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SUMMER LUNCHEON WITH ESU CONSTANTA ROMANIA

On Thursday, August 1st, the ESU US had the pleasure of hosting Florina Jasmine Niculescu, the president of ESU Constanta Romania, along with her talented students! Three students wowed us with their Shakespeare monologues. We are so grateful to everyone who joined us to meet these amazing students, learn more about ESU Constanta Romania, and simply enjoy a delightful mid-summer lunch together.

During the event, we exchanged gifts with the students. They presented us with handcrafted pottery, musical instruments, and books, while we gave them a small token of appreciation. It was a truly heartwarming exchange of culture and friendship.

We had a fantastic time hosting Florina Jasmine Niculescu and her students, and we can't wait for them to visit us again in the future. Thank you to everyone who made this event a success!



Watch for news on
upcoming Speakers and
Events coming this Fall



THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION

The ESU celebrates English as a shared language to foster global understanding and good will by providing educational and cultural opportunities for students, educators, and members

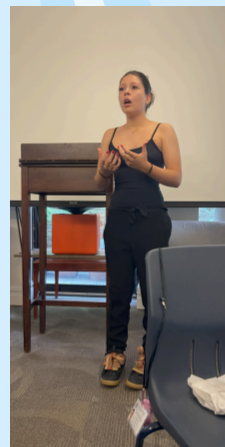
Take a look at some of our upcoming events. We have so many fun and exciting things to look forward to.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The organization is currently undergoing Exciting news! Membership renewals will now be electronic, with reminders sent via email starting on September 1. Members can join or renew at any time, enjoy uninterrupted access to programs, receive personalized reminders, and start benefiting immediately. Thank you for your support!

[Renew your membership or join the ESU](#)

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ESU SUMMER UPDATES!

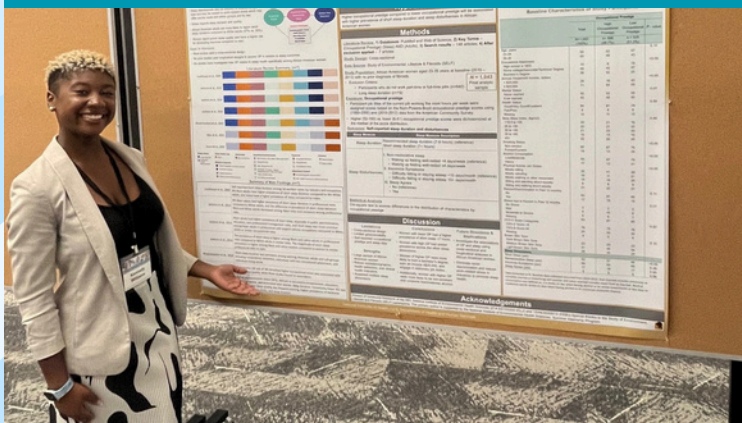


Kennedy Williams ESU 2024-25 Luard Morse Scholar, has had an enriching experience this summer as a research intern at the National Institutes of Environmental Health Sciences in the Research Triangle, NC. Kennedy recently shared, " I had the privilege of conducting research in the Social and Environmental Determinants of Health Equity Lab.

My primary project involved conducting a comprehensive literature review on "Occupational Prestige in relation to sleep health among the Study of Environmental Lifestyle & Fibroids cohort," as well as estimating participant characteristics based on occupational prestige scores using preliminary SELF data. Through this work, I gained valuable insights into epidemiology and its critical role in public health. I delved deeply into the literature, uncovering significant health disparities affecting minority populations, particularly in relation to sleep health. Additionally, I had the opportunity to expand my skills in data analysis and coding using large datasets. I also showcased my findings through oral presentations during the Summer Intern Communication Challenge, as well as at both the NIEHS Epidemiology Science Day and the NIH Summer Poster Day."

Kennedy is about to begin her Junior Year as a biology major at North Carolina A&T State University. She is looking forward to continuing her studies at Kings College London Winter/Spring Semester as an ESU Luard Morse Scholar.

Since 1969, The English-Speaking Union has provided Luard Morse Scholarships to students attending historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) to study in the United Kingdom.



For more information on the ESU Luard Morse Scholarship, go to <https://www.esuus.org/luard-morse-scholarship-college-juniors/> or email auhl@esuus.org



VOLUNTEER WITH ENGLISH IN ACTION!

