20 Years of Presidential Interns

Season's Greetings! The American University in Cairo’s Presidential Internship program is celebrating its 20th anniversary. What began with Frank Packard in 1981 evolved into a program that has touched over 160 people to date. Anniversaries provide us with the perfect opportunity to connect the past with the present, hence the first Presidential Intern newsletter.

This year seven new Presidential Interns came to AUC from all over the United States. All but one was born overseas, a testament to the worldly nature of the group. They were joined recently for a Ramadan Iftar on December 4th by former Interns, Alex Dessouky '96-'97, Kris McNeil '95-'96, Christine Prince '97-'98, Beth Turk '98-'99, Sarah Sullivan '95-'96. So remember, you are always welcome at AUC.

Let us know what you've been up to for the next newsletter!
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Hacking it in Cairo
Mike Allan

Little would I have known six months ago that my degree in semiotics and continental philosophy would somehow land me in Cairo, working at the Center for Adult and Continuing Education and of all possible divisions, in Business Studies. Needless to say I have been learning an enormous amount: from concerns as broad as how to reconcile my studies of Marxist literary and cultural theory with my role in the machinery of multinationals in Cairo, to more finite concerns of how to get a haircut around the corner from the university. Of many possible stories to be shared in a newsletter, it is this latter concern—the haircut—that has proved most indicative of my daily trials. I could easily share with you a number of trivial incidents or

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There are few things that I truly love, and writing is certainly one of them. Learning languages, traveling, the Middle East and Mets baseball round off the list. Everything else is just noise, a means of involving myself with one of these things.

As grand cities go, Cairo reigns supreme. Of course, life in the Big Mango is not always the highly idealized picture that I often paint for family and friends. It is a roller coaster ride—check full of bumps and un-

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Phung Pham

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Texas A&M University
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Sarah Sullivan 1995-96
Georgetown University
Heather Hanyon 1995-96
Oberlin University
Kristine McNeil 1995-96
Stanford University
Rana Junaid 1995-96
Texas A&M University
*Rocky Cristdl 1995-96
Texas A&M University
Brendham Hight 1995-96
University of California
Eric Winograd 1996-97
Dartmouth College
Farha Nawa 1996-97
Hamption College
Alexa Alonzo 1996-97
Middlebury College
Alex Desoux 1996-97
Princeton University
Lisa Bernske 1996-97
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Rachel Anderson 1996-97
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