

## **SPRING NEWSLETTER**

Over the last two months Fulbright members around the globe have been flooded with emails, news stories, and social media posts about the COVID-19 crisis. As the world sheltered in place, many families, businesses, and organizations operations and daily routines were disrupted, which caused some anxiety and stress. As a Fulbright community we are here to encourage and support each other. In April our chapter launched a picture challenge for Stress Management Awareness Month. Virtual Fulbright members shared pictures of how they were decompressing from all the COVID-19 stress. Below we highlight the experience of one of our chapter members.

*“My family and I had Easter dinner at our house, we made face masks and visited a Ghost Town here in the state of Nevada. We try something new everyday so we are not bored to death, on top of all that I’m teaching my kids how to cook and sew.”* **Madeline Kelley, Virtual Walden Chapter Member**



## VIRTUAL WALDEN CHAPTER'S DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT PLAYBOOK

The COVID-19 crisis resulted in many Fulbright event cancellations and postponements. Since the Virtual Walden Chapter operates primarily in a virtual environment, we decided to share our tips and suggestions to help other chapters beef-up their digital engagement by creating a Digital Engagement Playbook.

Check out the Digital Engagement Playbook on our website

<http://virtualwalden.fulbrightchapters.org/>.

## CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



#### **Dr. Raghu Korrapati, Virtual Walden Member Selected for the Fulbright Specialist Program**

Congratulations to Dr. Raghu Korrapati for being accepted to join the Fulbright Specialist Roster! As an approved candidate on the Fulbright Specialist Roster, Dr. Korrapati is now among a pool of candidates and eligible to be matched to a host institution project during his roster tenure of 3-years. Dr. Korrapati has more than 30 years of experience in various Post-Secondary Institutions of Higher Education and is currently serving as a Senior Core Faculty Member in the College of Management (CMT) and Technology,

School of Management. Dr. Korrapati also serves as an Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Applied Management and Technology (IJAMT). He is an award-winning graduate faculty that includes receiving a Faculty of Year Award and the Rita Turner Award for Chairing Outstanding Dissertation. He also was an Examiner for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award-MBNQA.



#### **Dr. Nadia Delanoy Virtual Walden Chapter Secretary and Recent PhD Graduate**

Congratulations to Dr. Nadia Delanoy for successfully completing her PhD in Organizational Behavior and Change Leadership. Her dissertation is entitled, "*Social Media and Customer Engagement: Customer Relations in a Digital Era*". Nadia continues to support nonprofit and for profit organizations in assessing their data analytics (IT) infrastructure, analysis frames and applications that support more agile and targeted practices for business process

management. She currently runs a consulting practice which focuses on using business intelligence and data science to optimize strategy development and implementation. Additionally, as a Fulbright Chapter Officer, Nadia supports the integration of strategy as it aligns with our goals. She also applies her research in consultant roles with non-profit organizations such as the Alberta Council for Climate Education and the College of Alberta School Superintendents and Alberta Teachers Association Cooperative Committee on Research in Education. Nadia hopes that through her role with the Walden Virtual Fulbright Board to continue to lead and support service initiatives and potential partnerships in Haiti, Canada and within the United States, the Fulbright Readiness Program Series and the Internal Communications Committee to provide our membership with meaningful opportunities to contribute in the spirit of the Fulbright.

### **Binol Balachandar, Virtual Walden Fulbright Communication Committee Member**

Binol Balachandar has a bachelor's in nursing and a master's in child health nursing, nursing education, and nursing administration. A lecturer and the franchise program coordinator at the Caribbean School of Nursing, University of Technology, Jamaica. Binol is pursuing the Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Walden to improve the nursing education quality at work via evidence-based teaching and learning process.



Binol is a committed person, impacting the community and the workplace, even before the enrollment in the doctoral program. However, enrollment in this doctoral program and active participation in the Internal Communications Committee of the Fulbright Chapter at Walden has helped deepen my understanding and dedication towards the community. Walden's social change mission is undoubtedly in alignment with my personal and social goals, which helped me to be more conscious of the essence of educational advancement in paving the path for community upliftment. The importance of networking across borders helps to build community, which might lead to positive social change. Binol is a member of the Golden Key Society at Walden. Binol remains hopeful of making positive social changes while at Walden University and in the future.

Binol engages in other social community activities which include monthly volunteer work at the diabetic support group partnered with the Diabetic Association of Jamaica, which cares for children with Type-1 diabetes mellitus. She is on a team that monitors, counsels, educates, and provides necessary monitoring equipment and medications to children as well as empower children and families in managing the illness and leading a healthy life. Binol offers voluntary services, including mentorship and support services at a state-sponsored children's home. Binol volunteers at Soroptimist International Club, a voluntary movement for the upliftment of women and children, as well as gender equality, which is the focus of the club activities. Binol is the program chair for the club and was recently nominated to be the Vice President of the club, starting in April 2020.

