

## MODEL U.S. SENATE

Grades 10-12

MUSS is a unique simulation of the American congressional process in the United States Senate. High school students are assigned to play the roles of senators and other senior members of government. The activity will be held in Raunheim, Germany, from March 28-April 1, 2011.



## JUNIOR LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

Grade 7

Junior Leadership Seminar is a 6-day event designed to identify and develop leadership skills for use in school. JLS will be held in Oberwesel, Germany from February 6-11, 2011.



## MATH COUNTS

Grades 6-8

At the school level, students are coached in problem-solving and math skills for this national program. Students will compete at the School, Chapter, and State levels, with State finalists advancing to

Nationals. The State Competition is scheduled to take place March 24-25, 2011, in Wiesbaden, Germany. Student fees: DoDDS-Europe pays the fee for every DoDDS-E school to compete. State qualifiers are responsible for their lodging and meal expenses at the DoDDS Europe Competition.



## BERLIN SEMINAR

Class of 2011

Throughout DoDDS-E, seniors only are invited to apply for participation in this event. It will be held from February 13-18, 2011, at the Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung in Berlin. American and German students work together to achieve cultural understanding, using Berlin as a case study. The agenda changes yearly, but the previous activities have included trips to the Deutsche Bundestag (Capitol Building), Stasi Museum and Prison, and discussions with German political leaders.



## ALL-EUROPE ACADEMIC BOWL

Grades 9-12

Each high school sends one academic team to compete in a tournament format patterned after the "College Academic Bowl." The team of four answers questions reflecting a broad high school curriculum to include the subjects of math, science, social studies, history, culture, language arts, and literature. Held annually, the competition for 2011 will be from April 4-6 in Hambachtal, Germany.



## FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

Grades 7-12

FBLA students strive to develop personal and professional skills that can be utilized to pursue career goals. The Spring Leadership Conference will be held April 18-22, 2011, in Garmisch, Germany, and features seminars on public speaking, leadership techniques, organizational skills, education/career guidance and competitions ranging from audio visual presentations to web design. At the event local chapters elect the new State FBLA Officers and prepare for the summer FBLA National Conference. Attendance at the Spring Leadership Conference is highly recommended for aspiring Local and State Officer Candidates.

## MODEL UNITED NATIONS

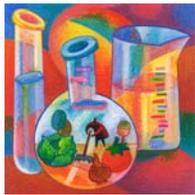
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MUN students practice the art of compromise and diplomacy through realistic United Nations simulated activities. School delegations attend General Assembly and Security Council simulated sessions. DoDDS-E students attend MUN sessions in various locations: The Hague (Netherlands), St. Andrews (Ireland), Prague, and Istanbul. For specific information including costs, contact the MUN sponsor at your local school.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Grades 10-11

This activity brings together students from European and DoDDS high schools to discuss and practice methods associated with leadership skills. ISLI is held in Oberwesel, Germany, from February 27-March 4, 2011. Organized and run by a Board of Directors composed of German, Dutch, Czech, and American teachers and students, host nation corporations, European schools, and DoDDS-Europe sponsor this activity.



## JUNIOR SCIENCE & HUMANITIES SYMPOSIUM

Grades 9-12

JSHS is for students who are interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Students work on original research projects at their schools and then compete in the DoDDS-Europe Regional for scholarships and awards. JSHS is held February 28-March 2, 2011, in Reidstadt-Goddelau, Germany. The 48<sup>th</sup> National

Junior Science and Humanities Symposium will be held April 27-May 1, 2011, in Bethesda, Maryland.

## JROTC DRILL COMPETITION

Grades 9-12

Army JROTC Drill Competition Finals will be held at Ansbach's Katterbach Airfield, Germany, on May 15, 2011. The cadets compete in two general categories of Regulation Drill and Exhibition Drill with judging in 7 different events. Air Force-Navy European Drill Finals will be held March 5, at location to be determined.

## FUTURE EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

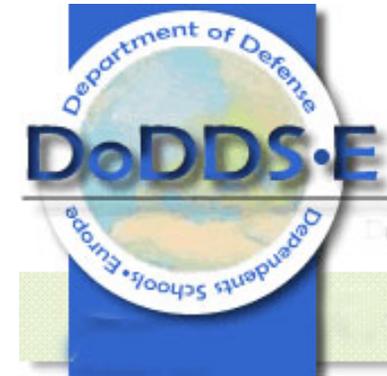
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FEA is for students who are interested in a career in education. Leading educators from DoDDS-Europe and the United States present teaching and learning strategies in a seminar setting. FEA European Conference will be held from February 1-4, 2011, at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch, Germany.



