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## JUNIOR BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP DAY



(above) The SJBS community was very fortunate to have Mayor Nora Radest as well as Detective Tarentino's widow, Vickie, and their three young children, Robbie, Ray and Annie in attendance to assist with and share in the ceremony.

Submitted by Paul Formichelli

Summit Junior Baseball and Softball (SJBS) hosted its annual Championship Day on Saturday, June 8, 2019, at Soldiers Memorial Field in Summit. SJBS provided complimentary hot dogs, burgers, chips and drinks for all attendees and festivities, including a bounce house, an inflatable obstacle course and the ever-popular dunk tank.

On Flagpole Field, The Cyclones edged out The Blizzards for the 3rd grade championship title while The River Cats defeated The Thunder for the 4th grade championship title. The 3rd/4th grade and 5th/6th grade all-star softball games were played on Ashland Field. Each game was preceded by a fabulous rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" performed by members of the elite LCJSMS Bel Canto choral ensemble.

A highlight of the day was The Sportsmanship Awards Ceremony, presided over by SJBS President Dennis McKeever, to honor the true all-stars of the baseball and softball community. Dennis awarded a sportsmanship certificate to one member of each SJBS softball and baseball team, nominated by his or her coach as demonstrating the highest level of fair play, character, respect and commitment.

The Detective Matthew Tarentino Sportsmanship Awards were given to the overall winners in the 5th/6th grade baseball and softball leagues.



(above) The Sportsmanship Awards were given to Daniel Machado for baseball and Morgan Paiement for softball.

The award is named after Detective Matthew Tarentino, a beloved member of the Summit Police Department who was the true embodiment of these characteristics and many more, who died tragically in a car accident in May of 2017.

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## EMPOWERING KIDS ORGANIZATION CELEBRATES ITS FIRST AFTER-SCHOOL ESL PROGRAM

Submitted by Maria Jose Orgeira

Members of the community, students, and their families gathered to celebrate the completion of the Empowering Kids Organization's (EKO) after-school English as a Second Language (ESL) program. This initiative, organized by EKO and funded by The Central Presbyterian Church, focused on creating awareness about the Summit community and the American culture by exposing ESL students to different extracurricular experiences.

Summit High School student, Brenda Torres,

winner of the 2019 SHS Best ESL Student Award, stated: "[EKO ESL program] has helped me a lot, this program has helped me become more confident when I speak in front of lots of people and it got me to socialize more."

Empowering Kids Organization was founded by Summit residents Paola Acosta, Patricia Fontan, Maria J. Orgeira, and Teresa Usme with the mission to create strategies and programs to empower underprivileged kids to thrive throughout their educational journey by connecting their families with opportunities and resources.



(above, l-r) Maria J. Orgeira, Patricia Fontan, Claudia Gutierrez (ESL teacher) and Paola Acosta.

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## SUMMIT PLAYHOUSE AWARDS

Submitted by Karen Thornton

The Summit Playhouse presented several awards at its annual meeting held on June 11, 2019. The Summit Playhouse would like to congratulate all recipients for their much appreciated contributions to the theatre and community!



(above) Matt Green, Daphne Meng, and Chance Friedman all received Student Theatre Awards and \$500 each for their participation in productions at the Playhouse.



(above) Rose Pancirov received the prestigious Betty Kaus Award for her work over the years in areas such as directing, treasurer emeritus, and current/future secretary. This annual award honors one of the Playhouse's most dedicated players who was an actor, director, and president who gave so much in so many ways.



(above) Pam Heller, president, and Roy Pancirov. Roy received a special thank you recognition for his numerous rolls as set designer and in construction.

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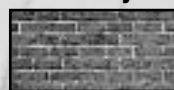
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The Summit Police Department and Department of Community Programs are hosting Summit's annual National Night Out Against Crime on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 from 6 to 9 p.m. on the Village Green, located at 356 Broad St. in Summit, NJ.

