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Weston Student to Travel to South Korea to Participate in U.S. Department of State's National Security Language Initiative for Youth Program

Daniela Vesga of Weston, Florida, will study Korean this summer in South Korea on a National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) scholarship. NSLI-Y, a program of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), promotes the study of Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Indonesian, Korean, Persian (Tajiki), Russian, or Turkish.

Daniela was one of 540 students selected from thousands of high school applicants across the United States to receive a NSLI-Y scholarship. While in South Korea, Daniela will live with a host family, immerse in the local culture and host community, and engage with local peers to enhance language learning and build mutual understanding.

Launched in 2006 as part of a multi-agency U.S. Government initiative, NSLI-Y increases the number of young Americans with the critical language skills necessary to advance international dialogue, promote economic prosperity and innovation worldwide, and contribute to national security by building understanding across cultures. Many NSLI-Y alumni go on to pursue education and careers vital to U.S. national security and credit the program experience with helping them improve their academic, leadership, and cross-cultural communication skills.

NSLI-Y is administered by American Councils for International Education in cooperation with AFS-USA, American Cultural Exchange Service, Amideast, iEARN-USA, Stony Brook University, and the University of Delaware.

Applications for NSLI-Y programs are available at www.nsliforyouth.org each fall.

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