## DoDDS-EUROPE

## STUDENT ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES



## School Year 2010-2011

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## **JAZZ SEMINAR**

**Grades 9-12**

This big band swing style seminar incorporates 28 student instrumentalists and 6-8 vocal soloists who focus on the study of jazz. Under the direction of major jazz musicians and educators, students have the opportunity to listen, read, perform, and improvise jazz music. Audition material is sent to high schools in September. Students apply through their local high school by submitting a recorded audition for adjudication in early November. Jazz Seminar concludes with presenting a series of jazz concerts for the local community and schools. Naples High School will host the event from January 10-16, 2011.

## **HONORS MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**Grades 9-12**

The Honors Music Festival offers 60 student instrumentalists and 80 vocalists the opportunity to study and perform a variety of band and choral literature under the batons of two of America's finest conductors. After a period of intensive rehearsals with the guest conductors, the students present an evening concert with a combined band and choral finale. Preparation takes place at Oberwesel, Germany, and the concert is performed at the Wiesbaden Kurhaus, a major European concert hall. Students apply through their local high school by submitting a recorded audition. Adjudication will be February 2-4, 2011, and the event is March 27-April 1.

## **LinguaFest**

**Grades 8-12**

LinguaFest offers participants a rigorous, immersive language experience in the language that they are currently studying, while evening enrichment offerings enable students to explore other languages and cultures. Students apply for this activity in September and October through their schools;

selections are made in October. LinguaFest will be held November 29- December 03, 2010.



## **CREATIVE CONNECTIONS**

**Grades 9-12**

Creative Connections, a six-day visual and performing arts symposium for talented high school students, will be held November 14-19, 2010, at the Jugendgästehaus, Oberwesel am Rhein (Germany). Instructors include experienced DoDDS teachers and contracted art specialists. This year's classes include movement, drama, show choir, strings, arranging, video production, sculpture, oil pastels, drawing, mixed-media and digital imaging techniques. The week of intensive instruction challenges students to explore new creative avenues and refine their skills to the highest levels. As one instructor described it, "Creative Connections is a whole semester of Fine Arts packed into one week." The activity culminates with an exhibition of artwork followed by performances on stage on Thursday evening beginning at 5:00 p.m.

## **SHOWCASE**

**Production Week: February 28-March 4, 2011**

SHOWCASE is an anthology of K-12 student art and literature featuring approximately 750 selections for publication from the over 3,000 submissions reviewed each year. The submission process begins with classroom teachers sending exemplary art and literature to their school selection committees for review, with selected works going forward to district panels composed of teachers, students, and parents. Works selected at the district levels are then delivered to the Area publication team for final consideration as the anthology is created. Twenty-five teachers are selected from applications to serve on the publication team. The book is created using the latest digital photography and desktop publishing techniques. Teachers are trained and design each page according to the publisher's specifications. The resulting digital file draft is printed professionally and distributed to schools. A print and digital copy is presented to each published author and artist.

Involvement in student activities has many advantages for students. Quality extracurricular activities promote student achievement, citizenship, and service to the community while developing self-esteem, self-confidence, and social cooperation. An extracurricular program supports student achievement by helping to establish a safe, positive climate of cooperation and competition. Quality extracurricular programs promote experiential learning, healthy decision-making and life skill development while developing responsible student leaders and global citizens.

The major goal for any quality extracurricular program should be to foster inclusion of students from diverse social, economic, and cultural backgrounds. In DoDEA it also provides an opportunity to develop an appreciation and understanding for the Host Nation while participating in many typical “American” activities. The extracurricular program in DODEA supports the military family.

Quality extracurricular programs offer students the opportunity to explore, engage, and elevate their interests and reflect on future career options. When a student explores an activity, they are confronted with the basic concepts and principles of leadership and initiate a process of skill development. Involvement provides students with the opportunity to expand self-confidence, refine their skills, and develop social cooperation. Through introspection, reflection, and guided evaluation a student can realize their leadership style, sense of commitment, and continuous growth on many levels. There are student fees associated with some activities. Please check [www.eu.dodea.edu/activities](http://www.eu.dodea.edu/activities) for more information.

## **DoDDS – Europe Student Activity Calendar School Year 2010 - 2011**

**Creative Connections**  
November 14 – 19, 2010

**Linqua Fest**  
November 29 – December 3, 2010

**Jazz Seminar**  
January 10 – 16, 2011

**Future Educators Association**  
February 1 – 4, 2011

**Junior Leadership Seminar**  
February 6 – 11, 2011

**Berlin Seminar for Seniors**  
February 13 – 18, 2011

**International Student Leadership Institute**  
February 27 – March 4, 2011

**Junior Science and Humanities Symposium**  
February 28 – March 2, 2011

**Air Force/Navy Drill Team Finals**  
March 5, 2011

**Math Counts**  
March 24 – 25, 2011

**Honors Music Festival**  
March 27 – April 1, 2011

**Model United States Senate**  
March 28 – April 1, 2011

**All Europe Academic Bowl**  
April 4-6, 2011

**Future Business Leaders of America**  
April 18 – 22, 2011

**Army JROTC Competition Finals**  
May 15, 2011

