During an educational conference in Washington DC, Hubert H. Humphrey noted, “The ideal, of course, is an educational system that will train rather than chain the human mind, that will uplift rather than depress the human spirit, that will illuminate rather than obscure the path to wisdom, that will help every member of society in the full use of his natural talents.” Although Humphrey shared this statement in 1966, it still rings true today.

Since 2009, Peabody has been fortunate enough to collaborate with 52 Fellows from over 25 countries. Although our mission is to enhance the professional and leadership capacities of our Fellows, they have all given our campus and city in return through the sharing of themselves and first hand experiences from their countries. This spring, we have been awarded the opportunity to host the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program for an additional five years.

During the 2014-2015 academic year, we’ll be hosting 10 educational leaders from Benin, Brazil, China, El Salvador, Gambia, Mauritania, Niger, Pakistan, Philippines and South Africa.

You can read more about our incoming Fellows on our website: 2014-2015 Vanderbilt Humphrey Fellows.
Important Dates:

**Wednesday, August 6th:**
Friendship Family Orientation Dinner @ the Icon in the Gulch 9th Floor, 5:30-7:30pm

**Saturday, August 9th:**
Nashville Sounds Baseball Night with Fellows and Friendship Families, 6:30-9:30 pm @ Greer Stadium

**Sunday, August 10th:**
Move-In Day Friendship Families and Humphrey Ambassadors help Fellows settle in to their new home and then a casual Bar-B-Que @ Nancy’s home

**Thursday, August 22nd:**
Humphrey Ambassador Orientation, Wyatt Atrium, Evening, 7:00pm

**Thursday, September 18th:**
Welcome Ceremony, Wyatt Center Rotunda, 5:30-7:30pm

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**Fellows Spotlight**

Before departing the US, **Mahi Parveen** served her non-local Professional Affiliation in Sacramento, California at the main office of SETA Head Start where [in her own words] “had another great experience to learn about early childhood education and development.” Mahi also inspired Fikile Mdluli of South Africa to do her PA with Head Start as well.

In April, **Lu Sam** from Myanmar presented at Vanderbilt’s World on Wednesdays (WOW), with stories and photos about her home country and village. Her volunteer spirit carried with her all of the way to Nashville. Lu Sam was recently awarded the annual Humphrey Community Service Award. Read the full story:

**Sarah Qaiser** was nominated by the Fellows to speak at the 2014 Year End Celebration and delivered a heart-warming speech about the Humphrey Fellows being a ‘Coat of Many Colors’, referring to the Dolly Parton song, which was her inspiration after visiting Dollywood this April on Spring Retreat. Sarah recently returned home to implement her plan after traveling in North America.

**Bimou Zaoro** of Guinea has returned home after working in New York with Impact Network International. Over a six week period, he assisted with the preparation & execution of their Spring For Impact fundraising, reviewed all of the program materials on Zambia, and helped to compile and analyze the student attendance and achievement data from some of their schools operated in Zambia.

**Drew Webster**, former HHH Program Coordinator, is currently an International Student Advisor for Georgia State University and working as an Immigration Status Advisor.

“The highlight of my year was returning to see off the 2013-2014 Fellows in late April on Move Out Day!” ~ Drew Webster
Thank you partners, supporters, and friends! It is because of your time, efforts, and dedication the Fellows had a meaningful and productive Fellowship year!

Many thanks to Peabody Faculty, Humphrey Advisors, Friendship Families, and Humphrey Ambassadores!

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Without our partners, supporters, and friends, the Humphrey Program at Vanderbilt would not have the traction needed to immerse the Fellows into a culturally rich, professional development and leadership training year. It is with great appreciation that we thank Linda Ragsdale and the Peace Dragon Project for the continued support. The Peace Dragon Project is a creative arts site dedicated to inspiring children and adults of the world to celebrate individual differences as an infinite resource of possibilities to resolutions in art and life. She has worked with the Fellows to tell their stories and express how they can make change through peace. Linda has served for many years as a Friendship Family, our Graphic Design go-to expert, hostess, and so much more! Linda has also traveled to visit many of the Fellows in their home countries as she explores more ways to spread peace. For more information about the Peace Dragon Project, please visit http://www.thepeacedragon.com
The Melting Pot

We would like to welcome Shannon White, as Program Coordinator for the Vanderbilt Humphrey Fellowship Program. Shannon came onboard to the Program at the end of March and hit the ground running. Her experience as an International Education Coordinator for the Education Foundation (EF) High School Exchange Year Program of the U.S. Department of State has helped her quickly catch up to speed and add her own touch to the program. Her entrepreneurial experience and education in international business brings a new perspective as well. She is very excited to be a part of Humphrey and we look forward to working with her!

