“The test we must set for ourselves is not to march alone, but to march in such a way that others will wish to join us.” – Hubert H. Humphrey

These inspiring words by Hubert H. Humphrey embody the journeys of our Fellows this year. Through professional development, leadership development and cultural exchange, each Fellow has built a toolkit through which they can inspire others to march with them when they return home.

The skills, knowledge, and passion the Fellows are taking home are because of our great supporters here in Nashville. Thank you for the support and wisdom you have provided throughout the last eight months. Within these pages contain just a few of the many moments that have changed the paths of our Fellows and inspired their goals for their return home.

Sincerely,

The Humphrey Team
Nancy, Cynthia, Amanda, & Kalyn
"As long as there are opportunities and challenges to meet, change agents will be to our society as a whole what medical doctors are for the human body. Together, let's set out to be an example to others."

Issa Toure
Cote d'Ivoire

"We always confront challenge when we are trying to make a difference, either in our personal life or our career. But we have to keep in mind that courage, persistence and friendship will help us to overcome those barriers. We will get reward from it."

Xiaolin Li
China

“My Humphrey Fellowship year at Vanderbilt University in Nashville has undoubtedly enriched me both personally and professionally, making it a very remarkable time in my life. It is a breakthrough since I now feel I have fully developed my potential as an agent of change by strengthening my knowledge about leadership skills and styles, by updating my knowledge on policy making and comparative education, and by being able to reflect on how different spheres of influence converge to help achieve the desired outcomes in education. The time has come to act and be the change agent my country needs.”

Gabriela Zazpe
Uruguay

Changing Seas

“Only through the dreams and the vision of the young can an old world survive.”

- Hubert H. Humphrey
“The past two years I have been running a project called ‘Equitable Access to Education for Children with Disabilities in Malawi’. We were conducting sensitization workshops to Mainstream teachers School management Committees, Parent Teachers Association, Mother Groups and Parent Support Groups including the District Education Managers, Primary Education Advisors, Community Rehabilitation Workers and volunteers in 5 districts in Malawi. The focus has been inclusion of children with disabilities into mainstreams schools(Inclusive Education). The response has been overwhelming such that many children received quality education and many have been enrolled. There is good relationship among mainstream teachers and specialist teachers and learners. Parents are also able to send children with disabilities to school.”

Dannie Soko
Malawi ‘09-’10

“I managed to finalise my PhD studies and graduated last month. The courses I audited at Vandy helped me gain deep understanding of my research area. I also benefited a lot from the library resources at the university. I used the knowledge gained in the programme to participate effectively in harmonization of curriculum in the East African Community. I had made this a topic of discussion during one of the courses that I audited. My exposure to varied perspectives enabled me to apply and become a tutor in a post graduate diploma programme offered by IBE, UNESCO. I have also authored a working paper for IBE.”

David Njengere Kabita
Kenya ‘10-’11

“After completion of fellowship, I started my association with Adolescent Girls Education program as a Consultant to address the challenges faced by the girls in attaining education and change their life prospects in changing world. The project is coming to an end in this July and we are documenting our learning from the said project. Nowadays, I am involved in understanding issues and challenges in attaining good quality education in Gyanshala program of India as a Research Lead. Gyanshala works for educating around 45,000 children across nine cities of fours major states of India. Over these years, I can definitely say that my Humphrey fellowship experience has helped me in taking broader perspective in decision making whichever responsibility I have taken. On a personal front, I have been blessed by a baby girl, who is now two years old and learning from her about her amazing way of understanding things!”

Zalak Amish Desai
India ‘10-’11
**Professional Affiliation Spotlights:**

**Martin Center for Professional Development**

The Martin Center, a part of the Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) system, focuses on continuing education for teachers and teacher support. This spring, Wellington Oboh and Khan Zada – two of our Humphrey Fellows – have been working with the Martin Center Instructional Design team as part of their professional development.

**Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce**

The Nashville Chamber has welcomed our fellows with open arms – both as a site visit during seminar and by hosting Olto Thomas for her professional affiliation. Among other activities, Olto has focused on working with the Nashville Transit Committee to plan for new public transportation options in Nashville as the city continues to

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Thank you to all of our Professional Affiliation sites!

Martin Center • Second Harvest • Oasis Center • Teach for America Nashville • NICE

Overton High School • Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce • Lipscomb University • Bunker Labs
Supporter Spotlight:

Jackie Hansom gave an illuminating talk to the Fellows on “Sparks and Purpose” to kick off the semester. The fellows discussed the different work patterns and motivations of individuals and how to meld those differences into a cohesive team, and, in turn, how to be stronger leaders.

Dr. Richard L. Daft, Professor of Management, Emeritus at Vanderbilt, has both been a guest lecturer at Humphrey Seminar and is the author of our Leadership text! In an inspiring message, Professor Daft spoke with the Fellows on “Finding your Inner Executive.”

Thank you to our Spring Guest Speakers & Site Visit Hosts!

Alignment Nashville • Jackie Hansom • Richard L. Daft • Tom Ward
Xiu Cravens • Dollywood • Volunteer State Community College
* and * Fellows: Xiaolin Li, Issa Toure, Leila Afkhami, Soe Than, Tahira Akhtar, and Khin Mon Nyein for leading leadership sessions
Humphrey Ahoy!
What’s new with the Humphrey Crew?

Celebrating American Holidays

The Fellows have really enjoyed celebrating holidays with their friends in Nashville. Clockwise from top left:
• Baking cookies for Christmas
• Thanksgiving Potluck
• Learning Easter Traditions

Humphrey Presents

The Fellows have given many presentations in the last few months! From top to bottom, left to right:
• Sister Cities Youth Board
• Young Women Engineers
• World On Wednesday
• CIES Conference
Thank you from the bottom of our Humphrey Hearts

If you have a great story to share with us, please contact Cynthia Feng Zhu.feng@vanderbilt.edu