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USPAK UPCOMING EVENTS

College Admission Workshop, November 8th, Gaithersburg, MD



Montgomery County Muslim Foundation (MCMF) and [USPAK Foundation](#) are organizing a hands-on College Admission Workshop for High School Students (10th -12th grade). The workshop will take place **on Saturday November 8th at 11:30 am** at MCMF office 811 Russell Avenue, Suite G, Gaithersburg, MD 20879. See [Flyer](#) for more details. This event is open to all high school students. Parents are welcome to attend.

At this workshop High School Students will learn about increasing their chances of securing admission in the college of their choice; How to get organized and keeping on top of deadlines; The importance of what you do outside the classroom; and how to beef up your credentials.

Prospective College Admission seekers will meet with College Students who were able to get into College of their choice, and they will share their admission experiences and the techniques they used. They will provide you with a College Admission "to do" list with deliverables and due dates.

Students will meet with Professional Advisor to learn about the importance of essays in the admission process. They will guide you on essay topics, and learn how to write a winning essay.

Specialists will talk about different financial aid programs, when and how to apply for them, and how to improve your chances of securing financial aid.

This workshop is **FREE**, due to seating and a space limitation, pre registration for the event is required. Light snacks will be provided.

For more information, email ed@uspakfoundation.org or call 202 505 4725. [More information](#)

To register for the workshop use the link below

[Register for Workshop](#)

Cyber Safety & Networking, November 15th, AVON, CT

Internet Safety



High School and College Students are invited to attend a full day Youth Leadership Conference on "**Cyber Safety & Networking**" on Saturday November 15th 2014, 9:30 AM at Farmington Valley American Muslim Center, 35 Harris Street, Avon, CT. **Pre-registration is required**, no onsite registration is allowed. Registration Fee: \$15 per student, or \$30 for family. Light snacks will be provided. See [Conference Flyer](#).

This event is organized by USPAK Foundation and Farmington Valley American Muslim Center.

At this Leadership Conference students will learn about how to successfully write for local media, and to create community interest with their writing. You will meet with Cyber Safety and Security specialists who can walk you through the best practices for cyber surfing. You will also learn about methods by which to safeguard your cyber identity. You will learn new Networking techniques that can be used at your School or College.

An interactive panel comprised of fellow students will discuss student needs, and how best to meet them with available resources.

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NEWS

Malala Yousafzai is the youngest person to win 2014 Nobel peace prize



Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani schoolgirl targeted by the Taliban, has jointly won the Nobel Peace Prize, alongside Indian child rights campaigner Kailash Satyarthi.

The decision to give the joint prize was symbolic, the Nobel committee said, because it was important for "a Hindu and a Muslim, an Indian and a Pakistani, to join in a common struggle for education and against extremism".

Yousafzai, the 17-year-old shot in the head by the Taliban for her outspoken views on education for women, is now a global campaigner for educational rights. She was tipped to win last year but was beaten by the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in the wake a deal done with President Bashar al-Assad to prevent further attacks by his regime on civilians. Still studying at school in Birmingham, where she was treated for her bullet wounds, Yousafzai is the youngest ever recipient of the prize.

The Norwegian Nobel Committee cited the two "for their struggle against the suppression of children and young people and for the right of all children to education." [Read More](#)

Middle Easterners See Religious and Ethnic Hatred as Top Global Threat

Europeans and Americans Focus on Inequality as Greatest Danger

With growing conflicts engulfing the Middle East, people in the region name religious and ethnic hatred most frequently as the greatest threat to the world. Moreover, [publics across the globe see the threat of religious and ethnic violence as a growing threat to the world's future](#). But in Europe, concerns about inequality trump all other dangers and the gap between the rich and the poor is increasingly considered the world's top problem by people living in advanced economies, including the United States. For Pakistanis, the greatest threat comes from Nuclear Weapons. [Read More](#)

Greatest Danger to the World

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Which one of these poses the greatest threat to the world?

