Day with Teachers from
SMKN 2 Pangkal Pinang



ETA Caitlin Jordan was invited to take part in a beach outing with some of the teachers, their families and a few students from the 'Electro' Department at SMKN 2 Pangkal Pinang. On their way to the beach they passed by the Kantor Gubernur of Bangka-Belitung and had to stop and snap a photo. Ironically, it was a holiday because of local election taking place across the island so the stop seemed extra fitting!



The beach in the southern part of Bangka Island was one of the prettiest, and rockiest, seen by Caitlin so far on her tours of Bangka. It was the backdrop of a short 'memory' film that Caitlin's teachers and students will edit in order for both Caitlin and SMKN 2 Pangkal Pinang to remember her time in Indonesia! Here she is 'selfie-style' with two teachers, one of the teacher's children, and a student of SMKN 2 after their walk up a massive stone cliff overlooking the beach.



Of course going to the beach always means sharing a meal. Caitlin snapped this at lunch-time just after coming back from swimming in the ocean with some of the teacher's children. The amount and selection of food was amazing.

Caitlin continues to wonder not only when there is time to cook, but also how much of the food manages to fit into the cars, which are already full of people and bags. Being able to take part in activities with her school community outside of the school is important to Caitlin and she feels very privileged to have such a wonderful group of teachers that offer to share their time with her.

Magelang, Central Java

10 December 2015

Batik Class



Here **ETA Savannah Trifiro's** co-teacher and Savannah making progress in their students' batik class that they joined. After sketching the design out with pencil on the white fabric, they apply hot wax with canting tools. The ideal goal is to nicely trace their pencil with the wax, however, that is much easier said than done!

Yogyakarta

16 December 2015

Wayang Kulit at SMAN 1 Yogyakarta



To celebrate the 58th anniversary of SMA Negeri 1 Yogyakarta, **ETA Julia Xia** played gamelan with fellow teachers as a student performed wayang kulit, a Javanese shadow puppet show that tells tales of classic Hindu epics. Wayang typically stretches throughout an entire night until morning, and the enchanting tones of a gamelan orchestra, the theatrical voices of the many storyline characters, and the resounding laughter of an audience entertained for hours by a single puppet master was an unparalleled cultural experience.

Pangkal Pinang, Bangka Island 17 December 2015

Interview with Students from
Poltekkes Kemenkes Pangkal Pinang

ETA Caitlin Jordan took part in an interview with students from Poltekkes Kemenkes Pangkal Pinang, which was set up by the administrators at SMKN2 Pangkal Pinang. Poltekkes Kemekes is a technical pharmacy university with a branch in Pangkal Pinang. These wonderful students had to interview a foreigner as a homework assignment for their English class and Caitlin was honored and happy to offer her services



Here is Caitlin mid-interview, thinking of responses to their questions. Some of them were easy, 'What have you done in Bangka since you arrived?' while others were more difficult, 'What do you think of the school system in Indonesia?' but Caitlin tried to answer each one as best she could. It was a pleasure to meet the university students and have them practice their English both during and after the interview. She hopes that they will visit her again so that she can get to know them better than just the brief interview session allowed.

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

- J. William Fulbright

Medan, North Sumatera 18 December 2015

SMK Negeri Binaan Christmas Celebration



Christian students and teachers at SMK Negeri Binaan in Medan held the third annual school-wide Christmas celebration. The celebration included skits on love and acceptance, scripture readings, hymns--and a stirring but off-key rendition of "Go Tell It on the Mountain" by **ETA Izaak Earnhardt**.



Bandar Lampung, Lampung 19 December 2015

Talo Balak



ETA Rebecca Selin joined the traditional Lampung Talo Balak ensemble for a private event at a Bandar Lampung hotel. She has been studying Lampung music at Universitas Lampung throughout the grant, but this December event was her first performance.



The music ensemble accompanied dancers in the Siger Pengunten dance, a famous Lampungese dance. In the picture, Rebecca joins members of UKMBS (Unit Kegiatan Mahasiswa Bidang Seni) Universitas Lampung in wearing Lampung tapis.

Wonosari, Special Region of Yogyakarta 21 December 2015

Celebrate Birthday with Orphans



ETA Bryan Howard, celebrated his 23rd birthday with everyone who lives at Panti Sosial Asuhan Anak Budhi Bhakti, the orphanage in Wonosari. They shared lunch and birthday cake, and Bryan got to know all of the kids—ages 6 to 17—and hear about their dreams for the future, in Indonesian and English!



Palangkaraya, Central Kalimantan

Filming Event at SMAN 5



ETA Mackenzie Findlay participated in a two-day filming event of her school by the local television station. All of the extracurricular activities were highlighted by the film crew, including Mackenzie's English Club. She prepared her students by teaching them a few games and when the film crew came, they played the games and showed off how fun English Club can be! Afterwards, Mackenzie was interviewed by the tv anchor about her role at SMAN 5, her program, and her impressions of the school. The second day, Mackenzie was asked by her students to participate in a traditional dance - which was also filmed by the tv station. Everyone (but especially the film crew with their cameras!) loved watching her attempt to do the Manasai dance (a traditional Dayak dance)! She is excited to see the final version on tv soon!



Mackenzie and students from her school dancing for the TV station!

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