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ALUMNI NEWS

U.S.- Angola Exchange Alumni Community Newsletter

Let's Celebrate !

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I'm pleased to bring you the 2nd edition of Alumni News. We have so many reasons to celebrate our alumni community!

We are increasingly engaged in creating events and programs that add value while promoting cultural and educational exchange. In March, we celebrated Women's History month. In April, we focused on the environment and in May, the spotlight was on press freedom and human rights. The month of June will center on the protection of LGBTQI rights and the promotion of racial justice. Check out our website, Instagram and Facebook for highlights from previous engagements.

Kudos to all of you have served as mentors for applicants to the Fulbright Foreign Student Program and the Study of the United States Institutes Programs. We also had a stellar Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund competition this year with strong proposals from across Angola.

Cheers on an awesome spring and wishing you all a successful summer!

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

AMBASSADOR NINA FITE CELEBRATES THE LEGACY OF WOMEN'S CONTRIBUTIONS IN PROMOTING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

On March 31, the Mediateca in partnership with U.S Embassy Luanda hosted the first Women's Forum which focused on the role of women in the development of Angola. The event addressed the contribution of women in response to the pandemic and shared ideas of how the state can develop inclusive processes, promote entrepreneurship, and female inclusion through policy. Nicolau Miguel, Mandela Washington Fellow alum, was a key part of the planning and organization of this exciting event.

Ambassador Fite deliver keynote address at the first Women's Forum

EARTH DAY UNITES VOLUNTEERS IN SUPPORT OF MANGROVE PRESERVATION

Fulbright Alumna Mavinda Andre all smiles during the planting efforts

On April 24, 30 volunteers from U.S. Embassy Luanda joined Otchiva, a local NGO that promotes awareness of the importance of mangrove ecosystems around Angola, to launch a call to action in celebration of Earth Day and beyond. A diverse group of volunteers responded from the UK and Swedish Embassies and the Angolan national police to harvest and plant seedlings in a local mangrove. This initiative is one of the first concrete measures to meet the challenge issued by the Angolan Vice President at the African Union, to plant 1 million trees this year and to promote understanding of the impact of mangroves on the overall ecosystem. Over 25,000 seedlings were planted and our Fulbright Alumna, Mavinda André was present as a volunteer to add efforts to this and other future initiatives.

Exchange Opportunities

The Humphrey Fellowship

We are pleased to announce the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship for the 2022-2023 academic year. This is a non-degree program of study at a U.S. university for mid-career professionals to enhance their professional capacities through participation in specialized 10 to 12 month programs. If you are an:

- Angolan citizen residing in Angola
- have completed a four-year degree or the equivalent of a bachelor's degree,
- have at least five years of full-time professional experience, and have
- English language fluency

apply for this great opportunity by June 18.

Humphrey Fellowship
A Fulbright Exchange Program

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AFRICAN RESEARCH SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Research Scholarship 2022 /2023

This unique program offers university professors or research professionals the opportunity to conduct research in any academic or professional discipline in the United States. Preference will be given to individuals holding a doctoral degree with at least three years of university teaching experience, and a record of academic productivity.

Deadline for applications: June 25
Click here for more information

Curriculum Development 2022/2023

Designed for less experienced scholars who have not had access to recent research or instructional developments in their disciplines. It's a great opportunity for university faculty or administrators to conduct research in any academic discipline at a U.S. academic or research institution.

Deadline for applications: June 25
Click here for more information

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Find out what's happening in our Exchange Community

The Office of Alumni Affairs is very proud of the impact that exchange programs has had on the young students and professionals who have participated in U.S Exchange Programs around the world. Voices of Exchange, a podcast that will feature many voices of exchange launched on March 31. "Our alumni have incredible stories that we hope will inspire others to build resilience and strive for diversity, equity, and inclusion in their communities." said Matthew Lussenhop, career diplomat and ECA's Acting Assistant Secretary.

Check out Voices of Exchange here!

MentorTalks

MentorTalks is a interactive event that puts exchange program alumni in touch with extraordinary mentors on a wide variety of topics. The series runs on Facebook page and in short 15 minute segments to learn a little about each mentor and their career and then to ask them questions on their topic.

Did you miss the last live event with Carla Dirlikov Canales, an international opera singer? Visit InternationalExchangeAlumni to hear how Carla Canales brings global experience to bridging cultures through performing arts. Don't miss the Next Mentor Talks with Saad Abid, an award-winning IVLP alumnus, on June 2nd at 10am EDT.

Join the next MentorTalks here.

YALI NETWORK

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Featured YALI Network Online Course

YALI NETWORK ONLINE COURSES OFFERED IN ENGLISH & PORTUGUESE

The YALI Network course on Advancing the Role of Women in Politics, Peace and Security, and Economic Institutions is available. The course provides information on the critical roles that women play in politics, peace and security, and economic institutions. The course content delves into the barriers women face, strategies to combat them, and actionable takeaways.

