

AFS-USA's *Faces of America Program* Making a Difference



"Ahlan Wassalan from Egypt! This weekend I went to the Giza Pyramids and Islamic Cairo with some friends from AFS. It was so completely beautiful I marveled at the splendor of these ancient monuments. I was walking on the same land as the pharos once did and when I put my hands on the hieroglyphs I felt so in awe that my hand was touching ancient history. This country is filled with so much richness and history. I am just getting started and I can't wait for this adventure to continue each day I am here. I am so grateful to have an opportunity like this – thank you, AFS!"

—Mary Margaret Yapp, AFS-USA Returnee
Faces of America Scholar, U.S. to France, Summer 2008 & U.S. to Egypt, Year 2010-11

"I hope more students take the risk of going outside the country and experience a new culture. It is a way to learn about others in the world and yourself. Just go for it. Get on that thirteen hour flight and own it. Because once you get off the plane the changes begin."

—Angelicca Telles, AFS-USA Returnee
Faces of America Scholar, U.S. to Thailand, Summer 2010



"I met unforgettable and interesting people during my four weeks in community service. I sometimes forgot that it was community service because I was getting as much out of it as I was giving."

—Erika Marte Carrasco, AFS-USA Returnee
Faces of America Scholar, U.S. to New Zealand, Summer 2010

"*Faces of America* helped me grow by challenging me and exposing me to new experiences. I was able to go to New Zealand, where I studied ecology. I went with Anwyl, the ecologist, to various forests and beaches to help her teach a class about nature. I helped guide the students through various activities and taught them about nature myself. I taught them about the forest and its different layers, insects and their habitats, and waves and the magnetic sand on the black beaches. My experience allowed me to learn about a career I didn't even know existed"

— Ulises Duran-Martinez, AFS-USA Returnee
Faces of America Scholar, U.S. to New Zealand, summer 2010



"I was able to meet my host family; the people that would take me in for six weeks and I would end up considering part of my true family... I still cannot believe that in just one summer I met so many kind and interesting people."

—Alexia Sanchez, AFS-USA Returnee
Faces of America Scholar, U.S. to Turkey, summer 2010
Faces of America Scholar, U.S. to Thailand, summer 2011