

## 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.

### Yogyakarta, Yogyakarta Special Region

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016

Kartini Day



To celebrate Kartini Day, a day of women's empowerment and education, **ETA Julia Xia** and her students wore traditional Javanese kebayas to school and participated in a school-wide competition where groups of students could cook a dish of their choice, perform their favorite Javanese song, or read an Indonesian poem of their choice. Some of the dishes that were prepared that day were lotek, gado gado, pecel, bakmi jawa, kupat tahu, and sate. It was a day for students to have a break from classes and take the time to remember the historical woman who championed for women's education despite traditional gender roles.

### Malang, East Java

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

Malang English Conversation Club



**ETA Camille Ungco**, an ETA in Malang, collaborated with her friend Firdaus who is the founder of EnglishPLUS Malang and a lecturer from

Brawijaya University, to create an English conversation club for the city. They had their first meeting at Meat Up Cafe on Saturday, 23 April 2016. They invited local university as well as foreign interns and employees currently living in Malang to discuss Indonesian and foreign language and culture. Their topics consisted of "how to address people using titles", "dating and relationships", "culture and traditions", and "family members and relationships". Camille's sitemate, **ETA Clara Summers** also came to support! They also had individuals from Romania, Argentina, Sweden, and the Philippines in attendance. University students came from English Literature and Education, Political Science, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Midwifery, and Army faculties.



**Education is a slow moving  
but powerful force**

- J. William Fulbright

**Bandung, West Java**

**April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

SMA BPI 1 Bandung, The Entrepreneurs Club



The Entrepreneurs Club of SMA BPI 1 is proud to announce the launch of its student-run BEST One Store (bestonestore.net). The capstone of this year's club activities, the BEST One Store showcases BPI students' small business ventures as well as their administrative acumen. The website - designed by one of the 10th grade students - provides an online marketplace for student products ranging from snacks to t-shirts. Orders and fulfillment are handled by club members with all profits going to the students themselves. Marketing manager Azna Siregar encourages all the ETAs and students whom she met in Jakarta to visit the website. She adds, "The BEST One crew isn't just a group of people; we are a family. And BEST One isn't just a project, it's a mission." With tremendous support from students and teachers alike, including **ETA Dalton Fouts**, the Entrepreneurs Club looks set to provide an enduring legacy of the Fulbright's partnership with SMA BPI 1 this year.

**Lombok, West Nusa Tenggara**

**April 18-19th, 2016**

Teacher Training Workshop at IKIP and UNRAM



**ETA Hiram Reynolds** and fellow sitemate, **ETA Abigail Snyder (Abby)**, and RELO fellow (ELF) Marcela hosted a teacher training workshop 18-19 April at IKIP and UNRAM (two universities in Mataram).

The workshop focused on ways to be more creative in the classroom, including sessions on communicative teaching, teaching the "4 Skills" more creatively, more creative uses of games and music in the classroom, as well as others. Indonesian graduates Nadira and Indah also helped organize the event and gave presentations to the participants. The workshop was a big success and included participants from several different schools in Mataram as well as faculty and students from STKIP, a university in Lombok Timor, who were particularly grateful for the opportunity to attend.

**Lombok, West Nusa Tenggara**

Teacher Training and English Language Workshop UNW, Mataram



Following the success of the teacher training workshop **ETA Hiram Reynolds**, held in conjunction with his sitemate, **ETA Abigail Snyder (Abby)**, and the ELF in Mataram, will be presenting at two other teacher training and English language workshops in early May at Universitas Nahdlatul Watan (UNW). One will be a follow-up to an earlier presentation Hiram gave in March at UNW's Mataram campus, and the second will be Hiram's first time visiting and speaking at UNW's Lombok Timor campus.

Using presentations Hiram and Abby, ETAs in Mataram created back in December for an earlier workshop at UNRAM, one on scholarships and study abroad programs and one on staying organized throughout application processes, Hiram and Abby are continuing to discuss with the English clubs at their respective schools (MAN 2 Mataram and SMKN 4 Mataram) opportunities to study abroad.

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**Gorontalo, Gorontalo**

**Tuesdays in April, 2016**

"Thousand of Islands, Hundreds of Voices"



Throughout the month of April, the students of the MAN Model Gorontalo English Club have been working hard to produce videos for the "Thousands of Islands, Hundreds of Voices" Small Grant Project. The videos for this project aim to teach English Speakers Bahasa Indonesia as it relates to a particular topic: for MAN Model, their chosen topic was "Words to Describe People's Personality." The students and **ETA Grace Wivell**, are excited to see the videos and project go live online in late May.

**Gorontalo, Gorontalo**

**April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

Kartini Day



On Kartini Day, **ETA Grace Wivell** was able to support her students as they participated in a series of events to celebrate Hari Kartini, a day to

remember Raden Adjeng Kartini, a pioneer in women's education. Activities included a "Miss Kartini" Pageant, a dance performance, a Taekwondo performance, and a speech competition. Here, Grace can be seen with members of the dance team, all dressed in traditional kebaya.

**Gorontalo, Gorontalo**

**April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

MAN Model Gorontalo, Narrative Text Project



As the semester draws to a close, tenth grade students at MAN Model Gorontalo have been engaging in their last English Project, before final exams begin. This, the Narrative Text Project, offered students a choice in what they produced: they could write a story, make a comic, film a video, or perform a drama. The only rules they were given from their teachers and their **ETA Grace Wivell** were that it had to be in English, and it had to be original. The students' creativity shined as they presented their final products, such as the drama being performed or the posters on display.

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