Summit joins thousands of communities around the United States in celebrating National Night Out, a community-building event that takes place annually on the first Tuesday in August. Featuring a variety of municipal, county, state, and federal-level agencies, National Night Out

provides a chance for community members to come together to view displays and demonstrations by Union County SWAT, NJ State Police, the FBI, and K-9 along with Summit Police, Fire, EMS, and Public Works.

Food trucks, bounce houses, a Dunk-a-Cop Tank and other amusements will open at 6PM, followed by the annual Blessing of the Badges at 7PM. The band Element K will perform on the main stage from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. The Chris Clark Bicycle Stunt Show will perform from 7:30 to 8 p.m. Free hot dogs will be provided at

Summit PAL food cart.

Summit's 2019 National Night Out is sponsored by Overlook Medical Center, Sunshine Rehabilitation Center, Paul Ippolito Memorial, and the Summit PAL.

In the event of rain, National Night Out Against Crime will be rescheduled to Wednesday, August 7, 2019.

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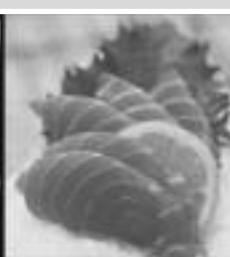
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## STUDENT/PARTNER ALLIANCE HOLDS ITS XIII ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Submitted by Ann Kent

Student/Partner Alliance (S/PA), a Summit based non-profit, held its Annual Bunk's Golf XIII on June 17, 2019. The outing was held at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth. Bruce "Bunk" Reitz, a S/PA Board Member and his wife Susan have grown the event every year over

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The Summit Police Department is offering a Fight Back self-defense class for women in grades nine and older on Thursday, August 8, 2019 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School.

Led by Summit Police Officer and John H. Stamler Police Academy physical training instructor Donald DeFilippis, the free course is appropriate for all ability levels and will focus on useful defense techniques, and situational awareness skills.

"The Fight Back course is an excellent opportunity for women in our community high school age and older to gain practical and important defense skills to help avoid situations where assaults can occur," explains Summit Police Chief Robert Weck. "It is not just about the best way to fight off an attacker—although we teach ways to respond when physically attacked—it is about learning how to effectively handle things that happen in everyday life."

Lessons will focus on assessing risk from acquaintances, overcoming emotional barriers in acknowledging danger, and engaging in effective verbal and physical self-defense when necessary.

Chief Weck continues: "The goal of the course is for participants to come away with an awareness and confidence that will keep them safe. If you are in town and available on August 8, I strongly encourage you to bring a friend or family member and take this course."

There is a plan to hold a self-defense class for middle school-age girls during the next school year.

To register, please send an email with name, age and phone number to [admin@spdnj.org](mailto:admin@spdnj.org) by Monday, August 5. Participants are asked to wear comfortable workout clothing for the hands-on training exercises.

For additional information on the women's self-defense course, please contact Chief Robert Weck at 908-277-2866 or [rweck@spdnj.org](mailto:rweck@spdnj.org).

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## REEVES-REED ARBORETUM RECEIVES GRANTS FOR EDUCATION TOTALING \$20,000

The mission of Reeves-Reed Arboretum is to engage, educate, and enrich the lives of our constituents to become better stewards of nature and the planet. With an ever increasing visitorship – now over 100,000 annually – the Arboretum acknowledges and embraces its responsibility to make the grounds safe and welcoming to visitors of all abilities, and to fully embody the goals of our mission.

Horticulture and environmental education are at the core of the Arboretum's mission. Longstanding partner, Novartis, has awarded Reeves-Reed Arboretum a grant of \$10,000 in their continued support of RRA's award-winning program, Hands-to-Nature. Viewed as one of the most successful and innovative programs in the State, Hands-to-Nature provides a full day hands-on, nature-rich experience to kids from Newark, Plainfield, Elizabeth and Bayonne. RRA's environmental educators carefully prepare up-to-date curriculum, aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards, and work directly with each classroom instructor in preparation for the trip to the Arboretum. After their visit, follow up materials and opportunities are provided for each participating school.