Interested in making a difference in the lives of students from around the world? As an English in Action volunteer, you can help a newcomer practice English and build long-lasting relationships with students from around the world. No prior teaching experience required. Be a window into U.S. life and join our community!

[Click here to hear some of our EiA Volunteer Stories](#)

Email eia@esuus.org to get started!

In June we recognized the 10th anniversary of the Andrew Romay New Immigrant Center (ARNIC) and we also formally recognized members of the ARNIC Class of 2024!



Our event, "House of Immigrants: Ten Years of Impact and Immigrant Success," celebrated the vision of our center to empower newcomers to this country. It was a joyful and uplifting evening that brought together graduating students, alumni and other members of our community. We listened to student writings and a panel discussion by our alumni. We also formally recognized each of our outstanding graduates.

We were also proud to present three awards recognizing outstanding contributions to our work to support new immigrants. We presented awards to the ESU Denver Branch, Flushing Bank and Venezuelans and Immigrants Aid.

Congratulations to our graduating students, our award recipients and the entire ARNIC community!

For more information about our center for new immigrants, contact Karl Hart (khart@esuus.org).

ESU TLAB SCHOLARS ENJOYING LIFE ACROSS THE POND!



ESU teachers from across the country have been making the most of their summer studies and explorations in Oxford and Edinburgh!

Vincent Simone shares, "I'm finishing my second week of summer school at Oxford, and I'm delighted to report that this has been a truly extraordinary experience, one so full of good things that I'll spend many months, no doubt, bathing in its afterglow. I feel overwhelmingly grateful to you and the rest of the ESU family in Richmond. I look forward to sharing my stories and my photos and--of course--my writing when I return."



In Edinburgh, Trevor Johnson shared, "studying and traveling around Scotland has truly been the adventure of a lifetime! It has reinvigorated my passion for writing and I have had many experiences that I am excited to bring home to Colorado and relay to my students!

Since 1957, the ESU has made summer study abroad opportunities available for teachers and lifelong learners.

For more information go to:

<https://www.esuus.org/what-we-do/teachers-learning-abroad//> or contact Alice Uhl at auhl@esuus.org

THE ESU NATIONAL SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION KICKS OFF IN AUGUST!



The ESU invites you to join us for the 2025 National Shakespeare Competition (NSC) launching in August. Now in its 42nd year, the NSC is a performance-based education program where high school students nationwide read, analyze, and perform Shakespeare's works, developing communication skills and confidence along the way. More than 500 high schools across the country participated in the program last year. Make your school one of them in 2025!

Click here to learn more about the National Shakespeare Competition, and check back after August 15 to register for the 2025 NSC.

To donate to the ESU National Shakespeare Competition **click here.**

Story of the Week: All the Free Shows You Should See in New York This Summer

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JOIN US IN CLEVELAND OCTOBER 18-20, 2024



2024 **ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE** *WITH THE* **ESU INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING** ***HANDS ACROSS THE SEAS: LEADERSHIP FOR GLOBAL ACTION***

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Thursday, October 17, Sold Out

Hotel Cleveland, Autograph Collection

Book your group rate for English Speaking Union Annual Conference September 17 cut-off date to make reservations (\$229/night)

ROOMS ARE GOING FAST!

**FOR QUESTIONS:
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Preliminary Schedule of Events

The Westin Cleveland Downtown
Book your group rate for **ENGLISH SPEAKING UNION ATTENDEES**
September 17 cut-off date to make reservations (\$209/night)

PATRON TOUR



Experience the magic of Italy with the ESU National Patron Tour “Shakespeare and Palladio in the Veneto,” September 21-27, 2024!

Tour Details: [ESU National Patron Tour Shakespeare and Palladio in the Veneto](#)

Benefits of Being a Patron Member

You are invited to join the ESU Tour "Shakespeare and Palladio In the Veneto, Italy" September 21-27, 2024. It will take our group to Verona and Vicenza, Lake Garda, Asolo, Padua, and Mantua, exploring historic churches and charming plazas, libraries and lush gardens, palazzos and Palladian villas. Thanks to our Italian host art historian Count Stefano Aluffi-Pentini's trusted friendships with the families that own some of the residences designed by Andrea Palladio, our small group will enjoy private access to some of Veneto's hidden treasures and meet a couple of these owners, who will graciously share their stories and family legacies. And of course, our resident Shakespeare expert Dr. Catherine Loomis will regale the group with captivating stories and insightful commentary on Shakespeare's most important plays set against the backdrop of the region.

[click here to register](#)

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