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Local Teachers Embark on Journey to Turkey

WASHINGTON, June 23, 2014: Bridget Asana, Laurel High School; Meghan Cycyk, South Lakes High School; Flavia Favali, Bladensburg High School; and Kathleen Murphy, Laurel High School; will be among 48 middle and high school social science teachers who will be visiting Turkey from June 27 to July 11, 2014.

The local teachers will participate in a Teacher Study Tour, organized and sponsored by the <u>Turkish Cultural Foundation</u> (TCF). The groups will visit Istanbul, Gelibolu (Gallipoli) and Troy, Canakkale, Bursa, Kusadasi, Pamukkale, Konya and Catalhoyuk, Cappadocia and Ankara. Throughout the tour, the teachers will have the chance to visit and learn about world-famous cultural, archeological, architectural and natural sites of Turkey and meet with experts, educators and representatives of Turkish civil society.

"I so look forward to exploring a land whose history and geography encompasses a diversity of cultures, meeting fellow teachers on such an awesome adventure," said Favali, who last year taught world history and intensive English.

The study tours are the second tier of a program called Spotlight on Turkey, a nationwide educational program organized by TCF, the World Affairs Councils of America and its local chapters and funded by a major TCF grant. 479 teachers from across the United States have visited Turkey since 2007 under this program.

The year-round program includes a Teacher Workshop on Turkey, the TCF Teacher Study Tours and various cultural programs for students and the general public. Through this program, TCF and WACA aim to increase knowledge about Turkey in local communities, and enhance international learning opportunities for American educators and, in turn, students.

To schedule an interview with the local teachers prior to or after they return from the tour, please contact Gabby LaVerghetta, 202-293-1051 or <a href="mailto:glaverghetta@worldaffairsdc.org">glaverghetta@worldaffairsdc.org</a>

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