We would like to thank Binol for her support and participation in our Chapter and we applaud her efforts as a change agent.

## NEWS & EVENTS

### FULBRIGHT NATIONAL AND LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS

#### **Fulbright Association 43rd Annual Conference is Cancelled**

Due to growing concerns about the spread of COVID-19, the Fulbright Association cancelled the 43rd Annual Conference, scheduled for October 6-8, 2020 in Taiwan. Fulbright also cancelled all travel programs slated for 2020 including: Slovenia (June 2020), Spain and Portugal (August 2020 ), and Taiwan (October 2020). For more information visit <https://fulbright.org/2020-conference>.

#### **2021- 2022 Fulbright Scholar Program is now accepting applications**

The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program offers approximately 470 teaching, research or combination teaching/research awards in over 125 countries. Opportunities are available for college and university faculty and administrators as well as for professionals, artists, journalists, scientists, lawyers, independent scholars and many others. In addition to several new program models designed to meet the changing needs of U.S. academics and professionals, Fulbright offers flexible awards including multi-country opportunities. The competition for the 2021-2022 academic year closes on September 15, 2020. For more information visit <https://www.cies.org/program/fulbright-us-scholar-program>.

### **Virtual Roundtable on Service & Scholarship**

The Virtual Walden Chapter hosted a Virtual Roundtable Event on Tuesday, February 25, 2020. The roundtable highlighted PhD students whose research reflected social change and innovative solutions that improve the way we do business, help people, and work with children. Catch up on what you missed by listening to the recording online at [https://youtu.be/Wiy4x\\_swuTw](https://youtu.be/Wiy4x_swuTw)

### **Trip to the Embassy of Jordan in Washington, D.C.**

The Virtual Walden Chapter joined the National Capital Area Chapter for lunch, networking, and an intimate discussion with Secretary Omar Masalha at the Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in Washington, District of Columbia. Members learned about the rich history, culture, and traditions of Jordan. As well as the current economic challenges, energy and water scarcity, and widespread unemployment among young adults.



### **Virtual Walden Chapter facilitates an Online Engagement webinar**

On Friday, May 1, 2020, the Virtual Walden Chapter partnered with the National Fulbright Association to facilitate a webinar with local chapter leaders in an effort to help 49 chapters devise a strategy for digital membership engagement amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Executive Director John Bader and Deputy Director Shaz Akram expressed their appreciation for the Virtual Walden Chapter's willingness to share expertise and support the other chapters during the crisis.

## **VIRTUAL CHAPTER FULBRIGHT READINESS EVENTS**

The Virtual Walden Chapter will host a series of events to help members prepare for the next Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program Competition. Mark your calendars accordingly.

### **Fulbright U.S. Scholar 2021-2022 Information Session**

Watch the recorded webinar by Tuesday, May 26, 2020 to find out what's new  
<https://www.cies.org/event/fulbright-us-scholar-program-whats-new-2021-2022>

### **Fulbright Specialist Information Session**

Takes place online Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 1:00 pm Eastern Time.  
Register for the webinar to find out more about program eligibility and how to apply here: [http://bit.ly/FulbrightSpecialistWebinar\\_June2020](http://bit.ly/FulbrightSpecialistWebinar_June2020).

### **Fulbright Mentor Matchmaking Month**

The Virtual Fulbright Chapter is interested in pairing members that will pursue a Fulbright Specialist or Fulbright U.S. Scholar application with Fulbright alumni. The purpose of the mentor matchmaking is to provide members seeking grant and fellowship opportunities with resources and expertise to develop a competitive application. If you are interested in being paired with a mentor please send an email to [WaldenFulbright@mail.waldenu.edu](mailto:WaldenFulbright@mail.waldenu.edu) by June 16, 2020.

## **ABOUT US**

The Walden Virtual Chapter is an official U.S. organization of the Fulbright Association. Our mission is to advocate for the Fulbright Program, promote international education, and advance social change through mutual understanding and collaboration.

### **Interested in becoming a Fulbright member?**

To join click the "Join" link below to access the Fulbright application. Choose the "Friend of Fulbright" membership option if you are not a Fulbright Alumni. Be sure to associate your membership with our chapter selecting the Virtual Walden Chapter.

[https://members.fulbright.org/general/register\\_member\\_type.asp??target=blank](https://members.fulbright.org/general/register_member_type.asp??target=blank)

**Interested in serving on a committee?**

Our Chapter currently has two committees that were created to support the management of internal and external communications and foster engagement between students, faculty, staff, and alumni. If you are interested in supporting a committee, please email [waldenfulbright@mail.waldenu.edu](mailto:waldenfulbright@mail.waldenu.edu) or attend the next committee meeting.

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