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❖ [Director of Educational Exchanges answers Gazans' questions on education opportunities in the United States](#)

❖ **Ten students are on a 5-week exchange program to Humboldt, California sponsored by the US Consulate General in Jerusalem. Each week they will share a tip and a photo with us.**

**This week's photo and tip:**



[Zero waste by recycling is our challenge to preserve this beautiful environment.](#)

❖ [MEPI Student Leaders continue to blog about their trip to the U.S.](#)



### **Consul General Visits Tourist Sites around Nablus**

Consul General Daniel Rubinstein is offered a drink from Jacob's Well as part of his visit to key tourist sites around Nablus.

### **An-Najah Opens an American Studies Resource Center**

The Center, located in the “Old Library” on the University’s campus, is the culmination of months of cooperation between the Consulate General and the University.



## Environmental Awareness Essay Contest Winners

### Palestinian students honored for essays on environmental themes

The U.S. Consulate General would like to thank everyone who participated in the Environmental Awareness Essay Contest held during the environmental education month.

#### Winners:

- Ahmad Hussein, Nablus, **"Earth Day"**
- Ali Haj Ali, Nablus, **"The Importance of Environment and Earth Day"**
- Duha Zoroub, Gaza, **"Our Green Friends"**
- Ebraheem Mattar, Gaza, **"Environment"**
- Hiba Ratroot, Nablus, **"Environment Pollution"**
- Omar Muhtaseb, Ramallah, **"Pollution"**
- Osaid Shabanah, Ramallah, **"Soil Erosion"**
- Mohammed Matter, Gaza, **"My Garden"**
- Sumaya Al-Khateeb, Salfeet, **"Environment Pollution"**

# Launch of Inaugural Democracy Photo Challenge **Your Voice. Your Photo.**

## **The Challenge**

Complete the phrase “*Democracy is...*” with an original photograph and share it with the world.

## **The Prize**

Special exhibition of your photo at the United Nations and at galleries in New York and Los Angeles. [Learn More](#)

## **3 Easy Steps To Enter**

1. Step 1: Take Photo.
2. Step 2: Fill Out Form.
3. Step 3: Upload Photo.

**ENTER NOW**





### **Currently Accepting Applications.**

**Please click here for more info**

**([http://jerusalem.usconsulate.gov/about\\_the\\_program.html](http://jerusalem.usconsulate.gov/about_the_program.html))**

### **What is MEPI?**

The [Middle East Partnership Initiative \(MEPI\)](#), located within the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, supports efforts to expand political participation, strengthen civil society and the rule of law, empower women and youth, create educational opportunities, and foster economic reform throughout the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). Through timely, responsive and innovative approaches, MEPI projects provide critical assistance to local reformers using three primary programming mechanisms:

- [Education and Exchange Programs](#)
- [MEPI Local Grants](#)
- [Washington Awards](#)

In addition to its main office in Washington, DC, MEPI maintains two regional offices in Tunis and Abu Dhabi. The [MEPI Regional Office \(RO\) in Tunis](#) administers more than \$2 million in programming each year across North Africa and the Levant, including the Palestinian Territories. Programs consist of conferences, exchange programs, and funding opportunities such as the Local Grants Program and Civil Society Grants.

MEPI Coordinators are located in U.S. Embassies and Consulates across the region. The MEPI Coordinator in the U.S. Consulate General Jerusalem provides oversight of all MEPI programming in the Palestinian Territories and serves as the local point of contact for MEPI award recipients. For further information regarding specific MEPI awards in the Palestinian Territories please email, [MEPIJerusalem@state.gov](mailto:MEPIJerusalem@state.gov).



## **The Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces the AY 2011 - 2012 Hubert Humphrey Fellowship Program**

The Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem announces the AY 2011- 2012 Hubert Humphrey Fellowship. This program provides mid-career Palestinians residing in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza with an opportunity to enhance their professional capabilities through participation in a specialized year of graduate level, non-degree academic course work and professional development activities at selected U. S. universities. The program brings together professionals in leadership positions who have a commitment to public service and the potential for professional advancement. Programs are individually designed to include course work, independent projects, internships, consultations with U.S. experts, and special seminars. To learn more, please visit [www.humphreyfellowship.org](http://www.humphreyfellowship.org). The Humphrey program addresses broad policy-making and problem-solving issues, rather than technical aspects.

