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Admiral Michael G. Mullen, President Fatmir Sejdiu, Prime Minister Hashim Thaci and Brigadier General Larry D. Kay exchange greetings.
Photo: Courtesy of President's Office

CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF PAYS A VISIT TO KOSOVO'S LEADERS

On Friday December 19th, Admiral Michael G. Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, met with Kosovo's President Fatmir Sejdiu and Prime Minister Hashim Thaci on Friday, December 19th, at Pristina Airport. U.S. Ambassador to Kosovo Tina Kaidanow hosted the meeting. The Admiral, accompanied by Brigadier General Larry D. Kay, was en route to a USO holiday event at Camp Bondsteel. Admiral Mullen expressed satisfaction at the progress Kosovo has made in the past year and pledged continued U.S. support for Kosovo.



Alumni and U.S. Embassy Pristina Staff Work Together at the American Corner in Prizren
Photo: Shykran Berisha,
American Corner Coordinator

ALUMNI OF USG PROGRAMS GATHER AT THE AMERICAN CORNER IN PRIZREN

On December 4th, the APAO and Cultural Assistant met with a group of USG alumni at the American Corner in Kosovo's southern city of Prizren. The American Corner coordinator and English Language Fellow (ELF) joined the group of alumni, which included professionals from the fields of education, journalism, city management, architecture, and other areas. During the meeting, alumni were encouraged to join and become active in the Kosovo United States Alumni (KUSA) organization. The Corner Coordinator and ELF also urged

them to become active in the American Corner as volunteers and to use the Corner for professional activities and meetings. The energy and enthusiasm generated during the meeting between various USG programs—American Corners, English Language Fellows, and alumni—promises to produce synergy in the future in Prizren.



Access Students Learn About the Holidays in America at the American Corner in Pristina
Photo: Robert Meszaros,
English Language Fellow

ACCESS STUDENTS CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS TOGETHER

Students in the ACCESS English Microscholarship Program at the American Corner in Pristina finished up the semester by learning about how Americans celebrate the holidays. Students researched how Americans celebrate Christmas, Hannukah and New Years, shared their plans for the holidays, and expressed their hopes and wishes for the New Year. The activity concluded with students making Christmas stockings. Made up of Albanian and Serb students, Access classes help promote multi-ethnic interaction and cooperation through

the neutral language of English. In a country where ethnic tensions still flare up, these classes provide young people with a shared language and common purpose.