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USPAK EVENTS

5th Annual Youth Leadership Conference

USPAK in partnership with Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America [APPNA](#) will hold its 5th Annual Youth Leadership Conference during APPNA's 37th Annual Convention in Washington DC. The conference will take place from **August 14th -16th 2014 at Gaylord National harbor, Washington DC.**

Theme of this year Conference is

"I define who I am"

High School and College Students are invited to register for these Workshops/Seminars to improve and develop Leadership skills, to prepare their future as successful citizens of this country. Students will be able to network with their peers from different parts of the country.

Spend three days in our nation's Capital

- Meet and Learn from Successful Young Professionals & Entrepreneurs
- Participate in Individual Leadership Training to Strengthen your Influence
- Engage in interactive sessions
- Meetings and Tours of US Congress, and other Offices in DC
- Volunteer for the Needy
- Network with your peers from around the country. Learn how to connect with people and build bridges

Participation in this conference will help you in

- Be a Voice in Public Policy Development
- Career Guidance
- College Admission Guidance

At this Youth Empowerment Conference, a series of Workshops/Seminars/Activities are planned for students to get guidance in career choices, college admission; effective public policy tools; running for public office; value cultural identity; citizenship rights and responsibilities; and spirit of volunteering. Motivational speakers will inspire students on how to achieve their dreams. Successful Entrepreneurs will share their success stories and experiences, and discuss means on how to get ahead of the crowd.

College Students will have an opportunity to interact and learn from successful young Pakistani American Professionals who are rising stars in Public and Corporate World. Seminars will focus on career choices, hot careers for **Millennial Generation**, internship guidance, job search techniques, resume enhancement. Mentorship opportunities are available with Pakistani American Professionals.

High School Students will meet Pakistani American Students studying in Ivy League Colleges. They will prepare high school students to get into their dream college, by providing guidelines about college admission process; college admission requirements; what colleges look for; when to start preparing for college admissions; how to build a strong resume for college; role of parents; college visits; and many other practical tools. Mentorship opportunities for high school students are available with Pakistani American Students studying at various Colleges.

As part of Empowerment activities a full day of tours are planned for the students to visit US Capitol, Embassy of Pakistan, and other places of interest.

Students will have an opportunity to volunteer at local food pantries and homeless shelters.

Youth Empowerment Conference Program is being developed. See draft [Program](#); revisit this page for program and speaker updates.

See [Youth Empowerment Flyer](#).

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

Registration(to open shortly)

Youth Empowerment Conference registration to open shortly. **Pre registration is required** for all Youth Empowerment Activities, limited seats available. **No on-site registration is allowed**. Last day to register for Youth Empowerment Conference is July 15th 2014.

A subsidized registration fee of \$150 per student is required payable at time of registration. Registration fee covers meals provided during Youth Empowerment Conference, transportation within DC, Conference material, handouts, and giveaways.

For further questions or inquires, email ed@uspakfoundation.org or call 202 505 4725.

Summer Internship and Career Networking Day



USPAK, OPEN Washington DC, and GWU-PSA held an Internship fair for College students seeking Summer Internships. The event took place on March 1st at George Washington University Campus, Washington DC. Over one hundred and twenty five students had registered for the event. About thirteen employers were present to accept applications for internships and provide career guidance to students.

Resumes were collected from a number of students, they were forwarded to employers who were not able to attend due to schedule conflicts.

USPAK News

Community organizations need improved coordination – USPAK President



USPAK President Irfan Malik in an interview with VOA television, talked about the issues and challenges faced by immigrants and minorities in USA, in particular Pakistani Americans. He listed the main concerns facing the Pakistani American are declining Civil Rights, Employment and

Business opportunities, and Family Immigration. Pakistani Americans are most worried about the future of their children in USA, given the rise in Islamic phobia and negative narrative about Pakistan. Mr. Malik mentioned a large number of Community organizations are doing much needed work, but improved coordination of their efforts is needed. [Watch the complete interview](#)

What language does your state speak?



One of the most interesting data sets for aspiring mapmakers is the Census Bureau's [American Community Survey](#). Among other things, that survey includes a detailed look at the languages spoken in American homes. However, an ACS participant does not select his language from a list of predetermined options; he fills in a blank box with his self-selected answer. For instance, some people answered the ACS with "Chinese," while others gave specific dialects such as "Mandarin" or "Cantonese". These were all treated as different languages in the ACS data and when constructing these maps. (See the [raw data here](#).) New York is marked "Chinese" because more people responded with "Chinese" than any other language other than English or Spanish. The

following map shows states where [Indo-Aryan languages](#) are mostly spoken. For the purposes of this map, we consider Hindi,

Gujarati, Urdu, Bengali, Panjabi, Marathi, Nepali, and Sinhalese to fall into that category.

Jobs

Public Policy Fellowship

The National Women's Law Center is seeking a college or masters graduate with excellent quantitative, research, and communications skills and relevant experience for a one-year paid public policy fellowship starting September 2014 in its Family Economic Security and Education and Employment programs. Bachelors degree and at least one years' post-college experience working in a research, advocacy, or policymaking environment OR a masters degree in public policy, economics or other social sciences program required. [More Info](#)

Research Assistant, USIP

The Research Assistant will support the Middle East and Africa Center's work on Iran. Applicants must be U.S. citizens. A Bachelors degree in Middle East studies, international affairs, political science or related field required. Fluency in Farsi (both written and spoken) required. Excellent writing skills and Middle East expertise required. [More Info](#)

VIEWPOINTS

Pakistan's Choice- By Michael Krepon

Pakistan has been failing for a long time. There have been periods of economic growth, backed up by foreign patrons – mostly the United States and increasingly China -- but for the most part, Pakistan's economy and internal security continue to slide. Successive military and civilian leaders have sidestepped inherited problems or made them worse. Predictions of failure, however, have been wrong, or at least premature. The Pakistani state has demonstrated great resiliency. There have been many opportunities for course corrections that haven't been taken. Another lies ahead.

The dynamics of decline have accelerated since President and Army Chief Pervez Musharraf stepped aside. Prime Minister Asif Ali Zardari was elected in 2008 with room to maneuver on domestic issues, but he succeeded mostly by staying in office. Nawaz Sharif became Prime Minister for the third time in 2013. He was also elected by a healthy margin, but has started out badly. Civil-military relations are once again frayed. Internal security threats grow as Musharraf is on trial for treason, even as Nawaz's government seeks to accommodate violent groups with treasonable agendas. [Read More](#)

Pakistan's Lack of Consensus, Capacity Undercut Efforts against Militants

Efforts in Pakistan to address the internal threat from insurgents are repeatedly undermined by the absence of a national consensus on who the enemy is and a lack of capacity to implement solutions even where agreement exists, according to Moeed Yusuf, USIP's director of South Asia programs.

"The civil-military disconnect and the disjointed policy space seems to hinder every attempt at overcoming the problem," Yusuf said during a recent panel [discussion](#) at the Institute on counterterrorism and counterinsurgency in Pakistan and South Asia. "The challenges keep growing, while the state keeps trying to put its house in order." [Read More](#)

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.

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