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## Nevada high school students sought for global summer leadership program

Algeria Youth Leadership Program application deadline is March 29; opportunities at University and trips to Washington D.C., San Francisco and Lake Tahoe

RENO, Nev.--In a continuing effort toward the realization of a global Nevada, the Northern Nevada International Center (NNIC) is looking for high school students with leadership potential as part of the fifth Algerian Youth Leadership Program. The program promotes cross-cultural dialogue between Nevada and Algerian high school students and includes all-expense paid sessions in Washington, D.C., San Francisco, Calif., and Lake Tahoe, Calif., and work with professors and students at the University of Nevada, Reno's Reynolds School of Journalism and Center for Advanced Media Studies.

"Nevada high school students will partner with the best and brightest Algerian youth to foster a global exchange of community activism, civic education and leadership," said Carina Black, executive director for the Northern Nevada International Center. "Participants work alongside students and professors to learn digital media engagement through community outreach and engage in critical thinking workshops, diplomatic discussions and ongoing community service projects from May through October."

This year, both Algerian and Nevada youth will travel to Sierra Nevada Journeys' locations with education program in Portola, Calif., Lake Tahoe, and finally to San Francisco, and Washington D.C. All travel costs for the 2013 Algerian Youth Leadership Program are currently awaiting congressional approval and will be funded by a grant through the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the main sponsor for this leadership program. If approved, expenses will be paid for selected applicants that are eligible to attend.

"Previous participants have developed strategic skills that helped prepare them for college and life," said Todd Felts, a professor in the Reynolds School of Journalism. "It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that not only helps build a more global perspective, but helps us all realize a better Nevada."

<u>Applications</u> will be accepted now through March 29 for Nevada student leaders wishing to participate in the program.

More information can also be found at https://www.facebook.com/AYLP2013.

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The Northern Nevada International Center (NNIC) is a non-profit affiliated with the University of Nevada, Reno. It works in conjunction with the US Department of State and other US federal agencies in the area of citizen and public diplomacy. Each year, NNIC brings between 400-500 international visitors to Nevada fostering better understanding between foreign leaders and people from the State of Nevada. It also provides translation and interpretation services; teach foreign languages; and organize speaker events as an affiliate with the World Affairs Council.

Nevada's land-grant university founded in 1874, the University of Nevada, Reno has an enrollment of 18,000 students and is ranked in the top tier of the nation's best universities. Part of the Nevada System of Higher Education, the University has the system's largest research program and is home to the state's medical school. With outreach and education programs in all Nevada counties and with one of the nation's largest study-abroad consortiums, the University extends across the state and around the world. For more information, visit www.unr.edu.

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