The Arboretum's Square Foot Gardening Program is on a mission to change the world and

make a difference locally. With this unique and simple system, you don't need tools or fertilizer. And once your garden is built, no weeds! Originally developed to teach good nutrition and healthy eating within the limited opportunities offered in urban landscapes, Reeves-Reed Arboretum's educators, led by Sq. Ft. Garden Specialist, Althea Llewellyn, bring this program to schools and community groups around the state. Thanks to recent grants from The Junior League of Summit, Inc. (\$3,000) and the Summit Area Public Foundation (\$7,000), the Arboretum can build upon this program, and implement curriculum with local participating schools.

"The enthusiastic response we get from our partners, such as the principal and teachers at the Franklin Elementary School, demonstrate that they recognize the important role Reeves-Reed Arboretum plays in educating our community about the environment, nutrition and sustainability," commented Llewellyn.

For more information about the programs, events, workshops, performances and classes at Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave, Summit, NJ, or learn more about Hands-to-Nature or Square Foot Gardening, please visit our website at [reeves-reedarboretum.org](http://reeves-reedarboretum.org) or call 908-273-8787 x 1010.



(above) Children enjoying the Hands-to-Nature program at Reeves-Reed Arboretum, where they get a full day hands-on, nature-rich experience.



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## CHORUS OFFERS FREE A CAPPELLA SESSIONS



The Hickory Tree Chorus chapter of Sweet Adelines International invites women singers to register for its free “Summer Sing Series” to be held at The Shrine of St Joseph, 1050 Long Hill Road, Stirling, NJ.

You can come any Wednesday, July 10 through September 11, 2019 starting at 7:15 p.m. for chord-ringing, fun-filled, four-part a cappella music. On July 17 and 24 only, meet at the Chatham Municipal Building, 58 Meyersville Road, Chatham.

Each week, guests will participate in vocal and physical warm-ups and work on songs with the chorus. The chorus sings a variety of music, including old-fashioned love songs, Broadway, Disney, Beatles, and more.

Pam Hegarty, whose first introduction to the chorus was through the “Sing A Cappella Series” stated, “If you enjoy singing and the idea of creating music with a group, try Hickory Tree Chorus. I was greeted with such friendly support and encouragement that I knew I’d made the right choice. I learned a lot about music during the series and continue to learn more now that I’m an official member. As much as music, this chorus is about camaraderie and joy. Come join us!”

The award-winning Hickory Tree Chorus performs regularly throughout the community, produces an annual show, and awards an annual \$1,000 scholarship to an area high school girl continuing her vocal music education in college.

For more information, or to register for the free “Summer Sing Series”, visit [hickorytreechorus.org](http://hickorytreechorus.org), email [info@hickorytreechorus.org](mailto:info@hickorytreechorus.org) or call 908-377-1399.

## JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SUMMIT AWARDS GRANT TO PROVIDE POOL PASSES TO FAMILIES

Each year the Junior League of Summit (JLS) awards The Amanda Parrish Block Grant based on certain needs that arise in the community surrounding food insecurity and meeting essential needs. The \$500 grant was established in 2017 in honor of Amanda Parrish Block, founder of GRACE, as a tribute to Ms. Block’s tireless efforts, enthusiasm and dedication to address the various needs in our community. This year, the Amanda Parrish Block Grant has been awarded to the Summit Department of Community Programs to provide pool passes to 85 families served by GRACE throughout the month of July. JLS supported an additional 85

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## WHO IS A JEW? WITH GUEST SPEAKER RABBI TAMIR NIR AT TEMPLE SINAI

*Submitted by Michal Levine*

Temple Sinai will present “Who is a Jew?” with guest speaker Rabbi Tamir Nir on Friday, August 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Rabbi Tamir Nir is the rabbi of 'Kehilat Achva B’Kerem' community in Jerusalem, which he founded in 2007. He teaches Bible and Jewish thought at a mixed (religious and secular) high school, and serves as chairman of the Heschel Center for Social and Environmental Thinking and Sustainability. Rabbi Nir served as deputy mayor of Jerusalem, and as the head of The Secular Yeshiva in Tel Aviv, BINA: The Jewish Movement for Social Change.

