Dear Humphrey Supporters,

This year, the Humphrey Fellowship at Vanderbilt University celebrates a wonderful eleven years of collaboration with professionals from many nations. The Fellows have brought great change to their communities as a result of their experience in the Fellowship. This year also marks the 41st anniversary of the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program. We are happy to host this year’s cohort of twelve phenomenal Fellows representing twelve different countries, and we look forward to their growth as professionals and the leadership skills they will develop during the Fellowship.

Our Fellows have been eager to learn since the day their flight landed in Nashville. They have already participated in a number of site visits to K-12 schools of varying types and demographics, associate campuses: Lipscomb and Volunteer State, and local nonprofit organizations. They are involving themselves in the community and making meaningful connections through Humphrey associated activities as well as independently identified events.
Though coming from many different backgrounds and coming with varying goals for the Fellowship, the Fellows mutually benefit from one another through their commitment to open discourse and the sharing of knowledge and experiences. We appreciate learning from our Fellows as much as they appreciate gaining all the insight that this program has to offer them. The conversations have been animated, rich, and substantial.

The Fellows are now settled in, prepared for the fall weather, and working hard to gain as much as possible from this experience. In this season of thanksgiving, we would like to express gratitude toward those who help make this experience meaningful for the Fellows. The Humphrey Fellowship would not be possible without the program’s extended family on campus and in the community. Our experience curating the Humphrey program has taught us that the relationships Fellows develop during their time in Nashville are just as meaningful and as long-lasting as the professional development opportunities and technical resources Fellows gain while on campus. On behalf of the Humphrey team and this year’s cohort, we sincerely thank you for your support.

We look forward to continuing the journey together in the new year!

Sincerely,

The Humphrey Team

Nancy, Brittany, Nicole, and Hannah

**Education from a Global Lens**

In late October, the Fellows had the opportunity to visit Washington, D.C. for the Global Leadership Conference. With opportunities to sight see, listen to key-note speakers, and participate in group discussions, the Fellows created memories and grew their knowledge base of education around the world.

Abdul Quote about Boo at the Zoo
On September 30th, the Fellows volunteered at LP Pencil Box. LP Pencil Box is a teacher supply program that provides teachers in the Nashville area with the materials they may need for their classroom at no cost. During their time at LP Pencil Box, the Fellows were able to view the facility and create learning materials for MNPS Pre-K students. Maika, our Fellow from Mexico expressed that "LP Pencil Box was a good opportunity to see the resources that the teachers need and how the needs are being met."

On October 13th, the Fellows volunteered at the Nashville Zoo. Boo at the Zoo is an event that brings Nashvillians together, both young and old to celebrate fall festivities and trick or treat around the zoo. The Fellows managed the bounce house, ball pit, hay ride, and more! The cohort truly viewed this opportunity as a way to give back to the community.

"LP Pencil Box was a good opportunity to see the resources that the teachers need and how the needs are being met." - Maika Dorantes of Mexico

Local Culture

Humphrey Fellows:
By the Numbers

11th
year of the HHH Fellowship program at Peabody

12
Humphrey Fellows

12
Countries Represented

12
Faculty Connections
The Fellows have been on the go! They have enjoyed:

- Vanderbilt Football Games
- Greek Festival
- Germantown Festival
- Southern Festival of Books
- Martin’s BBQ
- Pumpkin Carving
- Celebrate Nashville Cultural Festival
- and much more!

Humphrey Alumni Symposium: Save the Date

**Save the Date**

**BUILDING GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES**

**ENGAGE, ENERGIZE, EXCHANGE**

A Humphrey Alumni Symposium

**March 29th - April 1st 2020**

@ Vanderbilt University

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Who traveled the furthest from their home country to Nashville, TN?

Which Fellow comes from the smallest country as measured by land?

How many Fellows have children?

Which of the Fellow's home countries is the oldest established country?

Find the answers at the bottom of this newsletter...

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"The Global Leadership Forum was an eye opener..."
You're invited to Nashville, Tennessee to participate in our upcoming Alumni Symposium. Please mark your calendar to save the date! Formal invite to follow.

A Tradition of Appreciation

Hundreds of Vanderbilt students, faculty and staff, and community supporters make up the Humphrey extended family, and their support has been invaluable to easing the Fellows’ transition to a new life in Nashville. In this holiday season, we wish you all the best and a wonderful year ahead!

Calling All Newsletter Readers!

Are you a Humphrey Alumni with exciting news to share? Are you a Humphrey Supporter with a meaningful memory or lesson learned from your time with Fellows that you would like us to know about?

We want to hear from you! Drop us a line at brittany.l.walker@vanderbilt.edu.

We value your input and your feedback!

"The Global Leadership Forum was fantastic. It generated a lot of ideas about how to continue expanding my skills and my professional qualifications. The key speakers were very inspiring, and the thematic sessions were interesting and engaging. The job fair and the networking opportunities empowered and encouraged me a lot. I met the representatives of a couple of organizations working on human rights awareness and will be discussing with them the opportunities for cooperation in the future. In terms of logistics, the event was organized thoughtfully and effectively and the organizers were very kind to participants."

- Medea of Georgia

- Brahim of Mauritania
"I liked the program and meetings very much. Everything was done on a good level and I met a lot of interesting people."
- Vitaliy of Kazakhstan

Pop Quiz Answers:
Question 1: Bunnath of Cambodia
Question 2: Belize (Rowena) with a close second place of Djibouti (Osman)
Question 3: Seven Fellows have children.
Question 4: Mongolia (Melody) (1206)