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Recently at the Embassy

Ambassador, Consul General Promote U.S. Education and Exchanges



On November 14, Ambassador Foley visited the Karinthy Bilingual High School in Budapest as part of the Embassy's Outreach Program and to commemorate International Education Week. She assured students that the U.S.'s doors are open and encouraged them to continue their studies at one of the United States' institutions of higher learning.

The Ambassador and Consul General Thomas Ramsey emphasized that 90 percent of student visa applications are approved by the Embassy and gave insight into the visa application process. [More▶](#)

Deputy Chief of Mission Gives Lecture on Leadership at CEU

Deputy Chief of Mission Philip T. Reeker spoke to students of "Critical Thinking and Leadership" at the Central European University (CEU) Business School about the process of reaching a leadership position, how to exercise leadership, as well as on the people who had most influenced his professional development. Mr. Reeker drew on his years working as Deputy Spokesman for Secretary of State Colin Powell, and Powell's famous "Lessons of Leadership."



U.S. Expert and Hungarian Journalists Evaluate Midterm Elections by Digital Video Conference

Danielle Pletka, vice president for foreign and defense policy studies at American Enterprise Institute, an independent public policy research organization, discussed the results of the U.S. midterm elections, its potential effects on U.S. foreign policy and its international role with Hungarian journalists during a digital video conference on November 9. [Midterm Elections▶](#)



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Embassy ESTH Officer Attends Vienna Environmental Security Meeting

On October 31, Sam Kotis of the Environment, Science, Technology and Health (ESTH) Office attended the Advisory Board Meeting of the Environmental Security (ENVSEC) Initiative, a joint effort of OSCE, UNDP, UNEP, UNECE, NATO, and the Regional Environmental Center in Hungary. The Meeting highlighted ENVSEC's recent activities in the Balkans, Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, and possibilities for future cooperation. The United States provided funding to ENVSEC in 2006 for the establishment of and support to Public Environmental Information centers in the OSCE region. [ENVSEC▶](#)

U.S. University Professor Gives Presentations in Hungary

Professor Francis G. Couvares of Amherst College presented "American Culture in a Multicultural World" to Hungarian audiences November 13-14. Speaking to students at the American Corner in Debrecen and at the Central European University, he offered an overview of the multicultural origins of American popular culture and challenged the term "Americanization." He also participated in "A Week of North American Culture" programs arranged by the Károli Gáspár University in Budapest.

American Football Legend Visits Hungary

During his visit to Hungary, NFL Hall of Famer Marcus Allen met Embassy staff on October 13. He recalled moments of his exceptional career and answered questions. [NFL Hall of Fame▶](#)

Looking Ahead

Love Letters at Merlin Theater

Duna Players will present A.R. Gurney's play, *Love Letters*, at the Merlin Theater on December 4 at 7:00 p.m. The performance will star U.S. Air Attaché Col. Martin Wojtysiak and Mrs. Tina Wojtysiak. Proceeds from Duna Players productions will be donated to local English language instruction programs.

Webchats

Celebrating American Indian Heritage Month with Joseph Bruchac, a traditional storyteller, on November 20 at 1:00 p.m. EDT (1800 GMT); **Disability and Ability: The Rights of Persons with Disabilities** with Peter Blanck on November 21 at 1:00 p.m. EDT (1800 GMT); and **Education in America** with Andrew Rotherham on November 28 at 10:00 a.m. EDT (1500 GMT). [Webchats▶](#)

American Athlete in Hungary

"HotStuff" Hollie Dunaway of Fort Smith, AR, USA an American World Champion Professional Boxer will be facing Hungarian Champion Krisztina Belinszky at the "Wekerle" Leisure Facilities in Mór, Hungary on November 25 at 5 p.m. To order tickets call: +36 30 325 6690.

New Publications

eJournal: *Disability and Ability*

[E-Journal▶](#)

Opening with President Bush's proclamation on the 16th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, this edition of eJournal follows three themes from his speech; Guarding the Rights of Others, Building on the Progress, and Celebrating the Contributions.

IRC Newsletters: *Environmental Issues and Defense Issues/NATO, Response to Terrorism* (with articles about the upcoming NATO Riga Summit) [Newsletter▶](#)

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Zoom In On America: *Books and Libraries*

This issue is about books, reading habits and libraries in the United States. It also features the great New York Public Library and the American Corners in Hungary. [Zoom▶](#)

In the News... from Washington

State's Daniel Fried Talks About the NATO Riga Summit to Baltic News Service

"Now the President will go to Estonia both to celebrate the achievements but also talk about the task that we in the transatlantic community have as members of a free world, to help others who are similarly striving." [More▶](#)

United States, European Union Sign Pact on Transnational Crime

The U.S. Department of Justice signs an agreement with EUROJUST, the judicial cooperation unit of the European Union, to improve coordination between prosecutors in the two regions. [More▶](#)



Mr. Allen in 1995
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