Rabbi Nir has a degree in architecture and urban planning from the Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design. He is ordained as a Reform rabbi and has a master's degree in pluralistic Jewish

education.

Who is a Jew?

This question riffs off of Israeli society, which is wrapped up in the question of the identity and character of the Jewish state. The question of Jewish identity has caused Israeli governments’ rise and fall, and has led to Israeli infighting, sometimes to the point of violence and murder.

For 2,000 years we dreamed of the return to Zion and the establishment of a Jewish state. Today, when we have a state, the main struggle is over the identity of the state: Who is a Jew? What should the Jewish state look like? Who is authorized to determine this?

No RSVP Required. For questions call 908-273-4921 x10 or email [office@templesinainj.org](mailto:office@templesinainj.org). Temple Sinai is located at 208 Summit Ave. Summit, NJ.

## SUNDAY MORNING SINGLES DISCUSSION GROUP

The Sunday Morning Singles Discussion Group meets at The First Baptist Church (lower level), 170 Elm Street, Westfield, 9 - 10:15 a.m. every Sunday to share thoughts on a myriad of

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## BLUEBERRY PIE A LA MODE TAKES FIRST PLACE AT SUMMIT FARMERS MARKET CONTEST

Summit Downtown, Inc. (SDI) hosted its first Sunday Funday of the year at the Summit Farmers Market on Sunday, June 23, 2019. Eight bakers entered their pies!

Judges Amy Currie, Jeff Hunter, and Beth Little were challenged to rate each pie in the Berry Pie Contest on its crust, filling and appearance. Amy Currie is a seasoned food stylist, recipe developer, and culinary producer. Jeff Hunter is the pastry chef at Winberie's, and Beth Little is a SDI Trustee and Summit Common Council member.

Paige Schleimer was awarded first prize for her delicious Blueberry Pie accompanied by her homemade Vanilla Bean Ice Cream. Paige loves baking and is a local resident; go to [summitdowntown.org](http://summitdowntown.org) for her award winning recipe. Second Place was given to Mary Vincento for her Triple Berry Crumble Pie and Bill Hornbake's Raspberry Sour Cream Pie was awarded third prize.

There will be two other Sunday Funday Contests during the season: The Annual Apple Pie Contest on Sunday, September 29 and the Pumpkin Bread/Muffin Contest on Sunday, November 10. For more information on the Summit Farmers Market and Sunday Funday Activities, please visit [summitfarmersmarket.com](http://summitfarmersmarket.com) or contact Summit Downtown, Inc. at 908-277-6100.

The market is run by Summit Downtown, Inc. and is located in Park & Shop Lot #2, at the corner of DeForest Avenue and Maple Street. The

market is open 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. every Sunday, rain or shine, through November 24.

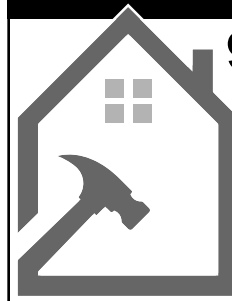
For more information about the Summit Farmers Market, "like" the Market on Facebook, follow us on Instagram, subscribe to our newsletter, visit [summitdowntown.org](http://summitdowntown.org), or contact the Farmers Market Administrator [marin@summitdowntown.org](mailto:marin@summitdowntown.org).

Summit Downtown, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the on-going development and promotion of the business community in downtown Summit, NJ.



