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## Fulbright Photo Contest Winners!

The past few months we've held a photo contest on Facebook themed "What best represents the U.S. university experience as a Fulbrighter?" We had a tie, and our winners are below!

➔ Check out the top ten entries on our [Facebook](#) page.



Amir Alakaam, Iraq  
Marywood University, 2010-2012



Samah Al Ajjawi, Bahrain  
Florida State University, 2010-2012

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## The Host Family

Wonderful Experience... Wonderful Friendship...

**By: Sumood Almaowashi, Iraq, 2010-2012**

Living in a different country as an international student is one of the most challenging experiences that one may have. Being raised with certain values and having a different tradition makes you sometimes confused about what is the right thing to do in your new environment, but having a host family makes adapting to the new life much easier. New international students face many difficulties. The first thing is the language. Although most students have studied English before they come to U.S., they have no idea about what some idioms mean, like “do not throw the baby out with the bath water.” Sometimes students make mistakes with similar words. For example, instead of saying “I had fun with you,” I used to say, “you are funny,” leaving the other people with question marks on their faces...

Please check out the rest of Sumood’s article and other current student updates on [State Alumni!](#)

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## Fulbright & Future Engineers

**By Mona Ebrish, Libya, 2009-2011**

In the summer of 2010, I got the opportunity to work as



an instructor on campus for a girls' summer camp themed "Circuits are a Snap". The story starts in the spring semester when I worked as a TA with Professor Beth Stadler, and gave lectures for undergraduate students as part of a course on "Special Topics in Electrical Engineering." Because my performance was outstanding, Prof. Stadler suggested my name to the Recreation Center on campus as a candidate for the next summer camp, hence I got the job. It was for only one camp that was to last for a week. The goal of the camp was to encourage young girls to become engineers by allowing them to explore electrical circuits as a fun game...

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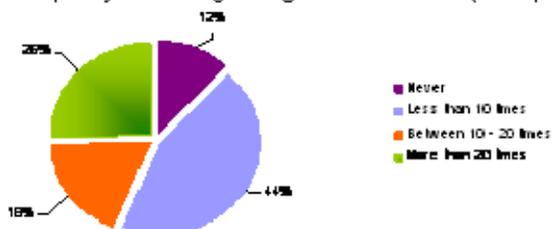
## Survey on Academic cheating: A morally banned, yet socially accepted behavior

By **Fadwa Chaker**, *Morocco, 2007-2009*

Many of my Fulbright fellows have had diverse experiences during their academic stay in the U.S. In my case, the Fulbright experience has been simply amazing. While my MBA at Duke University has allowed me to hone my business skills, it has also given me the opportunity to work closely on projects in a field near and dear to my heart: education management. My interest for the field got increasingly intense after my return to Morocco, my home country, where the redesign of the educational system was in full swing. My interest regarded the behavioral aspect of the reform, more particularly the attitudes of students and alumni towards academic cheating and the potential systemic solutions to be brought from this perspective.

To start with, I made and distributed a survey in order to probe young Moroccans' perception of this social phenomenon whose dimensions have probably transcended school and university walls to slowly penetrate every aspect of our lives. The sample size consisted of 500 respondents from various backgrounds, including students in engineering, business, biology and the arts in addition to a random sample on the Internet...

Frequency of Cheating Among the Best Students (the top 30%)



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# The Risk Management Specialist Crunch: A New Type of Crisis

**By Mohamed Wail Aamonou, Morocco, 2007-2009**

As a finance and risk manager in a North African consulting firm, one of my duties is to recruit consultants in the financial services industry. Although the number of consultants on the marketplace has significantly increased over the past decade, I have had a hard time hiring experts in risk management, especially those who require a relatively high compensation compared to other functions. In this article, I will explain the reasons behind the lack of risk management specialists in developing countries and discuss possible impacts of this situation on the banking industry.

The emphasis on risk management and compliance has become a global trend. The scandals of Enron and WorldCom in the early 2000s and increasing market instability have justified the strengthening of regulations and control after years of deregulation. As a result, regulations such as the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, Basel II and Solvency II have been given a lot of attention by governments and businesses. Consequently, even though the banking industry has been, on average, cutting jobs during the current economic crisis, there has been increasing demand for risk management specialists, even in developed financial markets....

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## Announcements

STATE ALUMNI is the official website for more than 1,000,000 alumni of exchange programs sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Interactive, dynamic and password-protected, [alumni.state.gov](#) offers alumni from U.S. government-sponsored exchange programs a place to:

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- Find grant and funding opportunities worth more than \$33 billion
- Access more than 20,000 free journals, periodicals, and more

- Participate in *Q&A Live* discussions with experts
- Share your work in the Fulbright Library, organized by academic discipline
- Stay involved through a local alumni association

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