

## **HECFAA IN THE COMMUNITY – EN LA COMUNIDAD**



**Congratulations to Julieta Valls Noyes for her Nomination as Ambassador to Croatia:** President Obama announced on March 26 his intent to nominate Julieta Valls Noyes, Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs at the Department of State, for Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia. Noyes has served in her current post since 2013. Previously, Ms. Noyes served as Deputy Executive Secretary at the Department from 2011 to 2013 and as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy to the Holy See from 2008 to 2011. She also was Deputy Director of the

Department's Operations Center from 2007 to 2008 and Director of the Office of Multilateral and Global Affairs in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor from 2005 to 2007. Congratulations and best of luck in your nomination!

### **HECFAA Members meet Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute's @CHCI 2015 spring internship:**

This past month HECFAA members and @DOSCareers met with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute's @CHCI 2015 spring internship. Dr. Frances Colon, Acting Science Advisor to the Secretary @STASatState



offered great insight on the role and importance of science in diplomacy. A panel of HECFAA colleagues spoke to the students about their career experiences. NEA/PPD Sr Advisor Edgar Vasquez, HR/RMA Management Analyst Francisco Trigo, HR/CDA Career Development Officer Natalia Capel. HR @DOSCareers Recruiter, Jim Madril shared his career experience as a FS Specialist

and talked about our student and career opportunities. For more information, check out their social media links below.

@CHCI <https://twitter.com/CHCI> @DOSCareers <https://twitter.com/doscareers>  
@STASatState <https://twitter.com/STASatState>



**HECFAA State Members Meet with HECFAA’s USAID New Members:** On March 19, board members from HECFAA State met with HECFAA USAID’s new board members to discuss areas of collaboration and ways to improve the two groups’ working relationship. Topics included holding joint network functions, hosting exchange roundtables, and assisting with grants to further Hispanic representation at the respective agencies. Look for joint State-USAID events coming soon!

**Ambassador Arnold Chacon Participates in Career Discussions in Texas:** On March 19, 2015, Ambassador Arnold Chacon, the Director General of the Foreign Service and Director of Human Resources participated in two events in El Paso, Texas including a discussion about Department of State Careers at the University of Texas at El Paso and a Diversity Career and Networking Event held at the El Paso Marriott. During both events, the Director general discussed the Department of State’s work and efforts to attract a diverse workforce. Several officers from the El Paso Passport Agency, the U.S. Consulate General in Ciudad Juarez, Diplomatic Security and HR/REE represented the Department at the event either as presenters or to network with the crowd before and after the Diversity Career and Networking Event (DCNE). While DNCE’s are a regular part of HR/REE’s outreach, HECFAA PR Co-Chair Jennifer Archibeque worked closely with local Diplomat in Residence for the Rocky Mountain Southwest Anne Callaghan to plan and advertise the



event with key – as many Hispanics in aware of the with the increased awareness visited, but also did *Paso Times*, EFE, *El* local Univision



constituencies beforehand the Southwest are not opportunities available Department. This event because the DG not only interviews with the *El Diario de El Paso* and the station. Approximately

200 people attended the evening event. Other speakers at the evening event were Bruce Turner, Office Director of HR/REE and El Paso Passport Agency Fraud Prevention Manager Graciela Enriquez – who is also a graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso. Vice Consul Young M. Han from the U.S. Consulate General in Ciudad Juarez also spoke at the event. In addition, students and members of the local Hispanic Chambers of Commerce in both El Paso, Texas and Las Cruces, New Mexico participated in the events.



**HECFAA Member Makes a Difference in Embassy Benin:** One of HECFAA’s most active members, PAO Paco Perez in Embassy Cotonou, Benin connects with local audiences to promote water scarcity issues. As captured by local media: “ACC Director, Francisco “Paco” Perez, held a water gallon over his head throughout his opening remarks to show his solidarity with brave women and girls in villages who walk an average of six kilometers daily balancing 20 kilogram water jugs.

## **Upcoming Opportunities!**

**Mujeres de HACE Accepting Applications for Spring 2015 Leadership Program:** Mujeres de HACE is a women’s leadership program geared to empower high-potential Latina professionals, at manager level or above (OR those with potential seeking to obtain a manager level role or above), to succeed professionally and thrive personally by providing insight, access, and professional development in an effective manner: individualized, culturally relevant and via collaborative, mentoring, and powerful relationships that continue beyond completion of the program. [Accepting applications until April 11!](#)

**Gobee Group Accepting Fellowship Applications:** The [Gobee Group](#) is excited to announce that we are accepting applications for the second Gobee Fellows cohort. [Launched in 2014](#), the Gobee Fellowship is an annual program that creates opportunities for individuals to learn from and build upon Gobee Group's design-driven social innovation practice. We are looking for up to two Fellows who possess unique experience that enables them to contribute creatively to projects in partnership with colleagues at all levels of our organization. Mid-career professionals are especially encouraged to apply. Fellows can be located in Oakland or New York City. The 12-week Fellowship starts June 1, 2015 and a stipend is provided. Interested applicants can [review the job description and apply here](#). The deadline for submissions is 11:59pm PDT on Sunday, April 12th, 2015. Apply here: <http://www.gobeegroup.com/archives/announcing-gobee-fellowship-2015-accepting-applications>

**Pew Research Center has paid summer internships!**

- [Summer Intern, Hispanic and U.S. Social & Demographic Trends](#)
- [Summer Intern, Multimedia](#)
- [Summer Intern, Religion \(Demography\)](#)
- [Summer Internship in Advanced Analytics](#)

<http://www.pewresearch.org/about/careers/>

**GOVLOOP SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM:** GovLoop is the leading knowledge network for government where more than 150,000+ federal, state, and local public sector employees connect and collaborate around their common challenges and interests. GovLoop has been featured in over 125 articles from the Wall Street Journal to the Washington Post and won the 2009 Federal 100 Award, 2009 AFCEA Social Media Award, and Government Technology's 2010 GovDoers, Dreamers, and Drivers Award.

<https://www.govloop.com/govloop-summer-fellowship-program-come-work-with-us/>

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING? • QUÉ HAY?**



Check out our [Events Calendar](#) to find out about upcoming HECFAA or other cool events related to Hispanics and/or professional development.