(above) The winning pie, Paige Schleimer's Blueberry Pie accompanied by her homemade Vanilla Bean Ice Cream.

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## STEVE MORTENSON RECEIVES OVERLOOK'S EMT EXCELLENCE AWARD

*Submitted by John Staunton*

Stephen Mortenson, a member of the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad received the 2019 EMT Excellence Award from Overlook Medical Center, part of Atlantic Health System, at the hospital's 23rd annual Excellence in EMS Awards Celebration.

The event, which took place in the spring, at Galloping Hill Golf Course, celebrated the important role of EMS first responders in the communities they serve and highlighted the accomplishments of standout members from local squads in the region to help mark National EMS Week.

Steve, who was nominated by Squad Chief Kari Phair, joined the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad in January 2004 after being told by one of our members it will be one of the greatest things you do and it doesn't take up a lot of your time. As Steve said, the first statement is true and the second statement is not.

15 years later, Steve is a state certified EMT and riding a 12-hour shift each Thursday Night.

## FIRST AID SQUAD TO HOST EMT COURSE

A NJ State Emergency Medical Technician certification course will be hosted at the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad beginning on August 27, 2019. Instructors from Atlantic Training Center, part of Atlantic Health System will teach the classes.

Classes meet twice per week on Monday & Wednesday nights with a few classes meeting on Tuesday instead of Mondays.

Active members of a volunteer first aid or rescue squad may be eligible to utilize the state EMT training fund to cover the tuition.

To register for this class, visit <http://summitems.org/emt>. To view all Atlantic Training Center courses, visit: <http://www.atlanticambulance.org/atlantic-training-center.html>

This is the second full EMT training class to be conducted at the Summit First Aid Squad HQ since the new building opened. The Squad has been hosting both EMT initial training and recertification classes since 1988 as well as classes in general first aid and CPR for over 25 years.

The all-volunteer First Aid Squad is entirely funded through private donations and does not bill for service. The Squad responds to emergency calls 24-hours a day, provides health & safety training to the public and is also an approved training site for the NJ EMT certification program. The Squad has 90 members, including 20 junior members and is always looking for new volunteers to join its ranks. All needed training, uniforms and equipment is provided. For information on becoming a volunteer, or donating to the squad,

Steve provides excellent patient care and comfort not only to the patient but also to family members on scene.

Steve has been a very active member of the Squad with his volunteer hours exceeding the minimum of 48 hours per month. Steve has served as President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary and Trustee as well as serving on many committees. Most importantly Steve has served as one of our Legal Advisors, and in this day and age that is a vital role in EMS. It is also a thankless job. Steve has made it one of his missions to leave the Squad in a far better place than when he started. He has done that with great stamina and elegance.

Steve has been a true asset to the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad helping to write our By-Laws and Standard Operating Procedures. He has earned the respect not only of his Thursday Night crew, but the Squad as a whole. Steve is an accomplished leader who graciously gives of himself to help others and continues to be a vital part of our Organization. The Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad is proud and privileged to have Steve as a member and to nominate him for the Overlook EMT Excellence Award.

Seventeen EMS personnel were given the EMT Excellence Award at the event for their exceptional service. The awards were presented by colleagues, who described the winners' accomplishments to the audience.

"The brave men and women of the EMS

community are in many cases the first point of contact in the continuum of patient care a person will receive in an emergency," said Sharon Kelly MSN, RN, NEA-BC, director of Overlook's emergency services at its Summit & Union campuses. "The care they provide has a tremendous impact on the care the patient will receive once they arrive to us at the hospital, so we are honored to celebrate the vital role they play and the EMS excellence we see in our own communities."

Overlook also presented two hospital team members with EMS Council Recognition Awards for their work collaborating with EMS personnel. The two award winners were Sergio Guzman and Diego Morales, both patient care technicians, in Overlook's emergency departments in Summit and Union Township, respectively.