- Agricultural development/agricultural economics
- Communications/Journalism
- Substance Abuse Education, Treatment and Prevention
- Economic development and Finance/banking
- Education Administration, Planning and Policy
- HIV/AIDS Policy and Prevention
- Teaching English as a Second Language (Teacher Training or Curriculum Development)
- Human resource management
- Law and Human Rights
- Natural Resources/Environmental Policy/Climate Change
- Public Health Policy and Management
- Public policy analysis and administration
- Technology Policy and Management
- Trafficking in Persons, Policy and Prevention
- Urban and Regional planning

In addition to the pre-academic language training, the Humphrey program also offers a Long Term English Language Training (LTE) for an intensive of 20 to 25 weeks for candidates with a range of 440 – 500 TOEFL score. The LTE candidates begin their study program in the United States between January and March 2011 in preparation for the 2011-2012 academic year. [For more Information.](#)



## **The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces the AY 2011 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program**

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem is pleased to announce the Academic Year 2011 competition for the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) program. The Fulbright FLTA program is an integral part of the Fulbright student program. The nine month, non-degree program will host around 125 Arabic FLTAs from Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, the Palestinian Territories, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

The FLTA program, funded by the State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), is aimed at strengthening foreign language instruction at U.S. colleges and universities, and some high schools, while providing future foreign teachers of English with the opportunity to refine their skills, increase their English language proficiency and extend their knowledge of U.S. society and culture. [More Information.](#)

**Also Check:** [Fulbright Foreign Student Scholarship Program](#)

Where: Avenue Restaurant, Gaza City beach

When: July 27th, 11am-3pm



**Alumni College Fair**

Gaza - Palestine  
July 27, 2010



[www.amideast.org](http://www.amideast.org)

America-Mideast Educational and Training Services Inc. (AMIDEAST)

[http://Jerusalem.usconsulate.gov/educational\\_exchange.html](http://Jerusalem.usconsulate.gov/educational_exchange.html)

For information on U.S. Government-funded student exchange opportunities for Palestinians

<http://www.educationusa.state.gov>

U.S. Department of States Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

College Entrance Examination Board

[www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org)

Educational Testing Service

[www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)

Comprehensive guide to college information

[www.nafsa.org](http://www.nafsa.org)

Association of International Educators

[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

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## WHY CHOOSE TO STUDY IN THE USA?



### ● Academic Excellence

The United States has one of the world's finest university systems, with outstanding programs in virtually all fields.

### ● Cutting-Edge Technology

U.S. universities pride themselves on being at the forefront of technology and educational techniques, and in making available to their students the best possible equipment and resources.

### ● Opportunity for Research, Teaching and Training

If you are a graduate or undergraduate student, you may be able to gain valuable experience in research or teaching while you help to finance your education.

### ● Campus Life

U.S. universities provide a rich variety of academic, cultural and athletic activities that add new dimensions to your educational experience and also help you make new friends.

### ● Global Education

Experience in an international setting is a marketable commodity. Your long-term career prospects can be enhanced by an experience that develops self-confidence, independence, and cross-cultural skills - attributes in demand by employees world-wide.

AMIDEAST Gaza received a grant from the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem to fund the first Alumni College Fair in Gaza .

## Organizers

### AMIDEAST

A private, nonprofit organization that strengthens mutual understanding and cooperation between Americans and the people of the Middle East and North Africa. Every year, AMIDEAST provides English language and professional skills training, educational advising, and testing services to hundreds of thousands of students and professionals in the Middle East and North Africa and administers several educational exchange programs.

### Palestinian Fulbright Alumni Association ( PFAA )

A Palestinian nonprofit association established by Palestinians who participated in the Fulbright exchange program.

The alumni mission is to promote cultural understanding and exchange between Palestine and the USA through developing cultural, social, economic and academic activities that will benefit its members and the community at large.