<i>Views in:</i>	Nuclear weapons	Inequality	Religious & ethnic hatred	Pollution & environment	AIDS & other diseases	Top choice
	%	%	%	%	%	
U.S.	23	27	24	15	7	Inequality
Spain	17	54	14	9	5	Inequality
Greece	23	43	10	14	9	Inequality
Germany	19	34	32	13	1	Inequality
Poland	28	32	14	13	9	Inequality
Italy	20	32	15	25	6	Inequality
France	14	32	32	17	5	Inequality/Religious hatred
UK	14	25	39	16	4	Religious & ethnic hatred
Ukraine	36	15	23	11	12	Nuclear weapons
Russia	29	19	27	13	10	Nuclear weapons
Lebanon	20	17	58	3	2	Religious & ethnic hatred
Palest. ter.	19	18	40	9	10	Religious & ethnic hatred
Tunisia	25	18	39	7	10	Religious & ethnic hatred
Egypt	12	27	34	11	14	Religious & ethnic hatred
Israel	27	23	30	12	8	Religious & ethnic hatred
Turkey	34	17	29	7	10	Nuclear weapons
Jordan	19	31	25	11	11	Inequality
Thailand	9	29	11	36	13	Pollution & environment
Philippines	19	22	11	34	14	Pollution & environment
China	26	14	9	33	13	Pollution & environment
Vietnam	21	13	9	32	22	Pollution & environment
Malaysia	22	13	32	16	12	Religious & ethnic hatred
Bangladesh	19	16	30	22	11	Religious & ethnic hatred
Indonesia	18	18	26	13	22	Religious & ethnic hatred
India	19	22	25	14	10	Religious & ethnic hatred
Japan	49	12	16	20	2	Nuclear weapons
Pakistan	30	29	13	3	7	Nuclear weapons
South Korea	26	32	11	29	2	Inequality
Chile	30	27	8	22	12	Nuclear weapons
Venezuela	29	16	8	21	24	Nuclear weapons
Brazil	28	19	19	13	20	Nuclear weapons
El Salvador	27	18	16	19	19	Nuclear weapons
Mexico	26	19	11	26	17	Nuclear weapons/Pollution
Colombia	22	17	8	36	15	Pollution & environment
Peru	23	12	7	35	22	Pollution & environment
Nicaragua	25	12	9	29	25	Pollution & environment
Argentina	17	32	12	25	12	Inequality
Uganda	21	20	7	8	44	AIDS & other diseases
Tanzania	16	12	25	4	41	AIDS & other diseases
South Africa	10	29	12	9	35	AIDS & other diseases
Kenya	24	17	24	3	29	AIDS & other diseases
Senegal	23	13	27	7	28	AIDS & other diseases
Nigeria	31	18	38	4	7	Religious & ethnic hatred
Ghana	22	25	17	13	20	Inequality

Note: Top choice in each country bolded.

Source: Spring 2014 Global Attitudes survey, Q6.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

INTERNSHIPS

Operations and Research Internship

[International Institute for Strategic Studies](#)

The International Institute for Strategic Studies – US is currently seeking full-time and part-time interns to support the management of its office in Washington, DC. To be considered for the Spring 2015 session, kindly submit a complete application no later than 3 November 2014. There will be a small stipend for interns who successfully complete their term. [More Information](#)

Education and Events Intern

Motivated detail-oriented individual able to work individually and in teams. Accuracy in dealing with data and written communications is essential. Must be proficient in MS Excel, MS Outlook, and MS Word advanced tasks. Must also be proficient with databases: experience in Salesforce database a plus. A successful candidate will be able to multi-task with ease and feel comfortable in an environment in which priorities are often changing. Good interpersonal skills, a hospitable personality, and a professional phone presence a must. [More Information](#)

Other Internships

Scholarships for minority students pursuing health career

United Health Foundation's Diverse Scholars Initiative seeks to increase the number of professionals from multicultural backgrounds. These bright students will increase the number of qualified, yet underrepresented, health care professionals entering the workforce. United Health Foundation awards scholarships to deserving students pursuing careers in health. To

qualify, scholars must demonstrate a financial need and a strong commitment to working in underserved communities, including community health centers.

To apply for scholarships, please visit the following websites. Specific requirements and application deadlines vary by organization.

All Scholar Programs (open to any diverse student)

- [National Medical Fellowships, Inc.](#)

Asian American Health Scholars

- [Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund](#)

[VIEWPOINT](#)

A Case for More Integrated and Coordinated Planning and Policymaking – Ziad Alahdad

Pakistan is plagued by a deep energy crisis—one with troubling consequences for its fragile economy and volatile security situation. This series seeks to share with a wider audience the proceedings of a recent Wilson Center conference that examined Pakistan’s energy crisis and proposed immediate steps to combat it. In this brief, author Ziad Alahdad, a former director of operations for the World Bank and long-time energy expert, explains how a more integrated and coordinated energy sector would ease Pakistan’s energy crisis. [Read More](#)

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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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