Alumni Highlights

AMBASSADOR NINA FITE VISITS MWF ALUMNUS WOOD WORKSHOP IN SOYO

During a recent visit to Soyo, Ambassador Nina Maria Fite visited David Wata, a Mandela Washington Fellow alumnus from the 2019 cohort. His furniture workshop not only provides job opportunities but also provides vocational training to hearing and speech impaired youth.

Wata developed an innovative mosquito net which includes the use of two nets with a vacuum between them which has proven to be effective in the fight against malaria. He and his team are finalizing the design of a one-way trash receptacle to promote sanitation and proper trash disposal. Thanks to David and his team for their hospitality and the Angolan Sign Language lesson!

"I am engaged in bringing innovation to Angola's furniture industry and my dream is to empower young people with disabilities through mentoring and training.

Wata David

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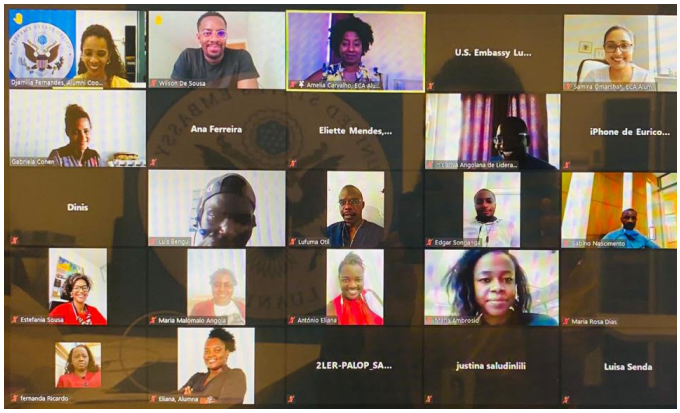
FULBRIGHT ASSOCIATION RELAUNCHES WITH NEW BOARD

The Fulbright Association of Angola has a new board elected in a general meeting on May 6, 2021, hosted via Zoom. Led by alumna Fatima Câmara, the board includes Gabriela Cohen as secretary and Estefânia Sousa as fiscal director. The new board relaunches the Fulbright Association just in time to join global celebrations of the Fulbright Program's 75th anniversary. Congratulations to the Fulbright Association of Angola and to the Fulbright alumni community on this great step forward.

When we return to Angola we want to continue serving and giving back what we received in the Program. The Fulbright Association represents for me this unity and engagement

Nádia Silva, Fulbright Alumna

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



AEIF 2021 WEBINAR ALUMNI LEARN ABOUT GRANTS

In March, over 30 alumni joined a two part webinar on Proposal Best Practices for the Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund competition. Alumni often have great projects but the proposal drafting process and grants are often a challenge. This outreach initiative is part of Embassy Luanda's continued efforts to bolster the capacity of alumni groups and alumni led NGOs. Are you interested in more topics like this? Let us know!

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NICOLAU LONDE MIGUEL
MANDELA WASHINGTON FELLOW, 2019

Kudos to Nicolau Miguel who was recently selected for the African Civic Engagement Academy (ACEA) at the University of Virginia. The ACEA is a free online training program and networking opportunity offered in English, French and Portuguese for selected rising public sector and NGO leaders in Sub-Saharan Africa. Nicolau currently works for African Union as Program assistant and was nominated as an ambassador of peace one year after completing the Mandela Washington Fellowship Program. Congratulations also for his brilliant participation in the YALI 10 SUMMIT that was held from May 24 to May 28.

INNOVATION AT THE SERVICE OF TRANSPARENCY
NUXO - NO TO FAKE NEWS!

Zedilson Almeida, Fulbright Alumnus and Managing Director of Angolan startup, Simpluz Technologies, launched the NUXO Project, an innovative solution that uses an artificial intelligence algorithm to identify fake news. "Nuxo" can analyze news 24 hours a day, virtually and in any language. Available on Facebook and Facebook Zero, Zedilson explains, "the algorithm can identify a pattern, something that humans can't do."

"We have to believe in our dreams and ideas and share them with the world. Nuxo is a proof that we can innovate by offering the world solutions that always respect values such as ethics, responsibility, and truth"

Zedilson Almeida

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"BUSCENTER" PROMOTES TECHNOLOGY AND PREPARES CHILDREN FOR THE FUTURE

Creating integrated infrastructures of service provision in Education, Health, Environment, Tourism, Entrepreneurship and Culture, is the goals of the community project "Buscenter". Alfredo Capitamolo, YALI MWF Alumnus is the co-founder of this Project that invests in the reuse of bus shells as centers for economic empowerment, through education, health and digital inclusion. Buscenter provides space for engagement on art and culture, programming, robotics, computer science and aeronautics classes, aiming to prepare children for the future.

