

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.

General Highlights

Malang, East Java

October 8-10, 2015



ETA **Clara Summers** participated in many activities to help her school, SMAN 7 Malang celebrate its 33rd anniversary. The first day of events, Thursday, consisted of various contests. Clara helped to judge the English Speech Contest, which one of her English Club students won. Festivities continued on Friday with a jalan sehat and bazaar, and culminated in a day of performance on Saturday.

Manado, North Sulawesi

October 10, 2015



ETAs **Samantha Geary** and **Shalina Omar** had some local university students over to their house for some delicious culinary cultural exchange: They made Mexican food! This included introducing their Manado friends to the beauty of savory avocado (via guacamole) and making dishes like homemade tortillas, Mexican pulled chicken, Spanish rice, beans, blackened corn, and salsa. They turned it into a rooftop fiesta!

Gorontalo

October 20, 2015 (Ongoing project)



ETA **Kelsey Roggensack** teaches swimming lessons for her female students every Tuesday afternoon. They are having quite a lot of fun splashing and chatting in the water, while also focusing on developing stroke technique.



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October 31, 2015



Kelsey recently went on a field trip with the grade 10 students to several historical sites, including a memorial in honor of Nani Wartabone, a local Gorontalo hero and anti-Dutch guerilla war veteran, the oldest mosque in Gorontalo (above), as well as Benteng Otanaha (below), which has a spectacular view of Gorontalo



October 2 - 6, 2015

Kelsey also organized skype calls in her classes with a friend or family member in the United States. The students wrote questions ahead of time and the conversation topics ranged from preparations for university, favorite music artists, career advice, questions about Election Day, the biggest difference between America and Indonesia, and of course there was singing!

Palangkaraya, Central Kalimantan



ETA Mackenzie Findlay worked at the Banjarmasin ACCESS class while evacuated from Palangkaraya due to the haze. She taught two classes, one on the American Constitution, and the other on

diversity in America, using the film *The Freedom Writers* as a basis for the discussion. Oftentimes, Indonesian students presume that all foreigners are tall, white, and blonde, and this discussion aimed to teach the students how diverse Americans are and how we all have unique traits that make each of us special. The students drew "identity pictures" with their names surrounded by words or images that represent what makes them unique. They loved the opportunity to express themselves through artwork! Here, the students display their artwork together to show what a special and unique group of students they are.

ETAs Carlie and Mackenzie also had the opportunity to attend the Banjarmasin ACCESS program graduation ceremony. After two years of twice-weekly class, these students were graduating from the intensive English program. The students performed Yankee Doodle and danced to Cotten Eyed Joe, even pulling Mackenzie up to the front to dance with them. They gave speeches and performed skits, to the delight of their parents and then Ibu Jenn, from the Regional English Language Office, distributed their certificates. Mackenzie was able to meet all of their parents and motivate the girls to continue studying English.

Gorontalo

October 12 - 21



ETA Grace Wivell worked with one of the English teachers at MAN Model in early October to develop activities for English Camp, a special event for students from the tenth and eleventh grades particularly interested in the English Language. Over the course of about two weeks, Grace created and ran sessions on topics ranging from cooking to American Slang to the diversity of the English Language around the globe. As part of the closing ceremony of English Camp, students created a spooky and amusing drama, called *Barbie goes to Horror School*.

It can be seen here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-34wrXHOqHE>

HALLOWEEN HIGHLIGHTS

Kendal, Central Java

October 31, 2015



ETA Samantha Slattery helped the English club of MAN Kendal celebrate their first Halloween at her home by making spooky masks and carving watermelons!

Manado, North Sulawesi

October 30, 2015



ETA Shalina Omar (Manado) threw a Halloween Party for her English Club students. They played a matching memory card game, drew Jack-o-Lanterns, played "Pin the Boo on the Ghost", made tissue ghosts, and wrapped each other up in the Mummy Wrap. It was a blast and everyone had a lot of fun celebrating this spooky American Holiday.



Manado, North Sulawesi

October 31, 2015



ETAs Samantha Geary and Shalina Omar threw a small Halloween party on the roof of their kost for the neighborhood kids. They drew masks, ate candy, and got to feel gross things like brains (cold noodles), eyeballs (peeled longan--a lychee-like fruit), and guts (jelly). Sam and Shalina felt it was awesome to be able to hang out with the local children and share a bit of American spooky fun with them



Malang, East Java

October 31, 2015



ETA Clara Summers organized a party for all students at SMAN 7 Malang, complete with pumpkin carving, bobbing for apples, and American candy. In order to get a piece of the coveted candy, students had to fill out an English worksheet about Halloween. Clara terrified her students by hopping around as *pocong*, and English teachers Ibu Ratna and Ibu Dewi were very stylish witches.



Clara and ETA Camille Ungco did their best to teach Michael Jackson's "Thriller," but were quickly upstaged by a student who knew it better than they did. Overall, over 50 people participated in the Halloween Party, which will hopefully become a tradition in years to come



Mataram, West Nusa Tenggara

October 31, 2015



ETAs Abby Snyder and Hiram Reynolds, as well as their English Club students from SMKN 4 and MAN 2, respectively, took part in a spook-tastic English club Halloween party that was organized and hosted by Marcella Angel, English Teaching Fellow at the University of Mataram.



Students were able to carve watermelon-o-lanterns, watch scary movie clips, play pin the "boo" on the ghost, eat rice cakes in the shape of fingers and enjoy live music. In preparation for this joint Halloween festival, the students of SMKN 4's English Club made scary papier-mâché Halloween masks out of locally available materials!



Gorontalo

October 26 - 30, 2015



ETA Kelsey Roggensack celebrated Halloween with her school this year. The teachers at Insan Cendekia were excited to bring Halloween into the classroom, so all of their classes had a cultural/historical component on the holiday of Halloween, as well as several Halloween activities, which, throughout the week, involved carving thirty watermelon into jack o' lanterns, trick or treating, and designing Halloween costumes.



Education is a slow moving but powerful force
- J. William Fulbright

Gorontalo

October 27 & 29, 2015



ETA Grace Wivell celebrated Halloween with her school, MAN Model, through English Club, which regularly meets twice each week.



The first day was spent learning Halloween songs and telling scary stories.

Then on the second day there was a Halloween Party at Grace's house complete with watermelon carving, mask making, and general laughter and fun.



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