A college fair is an event that gives students and their parents a chance to speak with college representatives, and to obtain detailed information about various higher learning opportunities. The college fair offers an excellent opportunity to "shop around". The primary purpose of attending a college fair is to allow students to have a chance to meet with U.S. universities alumni representatives, to interact with alumni from different postsecondary institutions to discuss course offerings, admission and financial aid requirements, college life in general, and other information pertinent to the college selection.

### What should you ask college alumni ?

#### ● About admissions

- What are the admission requirements?
- What qualities should prospective students have?
- Which standardized test scores do you require?
- What majors are offered? What's the most popular?
- What are the application deadlines for admission?

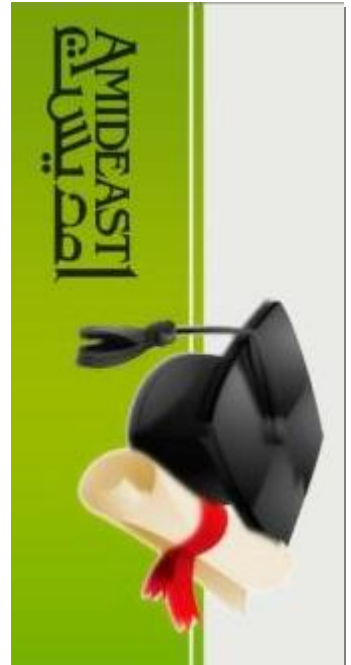
#### ● About financial aid

- How much will it cost?
- What financial aid options are offered?
- When is your financial aid deadline?
- What are the estimated percentage of work , study, loans, grants, and scholarships awarded in your financial aid packages

#### ● Other information

- What is the average class size?
- How accessible are professors outside of class?
- Will professors or graduate students teach my courses?

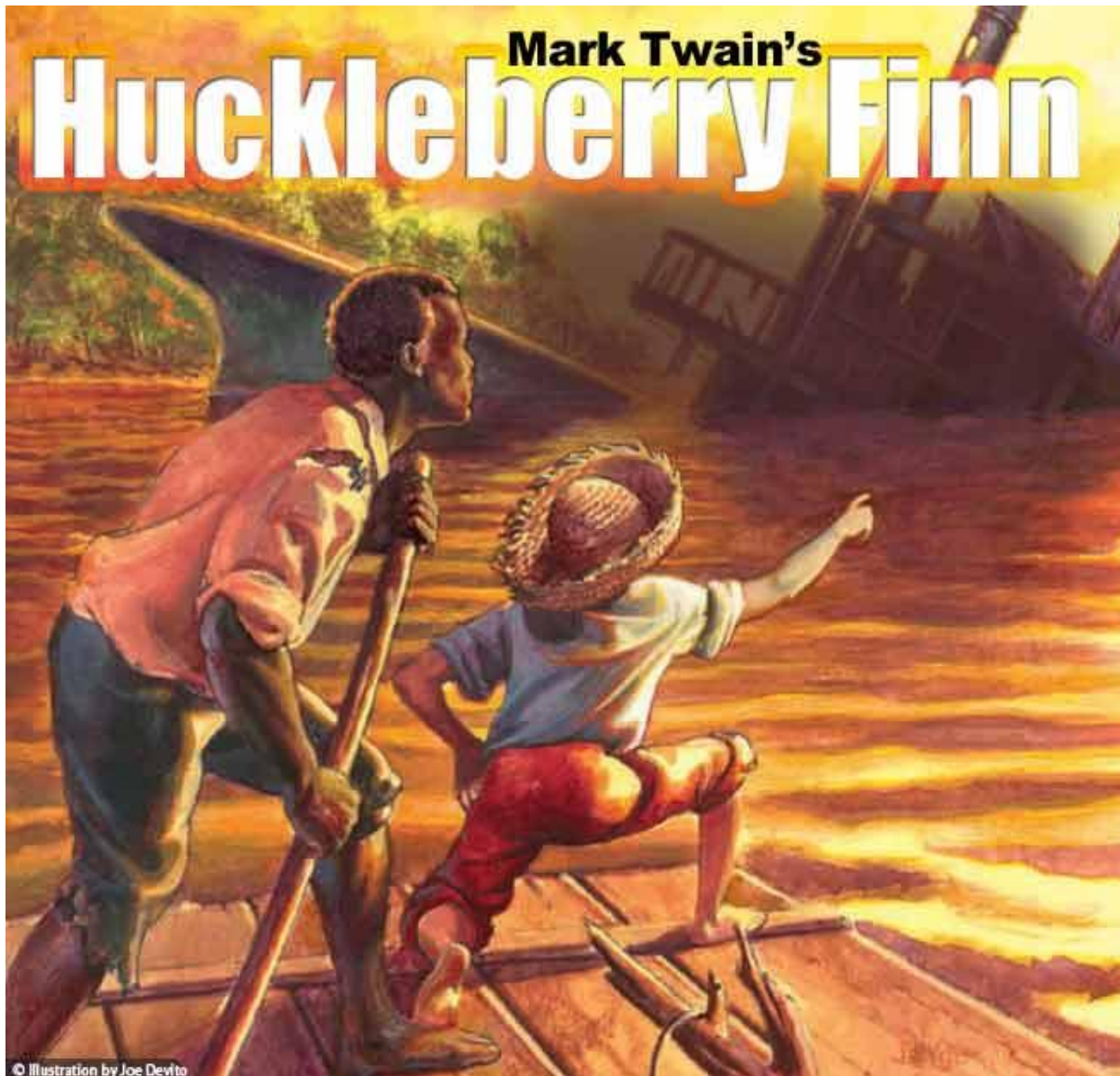
- When must I choose a major?
- How are the libraries, computer labs?
- What type of housing is available?
- Is student housing guaranteed for four years?
- Would I have a roommate or live alone?
- How are roommates selected?
- What is the school known for?
- What are recent graduates doing now?
- How many freshman return for their sopho more year?
- How safe is the campus and its surrounding neighborhoods?
- When/ where/ and how can I apply for a student Visa?