We are also happy to announce that Elizabeth Rose will be with us again this year as our Graduate Assistant serving as Assistant Program Coordinator. Elizabeth has just completed her Master of Education in International Education Policy and Management (IEPM) this past Spring. She is currently pursuing a Master of Public Health in Global Health and has just returned from a practicum in Guyana, South America that focuses on capacity building in the public health sector.

We would also like to congratulate Karina Mendez Keil on earning her Master of Education in International Education Policy and Management (IEPM) this Spring. We wish Karina the best of luck has she continues to pursue her goals and dreams! Additionally, we thank Karina for her dedication to the program this year as Assistant Program Coordinator.

Fun Facts!

For Mauritanian’s, the tea ceremony is an important sign of hospitality offered to guests. It often lasts for hours, as friends chat and three round of foamy, expertly poured, mint tea is served.

Niger is one of the hottest countries in the world, with a yearly average high temperature of 88-106°F.

Pakistan’s northern Gilgit-Baltistan region is home to the 2nd highest peak in the world- K2 along with 5 of the 14 tallest peaks in the world.

There are over 100 ethnic groups in the Philippines, living mostly in the mountains of northern Luzon.

Congratulations to Elizabeth and Karina!
Dannie Soko, Malawi
Project Manager, Montfort SNE College

Danny as recently secured a position as a Project Manager for a Scottish Government funded project through CBM –UK. The project is, "Equitable access to education for learners with disabilities in Malawi".

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Wilson is hosting IEPM Student, Amanda Blewitt this summer for her practicum. Amanda will be an intern at the Ministry of National Education. He has also connected her with a University of of highest academic quality from Colombia in order to facilitate another part of her internship with the rural population.
Khin Ma Ma Latt, Myanmar  
Consultant, Plan International

Khin Ma Ma is currently a Consultant and is training facilitators and working on developing a Child-Centered Climate Change Adaptation Toolkit (4CA Toolkit), which will be used as a manual and practical guide to train implementation specialist helping children in remote areas.

Lubna Mohyyuddin, Pakistan  
Vice Principal, Bahria College

Lubna is servicing as the Conference Coordinator for this years milestone 30th SPELT International Conference and was a presenter at the IATEFL UK Conference. She is still with USEFP as a Humphrey Alumna, She is also conducting workshops for teachers to improve ESL teaching skills using technology in the classroom.

Zalak, Desai, India  
Education Consultant, Adolescent Girls Education

Zalak reports that her background as a Humphrey Fellow has helped in understanding the issues and designing the program for girls of a developing world in a larger perspective. Zalak also welcomed a daughter Yaahvi, this year!

Alumni Accolades 2010-2011

Soraya Faculo, Philippines  
School Principal, Department of Education

Soraya has recently made a move to the Department of Education, regional office and is now involved with the training teachers for the grade 9 English curriculum of the new K-12 basic education curriculum of the Philippines.

Ya Rachel Kouam, Cote d’Ivoire  
Ministry of Education, Responsible for Studies

Last quarter, under Kouam’s department of Studies, the Ministry of Education opened a reading space at the St. Matthews’ parish in Anonkoua, village of Abidjan for youth. Kouam is also contributing to daily with some of the ideas acquired during the study at Vanderbilt.

Zaheer, Iqbal, Pakistan  
Deputy Director, Cabinet Division, Government of Pakistan

Zaheer says that the professional development that the Fellowship provides brought about a phenomenal change in his perspective toward the societal, national and global challenges and the approaches needed to address them.

Amal Abuhjeh, Palestine  
Science Teacher Supervisor, Ministry of Education

“Best thing in the world is having your freedom, and live in peace.”
**Aye Htay, Myanmar**
Education Specialist, UNICEF Myanmar

Aye has exciting new information to share with us. Previously with Save the Children International, Aye has made a big transition this year to work with UNICEF!

