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TCLP Teacher Featured in the Washington Post, Al Hurra, and Voice of America

Arabic exchange teacher,
Tamer Elsharkawy, talks about
his experience teaching
language and sharing culture
at H.D. Cooke Elementary in
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Call for Student Stories

*Do you know a student with a
story to tell?*



Maybe you studied Mandarin
or Arabic for the first time with
a TCLP exchange teacher as
a student. Maybe you're the
parent or teacher of
a student who had the
opportunity to learn about

A Letter from the State Department

Dear TCLP Family,

Greetings from Washington, D.C. My name is Maxine Pitter Lunn and I am happy to join the family as your U.S. Department of State TCLP Program Officer. Please enjoy the latest TCLP Newsletter.

Your energy as alumni makes the program a worthwhile long term investment in mutual understanding. Please continue your exciting projects and communication about your experiences during TCLP - your energy and enthusiasm expands the impact of this program in all our countries! Go ahead and apply for a Critical Language Project, connect with us on social media, and encourage your students to study abroad.

We thank you for your support, and look forward to hearing from you!

Alumni Spotlight

TCLP Alumni Shine in Spotlight

*Past participants share their post-program
accomplishments*

Chinese or Egyptian culture through TCLP. We are interested in hearing how your participation in this exchange program has impacted you and your future.

Have you continued your language studies in college? Did you go on to study abroad in China or an Arabic-speaking country? Do you plan to put your language skills to use in your career after you graduate?

This is your chance to share your story. We welcome submissions from student alumni, as well as parents and teachers of students. Stories will be considered for publication in the newsletter and may be featured on the program website.

To submit a story, [Click Here](#).

TCLP Celebrates Ten Year Anniversary

TCLP will welcome its tenth cohort of exchange teachers to the U.S. this summer



Since TCLP was first funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs in 2006, the program has sent 212 exchange teachers to teach Mandarin and Arabic. These educators are instrumental in helping U.S. schools to either build new critical language programs or building existing



This year TCLP has launched an exciting new feature for alumni to share their accomplishments since their time in the United States. The Alumni Spotlight shares the achievements of TCLP cohorts throughout... [Read More](#)

Success Stories from TCLP Host Schools

U.S. alumni report growth of critical language programs



During the 2016-17 academic year, Buxton Center Elementary School will become the first TCLP school to host two exchange teachers during a single academic year. Currently all kindergarten students... [Read More](#)

TCLP Alumni Achieve Sister School Agreements with U.S. Schools

Through alumni efforts official cross-cultural exchanges grow in U.S. and Chinese schools

programs to the next level. Collectively, TCLP teachers have directly taught over 73,000 students from 148 U.S. host schools in 36 states and the District of Columbia.

In July the tenth cohort of TCLP exchange teachers will arrive in Washington, DC. This newest group will consist of 16 teachers from China and 8 teachers from Egypt and will embark on a journey of teaching and learning in various host communities across the country. In doing so, they join a growing network of educators who have served as cultural ambassadors for their home countries. American Councils and the entire TCLP alumni network are thrilled to welcome the tenth cohort.



The 2015-16 cohort of exchange teachers were the first to wish a Happy Birthday to TCLP during the Spring Leadership Workshop last month in three languages. We invite all exchange teachers, students, mentors, administrators, and anyone else who has been affected by TCLP to [share your stories](#) with us.



Stay tuned for upcoming events celebrating 10 years of



TCLP alumni, Tan Lihua (2013-2014) and Pan Jiling (2010-2011), continued to build on the work they accomplished at their host schools and have expanded international opportunities for both U.S. and Chinese...

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Be Featured in the Next Alumni Spotlight

Take our [Alumni Success Survey](#), or [email us](#) about your latest accomplishments!

News

TCLP Exchange Teachers Prepare to Return to Egypt and China as Teacher Leaders

The 2015-16 cohort reflects on the year and share plans to enact change in their educational communities at home



American Councils welcomed 22 exchange teachers from Egypt and China to Washington, DC during May 5-7, 2016 for the Teachers of Critical Languages Program (TCLP) Spring Leadership Workshop... [Read More](#)

Andrew Lewis Middle School to Hire a Full-Time Mandarin Teacher

Mandarin Chinese Program Becomes Priority for School Board

TCLP in the coming months!

TCLP Alumni Continue their Professional Development Abroad

Egypt TCLP alumni meet at TESOL conference



Mohamed Mehanny, (TCLP 2013-14 at International School at Thorton Middle in Thornton, CO) attended the 20th Nile TESOL International conference January 26-27, 2016. While there, he met another teacher who was also TCLP alumna, Sabreen Kamel (TCLP 2014-15 at Disney II Magnet School in Chicago, IL).

Following the conference, January 28 - February 4, Mr. Mehanny and Ms. Kamel attended a training program on the topic of how to be a mentor and trainer for other teachers in their schools and other schools. The training was conducted by American professor Jerry Gebhard, an English professor at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in Indiana, Pennsylvania. Mr. Mehanny and Ms. Kamel were two of only 20 selected teachers across the country for the training!

We love hearing from you about your continuing education and professional development activities. Share it with us by writing to tclp@americancouncils.org!



Prior to being selected for the Teachers of Critical Languages Program (TCLP), Andrew Lewis Middle School did not have a Mandarin Chinese program. After arriving in Salem, Virginia in 2015, TCLP exchange... [Read More](#)

Wisconsin High School Celebrates Arabic Language and Egyptian Culture

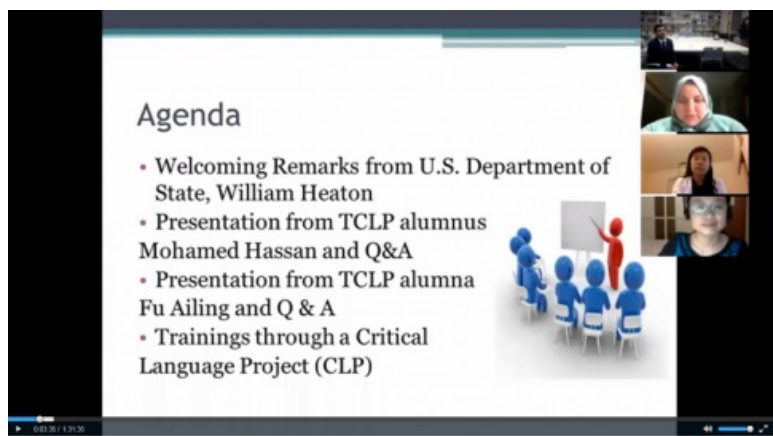
Arabic students organize a cultural fair for their classmates



Students in TCLP exchange teacher Nashaat Mehany's Arabic class at Tomah High School in Tomah, Wisconsin organized a day-long cultural fair on April 1, 2016 to introduce classmates to Egyptian culture... [Read More](#)

3rd Annual Virtual Alumni Conferences

TCLP Alumni from around the world participated in two virtual conferences: "Building Sustainable Programs" and "Student and Peer/Teacher Trainings"



Agenda

- Welcoming Remarks from U.S. Department of State, William Heaton
- Presentation from TCLP alumnus Mohamed Hassan and Q&A
- Presentation from TCLP alumna Fu Ailing and Q & A
- Trainings through a Critical Language Project (CLP)

On December 10-11, 2015 TCLP alumni from across the United States joined to learn from current and alumni TCLP schools who have guided.... [Read More](#)

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