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USPAK Activities

Summer Internship/Career Networking Day



Summer Internship & Networking day was organized by USPAK, OPEN, PSA at George Mason University. The event took place on Saturday February 23rd. About 143 college students registered for the event, and 13 Corporate and Government Employers from Maryland, Washington DC, and Virginia participated to offer summer internships.

If you were not able to attend the event, you can find more information about available internships at

[List of Employers](#) offering internship.

Harassment, Bullying, and HUD issues discussed at DOJ meeting

USPAK President Irfan Malik attended the quarterly Interagency meeting hosted by Department of Justice DOJ Civil Rights Division. Following are some of the issues that were discussed at the meeting.

Discrimination & Harassment at Schools: Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of religion in public schools and colleges. The Educational Opportunities Section of DOJ works to ensure that all persons, regardless of their religion are provided equal educational opportunities. To file a complaint about harassment or discrimination at school please email education@usdoj.gov or call 202 514 4092.

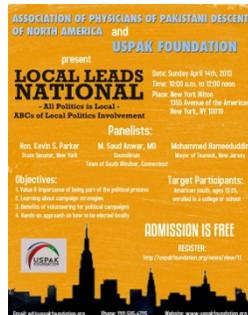
Religious Bullying still not fully documented: Department of Education has a strong anti-bullying program. This [stop bullying](#) program is directed mostly towards, gender, physical disability, in appropriate behavior. New studies show a rise in religious bullying. Department of Education encourages parents and students to report cases of religious bullying.

High level of discrimination observed against Muslims in Housing & Employment: A study conducted by DOJ concluded that a proportionally high level of discrimination exists against Muslims in Employment (EEOC) and Housing & Urban Development (HUD) complaints. Over quarter of all complaints were registered by Muslims.

Airport screening procedures relaxed: TSA announced that airline passengers will be able to carry small knives, souvenir baseball bats, golf clubs and other sports equipment onto planes beginning next month under a policy change. TSA also no longer requires children 12 years old and under to remove their shoes at airport checkpoints. The agency recently issued new guidelines for travelers 75 years old and older so they can avoid removing shoes and light jackets when they go through airport security checkpoints. [Read More](#)

Future Events

ABCs of Local Politics Involvement-



USPAK Foundation and APPNA are presenting a hands-on workshop for College and High School Students on the value and importance of being a part of the political process in the USA. At this seminar students will learn from elected leaders about campaign strategies, benefits of volunteering for political campaigns, and get a hands-on approach on how to get elected for a public office.

The event will take place during APPNA's Spring Meeting in New York on Sunday April 14th 2013, 10 AM, at New York Hilton, 1335 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019

[Register for Event](#)

Students will have an opportunity to hear from the following elected leaders(List in Formation)

Hon. Kevin S. Parker

State Senator, New York

M. Saud Anwar MD
Councilman, Town of South Windsor, Connecticut

Mohammed Hameeduddin
Mayor of Teaneck, New Jersey

Entrepreneurship Competition



To foster innovation, creativity and risk taking amongst youth USPAK is planning an Entrepreneurship competition for college and high school students. The purpose of this competition is to promote the aspirations and ambitions of the youth. One great idea could lead to several jobs as well as a better economy. The student or a group of students has to have a new and innovative solution, such as an app, medical advancement, helping the environment, technology, craft, tool, or process that currently does not exist in market place. The solution can be an idea that improves upon a current technology, process, platform, and so forth. Individuals or group competing in this competition have to present the problem they see and persuade a panel of judges why their solution is compelling and needed for their respective communities/markets/users. A financial prize will be awarded to the top three finalists.

Rules of the competition including competition entrance requirements will be outlined by May 2013, with the competition taking place in September 2013. Please visit [USPAK](#) website for more details.

4th Youth Leadership Conference - June 23rd 2013



USPAK foundation will hold its 4th Annual Youth Leadership Conference from June 23rd -26th 2013 at American University, Washington DC. The conference is suited for high school and college students; it is designed to develop their Leadership skills. In a campus setting students will participate in tutorials, workshops, and hands-on training to acquire networking, public speaking, resume writing, public speaking, interviewing skills during the four days of the conference. They will meet and interact with various professional leaders to discuss career planning. . Special briefings by Administration officials on topics of interests. Students will have the opportunity to visit various Government Offices and monuments in Washington DC.

More details of the conference will be posted in the following weeks. SAVE THE DATE June 23rd. [Read More](#) about previous Youth Conferences organized by USPAK. For more information send an email to ed@uspakfoundation.org

Pakistan Awareness Day to be held in Connecticut

USPAK foundation Youth is planning "Pakistan Awareness Day" on **April 7th, 2013** in Connecticut. Purpose of this program is to introduce Pakistan to local American Community. At these event Pakistani handicrafts, industrial products, export items will be displayed. Slides and informational data will be provided. This program will be for the Children of all ages and their parents. If you have questions about this program or would like to help in organizing this event, please email to ed@uspakfoundation.org.

More information about the event will be sent out shortly.

[Job Postings](#)

(More listings at [DC Linktank](#))

Career Fair

Date: April 4, 2013 2 to 8 pm; Location: 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC

The IC, an integrated network of agencies that work together to protect our nation's security, is seeking a culturally diverse, technologically savvy and skilled workforce for exciting careers in a number of fields. Come to the Heritage Community Career Fair and meet with recruiters to learn how to apply for currently available jobs and find out about internships for students.

