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YEARS OF

CONNECTING PEOPLE AND CULTURES



BE OUTSTANDING

SHABANA'S TIME IN THE U.S. INSPIRED HER TO WORK TO FOSTER A MODERN, OUTWARD-LOOKING AFGHANISTAN, SO SHE CREATED A NONPROFIT DEDICATED TO EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH EDUCATION.

SHABANA from Kabul, Afghanistan studied in the U.S. for a high school exchange year through the YES Program.



BE INNOVATIVE

THROUGH USRIC, VLADIMIR EXPANDED HIS GLOBAL MARKET PERSPECTIVE AND EXPLORED INTERNATIONAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIS DATA ANALYTICS STARTUP COMPANY, 27 FACES.

VLADIMIR from Yaroslavl, Russia participated in the U.S.-Russia Innovation Corridor (USRIC).



BE CREATIVE

FROM MAKING DUMPLINGS TO CRAFTING TRADITIONAL CHINESE PAPER ART FORMS, QU SHARED HER LANGUAGE, CULTURE, AND CUISINE WITH AMERICAN STUDENTS AT KOLTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN HOUSTON, TEXAS.

QU from Heilongjiang Province, China taught Chinese through the Teachers of Critical Languages Program (TCLP).

“Education is the most powerful tool you can use to change the world.”

— Nelson Mandela



BE GENEROUS

AFTER A CAREER IN INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISM AND OVER 22 YEARS AS AN AMERICAN COUNCILS VOLUNTEER, JOHN KNOWS THE IMPACT OF YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMS.

JOHN from Bethesda, Maryland evaluates youth exchange applications as an American Councils volunteer.



BE DIPLOMATIC

AS AN EXPERT ON INTERNATIONAL LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS, TEACHING AT UC BERKELEY WAS A FORMATIVE EXPERIENCE FOR IVANA, LEADING UP TO HER RECENT ELECTION TO THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE.

IVANA from Montenegro shadowed the UC Berkeley faculty through the Junior Faculty Development Program (JFDP).



BE OPENMINDED

THE LEWIS FAMILY BELIEVES HOSTING INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS IS LIKE TRAVELING THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME. STRANGERS BECOME FAMILY AS YOU GROW THROUGH CHALLENGES AND LEARN ABOUT EACH OTHER.

THE LEWIS FAMILY from Idaho hosted two high school exchange students from Russia and Macedonia.

ACCESS KNOWLEDGE. ACCESS THE WORLD.



BE ENERGETIC

AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING PREPARED TARIQ TO LEAD CHALLENGING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN REMOTE AREAS OF AFGHANISTAN WITH AN AFGHAN-OWNED ENGINEERING COMPANY.

TARIQ from Afghanistan studied civil engineering in the U.S. through the AMZ Renaissance Foundation Program.



BE CONFIDENT

LEONARD'S U.S. GRADUATE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE AND INTERNSHIP AT AN ONLINE CROWDFUNDING PLATFORM GRANTED HIM ACCESS TO THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE THAT HELPS HIM NOW SUPPORT SOCIAL ENTERPRISE IN ALBANIA.

LEONARD from Kosovo received a Kosovo American Education Fund Graduate Fellowship (KAEF).



BE ADAPTABLE

AFTER AN INTERNSHIP WITH THE MOSCOW TIMES DURING AN ACADEMIC YEAR ABROAD IN RUSSIA, KATHERINE LEVERAGED HER OVERSEAS JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE TO BECOME A KIEV-BASED FREELANCE JOURNALIST.

KATHERINE from the U.S. spent a year in Moscow, Russia on the Russian Language and Area Studies Program (RLASP).