

## Cheers to our alumni in Denver

On Sunday, May 24, we held the first-ever IAFS Happy Hour Meet-up! It was an evening enjoyed by all on the patio of Lowry Beer Garden in Denver, complete with program updates and shared stories of the CU-Boulder memories.



We appreciate all the alumni who joined us to talk about their experiences and adventures in Colorado and beyond since graduation. We look forward to seeing you all next time.

## Next Stop, D.C.!

We are headed to The Front Page in Washington, D.C. for a Happy Hour event!

If you are in the area, join us on Sunday, June 8th from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. [RSVP here!](#) - first round is on us!

Stay in the loop - update your information online with the [CU Boulder Alumni Association](#), and join our LinkedIn group on our homepage at [iafs.colorado.edu](http://iafs.colorado.edu)

## Welcome to the Alumni Club, Graduates of 2014

Believe it or not, we honored 215 May and August graduates in International Affairs at our Spring 2014 graduation ceremony! Keynote speaker and IAFS faculty member Dr. Jessica Martin gave an inspirational speech in the beginning, and student speaker Ana Pantovic moved everyone with the ceremony's closing remarks.

IAFS '14 graduate and Best Honors Thesis Award recipient James Glassman shares, "After seven years as an IAFS student, I am grateful to have finally been able to graduate with such outstanding people. The IAFS program really brings together the best of the best that CU has to offer, and I am so glad to have established lifelong friendships."



*IAFS '14 graduates and Arabic language classmates (left to right): Dea Kollekowski, James Glassman, and Veronica Baker.*

Congratulations to the students, and to all their families and friends. For our new alumni, we urge you to create your legacy by staying connected and joining us for alum events and our LinkedIn group. Class of 2014, you can leave your legacy by supporting a scholarship for future International Affairs majors here at [www.cufund.org/IAFSLegacy2014](http://www.cufund.org/IAFSLegacy2014).

## Making Connections from the Dominican Republic to Washington, D.C.



*Martha Berhane volunteering as a math tutor in San Isidro, Dominican Republic*

For Martha Berhane (IAFS '14), her Global Grant study abroad scholarship took her to places she never expected. In fall 2013, Berhane went to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic for a Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) study abroad program. Berhane interned with *Community Service Alliance (CSA)*, an NGO in Santo Domingo that provides resources to local Dominican communities and works to expand access to healthcare and economic opportunities. Her internship gave her practical experiences working on outreach efforts to help low-income, unemployed families affected by HIV to escape poverty. Berhane also gained career experience by teaching community members how to make business plans that encourage entrepreneurship as a means for financial self-sufficiency.

Along with her internship, she took courses at the Instituto Filosófico del Centro Bonó, and spent Saturdays as a volunteer math tutor for children. Berhane rewarded herself after studying and interning by enjoying the flavorful Dominican cuisines, particularly a local favorite known as mofongo, a plantain-based dish.

Of her semester abroad, she most values the people she met: they taught her the importance of community building and personal determination to face life challenges. Most recently, Berhane accepted a position as an Immigration Paralegal Assistant with the Latino Justice Center in Washington, D.C., and she credits her study abroad experience as a career inspiration.

## May '13 grad takes on the White House

Helping to plan the President's travel schedule is a dream come true for an IAFS alum. Nearly five years ago, Amanda Fendrick (IAFS '13) was enrolled in IAFS 1000, first learning about globalization and anticipating the possible changes of international affairs. When she discovered the White House Internship Program while working at the CU-Boulder Study Abroad Office, she set her sights on this highly competitive opportunity.

Fendrick recently completed her participation in the White House Internship Program where she saw first-hand how the field of international affairs has changed, as well as how the U.S. government responds to those changes. Fendrick landed a placement in the Office of Scheduling and Advance, working with the team that coordinates the President's domestic and international travel. One of her tasks was creating cultural and language guides for staff about the countries on the Presidential schedule. Fendrick attributes her success in her internship to her academic background in French language studies and the interdisciplinary perspective she gained as an International Affairs major.



*Amanda Fendrick in the Press Briefing Room of the White House*