



## Recently at the Embassy

### Roma Program in Borsodbóta Celebrates Education Achievements



On March 30, Ambassador Foley attended the closing conference of the Roma Integration Program in Borsodbóta. This comprehensive four-year, USAID-funded program, implemented by Partners for Democratic Change (San Francisco) and its affiliate Partners Hungary Foundation, focused on integration of the Roma minority and Hungarian majority. [More](#) [Ambassador Foley's Remarks](#)

### Ambassador Foley Visits Szekszárd and Pécs



Ambassador Foley spoke to 50 students at the Béla I High School on the topic of the USA as a destination for higher education. She had lunch hosted by the Mayor of Szekszárd István Horváth. At the lunch they talked about the Hungarian political scene and the meaning of March 15, and Hungarian-U.S. relations. In Pécs she witnessed the awarding of an honorary degree to former Ambassador George H. Walker.



### U.S. Brigadier General Meets the Press on Missile Defense

On March 28, Brigadier General Patrick J. O'Reilly, Deputy Director of the Missile Defense Agency, held a press conference for Hungarian media representatives announcing that his recent visit in Budapest was one in a series of meetings to inform allies on the U.S. missile defense program. He noted that Hungary has not been asked to deploy any of the elements of the missile defense shield; however, the U.S. is continuously engaging with all its strategic partners on this initiative. [More](#)



### Ambassador Foley Promotes Women's Leadership in Hungary

Ambassador April H. Foley, in a lecture delivered at Budapest's Central European University's (CEU) Business School March 21, noted that it is a proven fact that companies having more than the average number of women leaders in their management perform better than the others. She noted that women's participation at the top executive ranks is not just a women's issue, but is in basic interest of the economy.



### Jazz Strengthens Bonds of Friendship

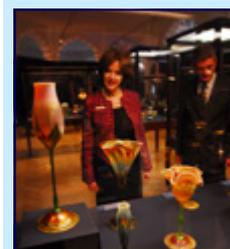


Ambassador Foley presented the Ambassador's Award for Cultural Diplomacy to Branford Marsalis during the Budapest Spring Festival at his sold-out concert in the 1,000-seat Congress Center on March 16; and to the 15-year old American pianist, Adam Swanson, who participated in the Bohém Ragtime Jazz Festival in Kecskemét. [B. Marsalis](#) [Bohém Festival](#)



### Tiffany Glass Exhibit Opens in Budapest

On March 21, Ambassador Foley gave remarks at the opening of the *Tiffany and Gallé – Art Nouveau Glass* exhibit, which displays masterpieces from the Budapest Museum of Applied Arts' internationally renowned Tiffany collection, and several works by Emile Gallé as well as by other famous European and Hungarian masters. The exhibit is open to the public until November 18. Address: IX. Üllői út 33-37; Hours: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. daily, except Mondays. [Museum of Applied Arts](#)



### Ambassador Foley About U.S. Education and Healthy Lifestyles

Traveling to Kecskemét on March 22, Ambassador Foley addressed an audience of 300 high school students on the U.S. as a destination for higher education, and on the importance of taking personal responsibility for maintaining a healthy lifestyle. She visited Kodály High School, the originator of WHO's "Healthier Schools Network" in Hungary (now one of 300). The ambassador also stressed the importance of strong U.S.-Hungary ties, particularly Hungary's cooperation with the U.S. in a PRT in Afghanistan.

## Ambassador and YFU Exchange Alumni Discuss Key Goals



Ambassador Foley met with 40 alumni of the high school exchange program Youth for Understanding (YFU) on March 29 to detail accomplishments in her key goals and to welcome more cooperation with this young professional group. She also described her efforts to help women work toward leadership roles in business and public service and to work with Hungary in identifying more diverse and cleaner sources of energy.

## Hungarian-American Author Discusses U.S. First Ladies

As part of Women's History Month, writer and journalist Kati Marton discussed her book *Hidden Power* with students and professors from 2 Budapest universities via DVC on March 19, and answered questions about the influence of presidential wives. She also discussed her new book on 9 Hungarian scientists whose work in the U.S. helped ensure American victory in WWII and contributed to post-war military and industrial development.

## Web Highlights

### Travel to the United States

Visit this new section on our web site which offers a rich collection of links to tourist resources and attractions, as well as practical information from time zones to weather, and from driving to customs regulations. It also features Ambassador Foley's article on her favorite New York pleasures. [Travel page](#)



### Student Corner

On this new page, the State Department's Bureau of International Information Programs highlights its electronic publications suitable for younger audiences. [Student Corner](#)



## Looking Ahead

### Reminder: Webforum on Studying in the United States

Send your questions in advance to <http://forum.usembassy.hu>, or join us live on April 3 between 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at that site!

### Webchat

**U.S. Assistance in Landmine Awareness and Mine Action** with Richard Kidd on April 4 at 2 p.m. GMT

## New Publications

### eJournalUSA: *Lifesaving Vaccines*

The United States and international partners have been working together for more than 30 years to expand the benefits of vaccines to children everywhere. The story of their efforts is told in this edition of eJournalUSA. [eJournal](#)



### IRC Newsletters: *Information Technology E-Government and E-Commerce*

*U.S. Society and Values*      *Defense Issues, NATO, Response to Terrorism*

## In the News... from Washington

### 50th Anniversary of the Signing of the Treaties of Rome

John Negroponte, Deputy Secretary of State; Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs; Andris Piebalgs, Member of European Commission; Klaus Scharioth, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany; John Bruton, Ambassador of the Delegation of the European Commission, Washington, DC, (March 26, 2007)

Deputy Secretary Negroponte: "...As the European Union celebrates the half century mark, we in the United States are honored to applaud its immense accomplishments. For five decades now, the EU has been a force for positive change not only in Europe but around the world." [More](#)

### Missile Defense and Europe

Foreign Press Center Briefing by Air Force Lt. Gen. Henry A. Obering, Director of the U.S. Missile Defense Agency; Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, Washington, DC, March 28, 2007

"...there needs to be a discussion of missile defense and the strategic problem and challenge that missile defense in its current iteration is designed to address. But I want to stress from the start that this debate needs to be grounded in the reality of the threat, the potential threat, and the reality of the strategic context that we all face, the "we" in this case being the transatlantic community and the "we" in this case also being Russia because it faces the same threats that we do or similar threats." [More](#)

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