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### News

#### Students to push for Gun Control during Leadership Conference

During the [USPAK foundation](#) 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Leadership Conference participating high school and college students will push for the important issue of "Gun Control" facing our nation at Capitol Hill.

This year conference "Shaping Your Future" will take place from **June 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> 2013** at American University, Washington DC. One important feature of this year conference is to prepare our youth on **how to reach out to their Congressman or Senator** on an issue important to them. At the Conference Advocacy day on Tuesday June 25 students in groups will travel to Capitol Hill, Washington DC and meet with their Congressman or Senator in their office, and push for Gun Control. It is planned that student groups will meet with about 12-15 Congressmen and Senators and share their thoughts with the elected representatives. During the first 3 days of the conference we will work to improve students messaging skills, develop talking points, thought articulation, and how to interact with US Congressman or Senator.

In addition to the above, students will participate in

- Tutorials & Workshops on Problem solving, peace building, bullying
- Develop networking, time management, resume writing, public speaking and interviewing skills
- Career guidance workshops, resume review
- College admissions, Essay review
- Interfaith community service project
- Talent Show and dinner at Pakistan Embassy

**Advance skill development modules are planned for returning students who have attended previous conferences. Separate panel discussion sessions are planned for parents attending the conference.**

To learn more about the upcoming Youth Leadership Conference watch a [video](#) prepared by USPAK Foundation.

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### Register for Conference

**Registration deadline: June 9<sup>th</sup> 2013, registration is absolutely required for all conference participants, students, non-students, and parents.**

#### Registration Fee:

Registration fee includes all meals during conference, conference material, giveaways, and transportation for organized tours and visits to Government offices in Washington DC.

- A subsidized rate of **\$175** per student for students not requiring any overnight accommodation.

#### For students requiring dormitory rooms at American University for the duration of the Conference:

- **\$400** per person includes all above items and dormitory room (**2 students per room**) for 3 nights at American University.
- **\$475** per person includes all above items and dormitory room (**1 student per room**) for 3 nights at American University.

**Method of payment:** PayPal – No refunds, registration is incomplete without full payment of registration fee.

Conference Program is being finalized; please periodically re-visit this link for speaker information and other program updates.

## Conference Program

You can find more information about the conference at USPAK Foundation [website](#). For more information call 202 505 4725 or email to [ed@uspakfoundation.org](mailto:ed@uspakfoundation.org)

[Read More](#) about previous Youth Conferences organized by USPAK.

The USPAK Foundation invites interested high school, college and graduate students/recent graduates to register for

### *The 4th Annual Youth Leadership Conference*

# SHAPING the FUTURE

**June 22nd - 25th, 2013**  
**The American University, Washington, D.C.**

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- Meet Members of Congress, Administration and Agency Officials
- Sessions on Impacting public policy and the Social Media advantage
- Tours of Government Offices, Capital Hill and Foreign Embassies
- Meet successful entrepreneurs, CEOs, and young professionals
- Learn public speaking, networking, building bold bridges.
- Get help with career guidance, and resume review



**registration is a must for participation**

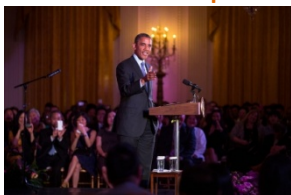
for more info on programs and schedules

visit: <http://uspakfoundation.org/annualconf/2013>

call : 202.404.4725

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### President Obama Speaks at AAPI Heritage Month Celebration



President Obama [delivered remarks](#) to over 200 members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community at a White House celebration of AAPI Heritage Month. The audience included national, state, and local community leaders; elected officials; leaders of philanthropic, youth, and arts organizations; and members of the President's Administration, including Sri Srinivasan, who was [recently confirmed unanimously](#) by the Senate to become the first South Asian American federal appeals court judge.

In his remarks, the President highlighted the contributions of generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who, in his words, "helped build this country, and helped to defend this country, and to make America what it is today." [Watch a video of the President's remarks](#) or [read the transcript](#).