Mark Twain's internationally acclaimed novel, *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* (1885), still draws admiration and criticism for its depiction of Huck, the boy outcast, and his friend Jim, a runaway slave.

[Visit Mark Twain's page on America.Gov](#)



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## ***Selected E-Docs:***

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- [GLOBAL BRANDS CONTEND WITH APPRECIATION FOR THE LOCAL](#). YaleGlobal. Bryant Simon. July 6, 2010.

Fear of global brands is a powerful, universally recognized phenomenon. Just as powerful and less noticed is the consumer pushback against global brands and search for unique, local products, notes the author. Simon concludes that the local and global have many strange, inextricable connections as two never-ending quests proceed: Businesses attempt to attract customers and expand, while consumers hunt for new and exceptional products, often in the traditional shops of some other land.

- [THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF REDUCING THE DROPOUT RATE AMONG STUDENTS OF COLOR IN THE NATION'S LARGEST METROPOLITAN AREAS](#). Alliance for Excellent Education. July 7, 2010.

Few people realize the impact that high school dropouts have on a community's economic, social, and civic health. Business owners and residents, in particular, those without school-aged children, may not be aware that they have much at stake in the success of their local high schools. Indeed, everyone, from car dealers and realtors to bank managers and local business owners, benefits when more students graduate from high school.

- [MOBILE ACCESS 2010](#). Pew Internet & American Life Project. Aaron Smith. July 7, 2010.

Six in ten Americans go online wirelessly using a laptop or cell phone; African-Americans and 18-29 year olds lead the way in the use of cell phone data applications, but older adults are gaining ground.

- [SCALING NEW HEIGHTS: HOW TO SPOT SMALL SUCCESSES IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR AND MAKE THEM BIG](#). Center for American Progress. Geoff Mulgan and Jitin der Kohli. July 2010.

There are strong incentives to innovate in the private sector, but the United States' social sector has been largely unable to match that success.

- [BRIDGING THE GAP: IMPROVING CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE REGULATORY PATHWAYS FOR HEALTH PRODUCTS FOR NEGLECTED DISEASES](#). Center for Global Development. Thomas Bollyky. June 25, 2010.

There has been tremendous progress over the last decade in the development of health products for neglected diseases, but two substantial bottlenecks threaten our capacity to bring these products to those in need, says Bollyky.

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