DOUBLE M TALK SHOW

On March 27, under the theme "Woman Leader, Capable Woman", the YALI Regional Angola Committee hosted a Talk Show called "Double M, March Woman" at "Instituto Superior Politécnico de Tecnologia e Ciências", ISPTEC. The event honored women and celebrated their different roles in everyday life.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING IN BENGUELA

Elisabeth Florentina, Mandela Washington Alumna, hosted the first Leadership, Entrepreneurship and Business Creation Training from April 5 to April 30 in Benguela province. Check out her entrepreneurship school

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Alumni promote culture

Fulbright Film Director exhibit 1999

Hugo Salvaterra, Fulbright alum, participated in a conversation with other filmmakers as part of the Cycle #CicloG80 promoted by KinoYetu a non-profit organization for Film Promotion, Creation and Production, in partnership with the Art and Culture Foundation. Hugo Salvaterra is a talented writer and film director. The event featured a screening of his film 1999.

Hugo_Salvaterra

Geracao 80

Pe-Arte Films celebrates 3 years of discovering Angolan talent

Congratulations to Arte Films, a company founded by YALI RLC alumnus, Salgueiro Katchanga. The company celebrated its third anniversary of training actors for cinema and TV.

Pe-Arte Films

From alumna Jackline to you

The second edition of "Revista Sonhos", created by the Fulbright Alumna Jackline António, is out now. It is a lifestyle publication with a diversified thematic approach.

Revista_Sonhos

Fulbright 75th Anniversary

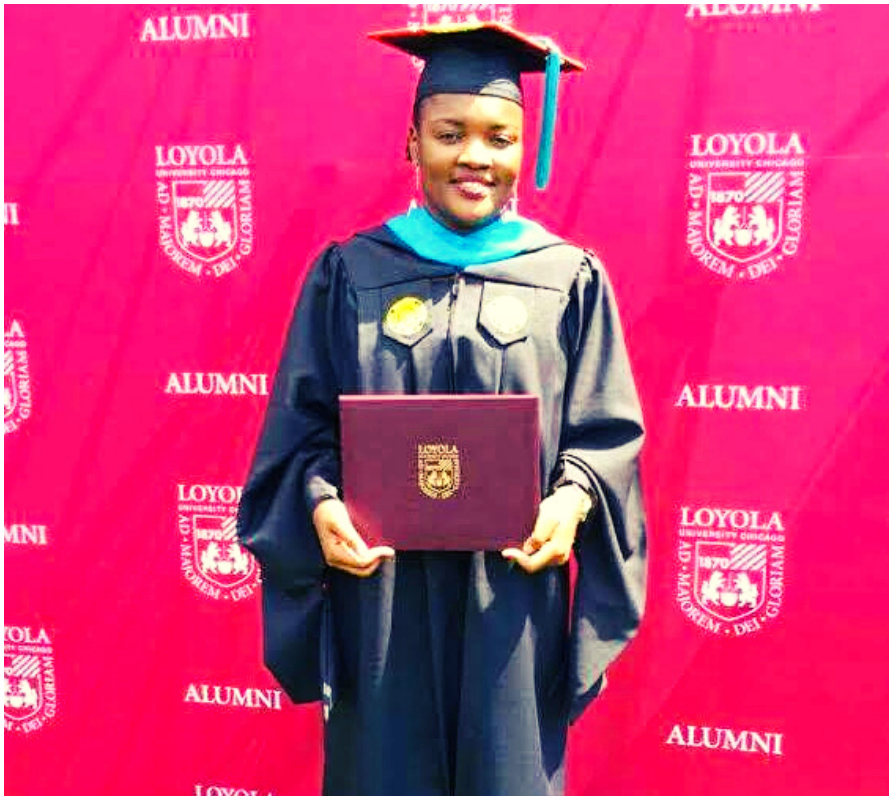
fulbright story

In first Person: Eliana Antonio

One day, 10 years ago I was sitting at a lunch table with work mates and someone referred the Fulbright Scholarship, then one looked at me and said Eliana you should apply! It was still a few semesters before I'd finish undergrad, but I liked the idea of the U.S. experience and since then I committed to it and did not let go until I went, 4 years later.

I was selected and granted the scholarship for 2015-2017. I went to Loyola University of Chicago in Illinois where I completed a Master of Science in Human Resources Development and had the time of my life. I'm grateful to Fulbright for the opportunity and since coming back home to Luanda, I have worked on amazing projects. Currently, I work in real estate in Condominium Management.

During my scholarship, I met people from all over the world which has broadened the way I see it. Many countries now have the faces of people close to my heart.



Let's celebrate your story

Your experiences as U.S Exchange Program Alumni can be inspirational for other young people. We'd love to share your story and hear how your exchange experience has made an impact in your life or in your community! Share your Alumni Success Story with us at PASLuandaInbox@state.gov

Please include your full name, age, city, professional activity, how the program you participated in impacted you and your accomplishments since returning to Angola.

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