**Alonso Silva, Chile**
Consultant, Community development in Chile and Latin Project:

Alonso is providing a comprehensive framework to international NGO’s to optimize sustainable designs and measurable impacts for their projects. I’m currently working on proposals with World Vision and Bright Hope (US), respectively in the school education and the

**Cathy Arendse, South Africa**
Director of Programs in Southern Africa

In April 2014, Cathy Arendse was named the Director for Programs in Southern Africa to the Global Health Fund where she is working on and is currently doing the Monitoring,

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**Alumni Accolades 2011-2012**

**Charles Kouadio, Cote d’Ivoire**
Gender and Disability Analyst, Ministry of Solidarity Family, Women and Children

Recently received news that he has been shortlisted for United Nations Volunteer work at the MINUSMA (United Nations Mission for peace stabilization in Mali). Charles’ overall mission is to build the capacities of peacekeeping operation staff in gender mainstreaming in policies, programs and action plan.

**Margaret Li Yin, Mauritius**
Senior Coordinator, Open University of Mauritius

Margaret has been elected the 2014-2015 President of the HHH Alumni Association of Mauritius. One of their projects aims at empowering some 200 poor families through training in integrated farming is among the finalists for the 2014 Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund (the AEIF is a State Department-created initiative).

**Sonia Dias, Brazil**
Pedagogical Analyst, FTD

Sonia is enrolled in a PhD Education Program at University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, where she is working at a Publishing House, Editora FTD. She has also co-written a book that was sponsored by UNICEF and Banco Itaú. The book is about Planning Education at Municipality level for Education Administrators. You can view the book in [Portuguese](http://example.com).

**Julieta Sandoya, Ecuador** English Teacher, National Police

Maura is starting a small factory of green plantain, with the help of at risk women. They are selling in small places currently and want to expand into a larger market by selling in larger cities with the goal to eventually export.
Alumni Accolades 2012-2013

Aamaal Ali, Maldives
Mianz International Company Pvt. Ltd., Rector

At present I am Rector at Mianz International based in Male’. The College has 4 other satellite campuses in 4 outer islands 1000 student enrollment.

Anna Van Windekens, HHH
Grad Assistant
Research Assistant at UofW

Anna has moved to Seattle and to pursue her PhD in at the University of Washington. She and her husband welcomed little Eloise to the world; she is their first child.

Bushra Jamal, Pakistan
Manager IB, Beaconhouse

Since returning home her dream “Ray of Hope " has taken off. It has started sponsoring out of school youth to go back to school with increased enrollment up to 20 students into local public schools last year. She has also been promoted to Manager IB, one of the largest Beaconhouse Campus'.

Guilherme Bueno de Camargo
Brazil
Attorney, City Hall of São Paulo

Guilherme is working on a Public Private Partnership project for São Paulo City Hall looking for solutions to provide spaces for kids in Early Childhood Education in São Paulo and PPP’s. He is also writing a book on this topic (PPP in education) while working as a consultant at Public Television of State of São Paulo to deploy a channel devoted exclusively to education.

Hiral Adbyaru, India
State Project Co-Coordinator

Hiral’s goal for her impact plan was to reduce fees for an education so that lower income families in India can afford education for their children. She is so excited that this will come to fruition this summer!

Mar Mar Thwin, Myanmar
Consultant (ETC), Decentralizing Funding to School Grants and Stipends Program and Early Grade Reading Assessment, World Bank

Recently organized an educational Talk on "Education and Social Cohesion" by Vanderbilt Professor, Mr. Stephen Heyneman in October 2013. Currently making contributions to institutional capacity building of the Ministry of Education that will bring better results in school management, student performance and stronger community governance system.

Roseline Sherman, Liberia
Assistant Superintendent, Monrovia Consolidated School System

“I am so glad to be hosting an intern from Vanderbilt this summer.” Roseline is hosting, Nicole Lute, an IEMP student at Peabody and 2014-15 AmbassaDore.

Yunus Mohamed, Myanmar
Director, Smile Education Civic Engagement

"Communal violence (in Myanmar) is not between different religions, not between developed and undeveloped, but it is between extremists and moderates."
The next *Windows to the World* e-newsletter will be published in the Fall of 2014. If you have information you would like to share with the Humphrey Family, please contact Shannon White:

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*Thank you for making the Humphrey Program a dynamic and fulfilling experience!*

~*The Humphrey Team*