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USPAK EVENTS

Registration is open for 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.

[Register for Conference](#)

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.

Registration closes on July 15th 2014. Limited seats are

available, register early.

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.

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
- 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.

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

USPAK News

2014 US-Islamic World Forum

USPAK will be hosting a working group in this year's Brookings' [US- Islamic World Forum](#) conference in Doha, Qatar from June 9-11, 2014. This year's Forum is entitled "Islam and Inclusion" and will focus on challenges and solutions to inclusion issues relevant to Islam and global Muslim communities in the context of governance, academia, religious institutions and civil society. Our working group, "Empowering Pakistan's Civil Society for Countering Violent Extremism," brings together a diverse range of stakeholders, including US and Pakistani policymakers, CVE experts and analysts, leaders of the Pakistani American Diaspora as well as representatives of Pakistan's civil society. Forum will include expert working groups to produce policy recommendations on topics of mutual interest to the United States and Muslims around the world. The [topics this year](#), related to the theme of inclusion, are Islamic principles of governance for post-conflict countries, countering violent extremism in Pakistan, and strategies for using Islamic tradition to overcome social and political challenges faced by European and American Muslims.

USPAK President Irfan Malik will participate in the working group of this conference, to cover efforts of Pakistani American Diaspora in empowering Pakistan's Civil Society for Countering Violent Extremism. [More Information about the Forum](#).

Jobs

Internship at Woodrow Wilson – Middle East Program

The Woodrow Wilson International Center is looking for Interns for **Middle East Program. Internship Description**

Interns will be assigned to work directly with the Middle East Program Staff in support of project activities for **20 hours per week**. This is an unpaid internship. Duties will include:

- searching for source material at area institutions and online sources (short and long term projects as assigned);
- analyzing, summarizing and filing research materials;
- proofreading and editing written work;
- attending and reporting on Middle East-related events in and around Washington;
- helping Middle East Program Staff manage and update the database;
- maintaining Middle East Program website;
- assisting staff in preparing public events, including managing mailing lists, RSVPs, and physical setup;
- preparing Program materials and publications.

Eligibility Requirements

Interns should have an interest in the Middle East, preferably with some coursework related to, and/or experience working on Middle East issues. He/she should have basic computer skills on a variety of software platforms. Excellent research skills and an enthusiastic, responsible approach to unsupervised work are strong assets. Those with excellent writing and/or editing skills are strongly encouraged to apply. Fluency in Arabic or Farsi preferred but not required. Interns must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate/graduate degree program. [More Info](#)

Application Deadlines: Fall: July 15

Internships at Department of Justice

The Division offers competitive student volunteer internship positions in Washington, D.C. each academic semester, including the summer, for both law and undergraduate students. These positions are volunteer (without compensation) but may be used for work-study credit. The Division also participates - subject to budget restrictions - in the Pathways Program, which provides

paid internship opportunities for students. Information about eligibility and the application process for volunteer and paid student internship opportunities is set forth below.. [Read More](#)

VIEWPOINTS

A Call for Change to the National 9/11 Memorial Museum al-Qaeda video

TCTHS director David Schanzer calls for changes to the National 9/11 Memorial Museum al-Qaeda video in his recent post "[The 9/11 Museum & Islam](#)" on ISLAMiCommentary. Schanzer says, "There is a way to talk about 9/11 that accurately reflects the religion of the perpetrators, explains why they attacked, and avoids conflating the religion of Islam with the ideology of al-Qaeda extremism. It is not too late for the museum to back down and achieve all of these important goals." "To devise an acceptable way to talk about 9/11, we have to be guided by certain truths," he says, and "problems arise when we fail to make these important distinctions." Read the full article [here](#).

Pakistan: Islamist Parties Foster Violence and Intolerance

At [a recent event](#) at The Heritage Foundation, Haroon K. Ullah discussed the influence of Islamist political parties in Pakistan, the subject of his new book, *Vying for Allah's Vote: Understanding Islamic Parties, Political Violence, and Extremism in Pakistan*.

Ullah's research found that, contrary to popular belief, attacks in Pakistan are not random but rather part of a calculated strategy for Islamist parties to bribe voters for their security. He explained that Islamist parties rely on violent attacks in a way that makes security a form of patronage. The Islamists seek to convey to voters that if they support the Islamist parties, they will receive protection from further attacks [Read More](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Poor Rich Boy kicks off this season of **Center StageSM** with a performance at the Kennedy Center, Washington DC on June 3.

Poor Rich Boy, **Pakistan's underground indie-art rock phenomenon**, conjures the strangeness of everyday life. "Triumphant in its use of minimal vocal harmony. The production is earthy, and leaves plenty of room for the acoustic instruments to find their respective places. This is poetry, and it is present in mixed media." (*The Cosmic*

Argonaut). Now in its second season, Center Stage introduces performing artists from abroad to American communities. Seven acclaimed contemporary dance and music ensembles from Morocco, Pakistan, and Vietnam will perform, interact, and begin meaningful dialogues with Americans from June through November 2014. Artists touring as part of Center Stage will help build mutual understanding via cultural expressions and people to people exchanges.

All performances begin at 6:00pm and will be live streamed on the Kennedy Center [website](#). From coast to coast, many performances and off-stage activities are free and open to the public.

Pakistan's Sectarian Problem and the Plight of Religious Minorities

Wilson Center, Washington DC, June 04, 2014 ; 4:00pm — 5:15pm

In recent years, Pakistan—a Sunni Muslim majority country with Shia Muslim, Christian, and Hindu minorities—has been convulsed by sectarian violence. More than 2,000 people have been killed in sectarian attacks since 2008, and last year sectarian killings rose by more than a fifth from 2012. Farahnaz Ispahani, a Wilson Center Public Policy Scholar and former Pakistani parliamentarian and journalist, will discuss the roots of Pakistan's sectarianism and her broader Wilson Center project—an analysis of Pakistan's policies toward its religious minority populations (Muslim and non-Muslim) since independence.

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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