## Internships

### **Rotavirus Vaccine Advocacy and Communications Internship**

This internship requires a 15-20 hour/week commitment and is expected to last for approximately three months. In addition to a cover letter and CV, please submit a writing sample of approximately 300-400 words (e.g., newsletter article, blog post, webpage content, fact sheet) that demonstrates your ability to effectively translate scientific findings into a communications piece for a non-technical audience. [Apply Now](#)

### **Government Relations Internship**

Developing and maintaining relationships with U.S. legislative and executive branch officials to further Statoil's business objectives and support the company's positions Establishing a network within Washington's international and diplomatic community Enhancing Statoil's reputation and knowledge about the company with key governmental and non-governmental stakeholders Providing support for Statoil's business and corporate needs on selected issues Interfacing and building internal networks with relevant business units Gathering information to support corporate decision making. [Apply Now](#)

### **Development Internship**

The Development Intern will provide assistance to the Development Coordinator and the Foundations Program Director, who are responsible for the largest sources of funding for Green America. The intern will gain valuable experience in nonprofit fundraising with a special emphasis on grants and major donor relationships. The intern will grow and refine their writing, research, communication, and organization skills in the scope of major environmental nonprofit work. [Apply Now](#)

### **Professional Development Webinar: Careers in the Public Sector Webinar – June 18, 2013**

A webinar on careers in the public sector will be hosted on June 18 at 2:00 EDT with speakers from the [Department of Education](#), [Peace Corps](#), [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau](#), and the [Office of Personnel Management](#). Recent graduates and young professionals interested in careers in the federal government are encouraged to participate. [Click here to RSVP by June 17.](#)

### **Interior Department to Hire Nearly 17,000 Young People to Work on Public Lands This Year**

In response to [President Obama's challenge](#) to expand employment opportunities for youth, [Secretary of the Interior](#) Sally Jewell announced \$4.2 million in grants to support conservation employment and mentoring opportunities for more than 600 young people ages 15-25 on public lands across the country. [Read more and see a full list of grants here.](#)

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## Viewpoint

### **Four Wildcards That Could Make or Break Pakistan's New Government – Michael Kugelman**

Pakistan's new government takes office this week, and optimism is in the air.

Pundits point to the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz's (PML-N) resounding election victory on May 11, and [suggest](#) it will use this mandate to implement critically necessary policy reforms. Presumptive prime minister Nawaz Sharif, observers [insist](#), is more mellow and mature than he was during his previous terms as prime minister. They cite his post-election conciliatory moves—from a visit to the hospital bed of political rival Imran Khan to an [invitation](#) to Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to attend Sharif's swearing-in ceremony.

Some of this optimism is warranted. But let's be realistic: despite Pakistan's political transition, the nation's troubling structural realities—from reform-resistant vested interests to state-sponsored support for militancy—remain entrenched. We should therefore keep our expectations in check, and hope for relatively modest achievements from Islamabad's new leadership. These include improving the economy, stabilizing civil-military ties, and maintaining adequate relations with India and the United States. Success, however, will hinge on four unpredictable factors. [Read More](#)

### **A Turning Point for Pakistan? - Bruce O. Riedel**

Pakistan's internal security situation is grim. This is a country literally under siege since September 11. Some 45,000 Pakistanis have been killed by terrorism and militant-related violence, and the election process that just ended was marked by a considerable amount of bloodshed. Over the years, the Pakistanis have allowed the development of a terrorist Frankenstein inside their own country. Successive U.S. presidents since George Bush senior have warned Pakistan that tolerating and even patronizing terrorist groups would sooner or later come home to haunt them. We have the consolation of being right, but not much consolation that there is any chance of improvement on the horizon. [Read More](#)

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### **Help Us Help You**

USPAK is a volunteer organization working for the betterment of Pakistani Americans. Our efforts are focused on developing

future leaders of our country from within our community. We also work to address issues of concern of our community, ranging from immigration, civil liberties, religious freedom, and socio-economic development of Pakistani American community.

It is through help of supporters like you that we are able carry on our vision promoting the ambitions and aspirations of Pakistani Americans. Your support today can ensure that Pakistani Americans have a place at the table, as we shape the policies on immigration, the economy and civil rights. You can help build a more vibrant and inclusive democracy.

Can we count on you to help? Can you donate \$500, \$250 or \$150 today? [Click here](#) and use **Donate** button. USPAK is a 501 c3 non-profit organization; your donation qualifies for tax deduction.

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