Opportunities are available in a variety of fields, including:

- Accounting, Contracting and Financial Management
- Clandestine Services
- Cybersecurity/Information Assurance/Computer Science
- Engineering, Electronics, Mathematics and Physical Science
- Foreign Languages – Language Analysts/Language Officers/Instructors*
- Information Technology
- Intelligence Analysis
- Mission Support
- Program/Project Management

*Priority languages include: Any sub-Saharan African language including Somali and Swahili, Arabic (all dialects), Dari, Farsi,

Hindi, Indonesian, Korean, Mandarin, Pashto, Russian, Tajik, Turkish, Urdu, Uzbek and Vietnamese. Note: Not all IC elements participating in the Career Fair have openings in all languages.

Register today! Go to <http://iclunchandlearn.eventbrite.com/>

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Volunteer Internship Opportunities at Department of Justice

Information about the work of the Division and the specific work of each of these offices is available at <http://www.justice.gov/crt>. The Division offers competitive student volunteer internship positions in Washington, D.C. each academic semester, including the summer, for law and undergraduate students. These volunteer positions are without compensation but may be used for work-study credit. Interns gain a unique view of the work of the Division, and may assist in a variety of assignments, including conducting legal and factual research, preparing documents and exhibits, interviewing witnesses, analyzing records, and/or assisting with legislative proposals, policy development, and engaging civil rights stakeholders.

Eligibility: Applicants must be U.S. citizens. The following students are eligible: undergraduate students who are enrolled at least half-time; public policy graduate students; first-year (second semester), second- and third-year law students; and law school graduates who are enrolled in graduate law programs (e.g., L.L.M.M. programs) at least half-time

How to Apply: Interested students should submit a resume, brief writing sample (no more than 10 pages of your own work), transcript (unofficial is acceptable), references, and a cover letter highlighting your qualifications, as well as, your interest. For more information about each section's volunteer intern program and the number of positions available, see the Division's Volunteer Internship Opportunities [page](#).

Summer Internships at National Academy for State Health Policy

Internship offers undergraduate and graduate students a unique opportunity to work on emerging health policy issues. Internships are designed for students with an interest in public policy that want to expand their knowledge about the areas that impact the work of state health policymakers.

Who can apply? Graduate and Law School students enrolled at an accredited U.S. college or university, U.S. Citizenship or Permanent Residents only

Compensation: NASHP offers Course Credit or \$17 per hour (contingent on funding)

For more info visit <http://www.nashp.org/>

SUBMISSION DEADLINE & INFORMATION:

Apply no later than April 26, 2013 and send all required materials to: interns@nashp.org

Internships at Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute

The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) has internships available for interested students throughout the school year. Internships provide students with experience in a range of departments within the organization. The paid internship is a part-time, temporary employment opportunity averaging 20 hours per week.

For more information: <http://www.pcori.org/>

Application PDF: http://www.pcori.org/assets/Graduate-Student-Internship-Program_Application_Final.pdf

Legislative Fellow at American Immigration Council

The American Immigration Council is seeking a proactive, detail-oriented individual with strong writing skills to track the legislative debate and activities in Congress. This is a one-year fellowship. The Fellow will work with the IPC Director and staff. The legislative fellow will work to track immigration legislation, hearings and other Congressional activity. The fellow will also help draft policy memos, statements and materials for hill staff and media.

For more information visit <http://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/>

QUALIFIED candidates to forward cover letter, resume and desired salary to: AICHR-Legislative Fellow / hr@immcouncil.org

General Information Session on Government Employment

Lunch and Learn Seminars

March 20, 2013, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

A speaker from the Office of Personnel Management will provide general information on government employment – hiring process, developing a government “resume” and using USAJOBS

March 27, 2013, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

The Security Clearance Process: Myths and Realities

Get the real scoop from an Intelligence Community security official on the security clearance process. To safeguard some of our nation's most sensitive information, personnel must be highly reliable and trustworthy. The granting of a security clearance testifies that an individual meets these standards of reliability, trustworthiness, and integrity.

Both events will be held at the office of the American Islamic Congress, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW, and 3rd floor, Washington, DC (convenient to Farragut North and West and Dupont Circle Metro stations).

Register at <http://iclunchandlearn.eventbrite.com/>

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Upcoming Seminars

Preparing for Election Day in Pakistan: What Constitutes Credibility?

March 14, 2013 // 2:30pm — 4:00pm

LOCATION: 5th Floor, Woodrow Wilson Center [DIRECTIONS TO THE WILSON CENTER](#)

This year, for the first time in Pakistan's history, an elected government will complete its term and transfer power to a new elected administration. With Pakistanis expected to head to the polls in several months, what should we make of the electoral environment at this point? How can we evaluate the electoral process so far in terms of prospects for being credible? What needs to have happened prior to election day for the election to be considered credible? Additionally, what makes this year's election different from the 2008 poll? What can we expect from key institutions, such as Pakistan's Election Commission? And who and what are the wild cards? Peter Manikas, who recently travelled to Pakistan to conduct a pre-election assessment, and Arif Rafiq will address these and other questions.

Resources

[Atlantic Council](#)

[Brookings Institution](#)

[Council on Foreign Relations](#)

[Heritage Foundation](#)

[Middle East Institute](#)

[SAIS](#)

[Woodrow Wilson Center](#)

[USIP](#)

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 to Donate Now](#). USPAK is a 501 c3 non-profit organization; your donation qualifies for tax deduction.