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*(above,l-r) Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad Chief Kari Phair, Steve Mortenson and Sharon Kelly of Atlantic Health.*



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The first week of the course will examine Plato's concept of state using his *The Republic* as a jumping off point for the lesson and class discussion. The second week will examine Machiavelli's *Rules for Living*. The third week transitions into a review of Hobbes and Locke and their views on human nature. The following week will cover Rousseau and his return to the ancients, looking at his *Discourse on the Origin of Inequality*. In week five, John Stuart Mill and the concept of utilitarianism and liberty will be examined. The course wraps up with a look at Marx's 'withering away of the state' aka Marx's 'Endstate', with a nod to Lenin's speech on "Democracy" and Dictatorship.

The free course will be held from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. and runs on consecutive Fridays from September 13 - October 18. Professor Ian Drake is an Associate Professor of Political Science and Law. His course last fall on the Supreme Court drew rave reviews from participants and kicked off the library's successful Explore Your World program. Seating is limited. Those wishing to register should contact the library at 908-273-0350, ext. 3 or visit the Information Desk in the main room of the library. The Explore Your

World series is funded through a generous grant from the Summit Area Public Foundation.

For those looking for less than a six week commitment, the library is offering a single session class with instructor Bruce Tucker of Rutgers Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) on American's Foreign Intervention: Afghanistan. Taking place on Friday, September 6, 2019 from 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m., Tucker will provide a brief background history of Afghanistan prior to American intervention, followed by an examination of the ever increasing American political and military involvement in Afghanistan. Billions was spent

on military and training to support Islamic fundamentalists (Taliban) to help them defeat and remove the Soviet presence in Afghanistan, which was subsequently followed by unsuccessful attempts at establishing a democracy. The 9/11 attacks, which precipitated the US invasion of Afghanistan, has resulted in 18 years of undeclared war with what appears to be no clear end in sight. While the class may not provide any clear solutions and certainly no easy answers to this nearly two decades long foreign intervention, the class will provide background and context and provide an opportunity for questions and class discussion.



(above) Ian Drake, Associate Professor of Political Science and Law at Montclair State University, will return to the Summit Library for a New Explore Your World Program this September.

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## SUMMIT STUDENT STUDIES IN CHINA ON U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE NSLI-Y SCHOLARSHIP

Jack Quinn, a high school student in Summit, New Jersey, is studying Mandarin in China for the summer through a National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) scholarship. NSLI-Y is a program of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Jack, competitively selected out of over 3,300 applications from across the United States, is one of approximately 660 students who will study Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Korean, Persian, Russian, or Turkish overseas this coming year. While in China, Jack is receiving formal language instruction, living with a host family, and experiencing the local culture as part of an immersion environment.

Jack went to Nanjing, China on June 27 and will return mid-August. Prior to leaving, Jack expressed his excitement to participate in the program, "I was very fortunate to discover the program. I will be living with a Chinese family, taking classes at Nanjing University, volunteering at a local orphanage and much more. I expect to materially improve my Mandarin Chinese and aspire to become fluent."

NSLI-Y is part of a multi-agency U.S.

Government initiative launched in 2006 to improve Americans' ability to communicate in select critical languages, to advance international dialogue, and increase American economic global competitiveness. Many NSLI-Y alumni go on to pursue education and careers vital to U.S. national security and credit the program experience with helping them improve their academic, leadership, and cross-cultural communication skills.

NSLI-Y is administered by American Councils for International Education in cooperation with AFS-USA, American Cultural Exchange Service, AMIDEAST, iEARN-USA, the Russian American Foundation, Stony Brook University, the University of Delaware, and the University of Wisconsin.

Applications for 2020-21 NSLI-Y programs are expected to be available at [nsliforyouth.org](http://nsliforyouth.org) in the late summer. The U.S. Department of State conducts study abroad programs for over 1,000 American high school students and approximately 3,000 foreign high school students each year.

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