



Leaders to Follow

Summer '99 Language Programs

Sergey Kondrenko of Slanyansk, Ukraine is a participant in the 1999 *Your Career Passport*, the university-level program of the *American English Language in the United States* programs.

In addition to being part of the standard *Your Career Passport* activities, Sergey has added two custom-tailored components to make the most of his U.S. stay (July 17-August 31).

His *Your Career Passport* program includes the following features:

- Accommodations in the US, and transportation in the US to scheduled activities;
- English language enhancement activities and written exercises, including Academic paper;
- Career development activities;
- Visits to area businesses;
- Visits to universities, colleges, & Florida attractions.

Qualifications for *Your Career Passport* include

- Ages 21-26; Current student or recent graduate;
- Minimum of 2 years English language study;
- Strong interest in the U.S.A.;
- Enthusiasm, flexibility & determination to learn.

As Sergey is a mature student with a strong academic background, he has added two custom components:

- ♣ *TOEFL Prep Course: Test of English as a Foreign Language*, for students ages 19-26. This program includes English language enhancement activities and written exercises; visits to universities & colleges and assistance with his College Application Essay.

- ♣ *Internship placement in an American organization*, for qualified participants (ages 20-26). Sergey will receive advanced English language enhancement activities, an internship placement, and assistance to complete his "Program/Internship Summary" and American-style resume.

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Sergey enjoying the sunshine in Fernandina Beach, Florida

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Albanian student Anisa Nerguti has been on the minds and hearts of Institute officers and friends for more than a year. Her *American English Language Immersion Program in the United States* was originally scheduled for August 1998; however, world events intervened and changed the plans for her U.S. stay.

The U.S. Embassy in Tirana, Albania has been closed to the public and on emergency status since summer 1998, when terrorists bombed two American embassies in Africa and caused the closing of six American embassies (including the one in Tirana) worldwide that were considered

to be insufficiently provided with safety

measures. The closing of the embassy was followed by violent hostilities in the civil war in Kosovo, a Serbian province; these hostilities spilled over into Albania and prevented the reopening of the Embassy, making it very difficult for Anisa to get a U. S. visa.

Albania is situated north of Greece, west of Macedonia and south of Montenegro; the population is 3.3 million and has a republican governmental structure. Now free of communist oppression and a member of the U.N, Albania was the



Anisa Nerguti of Tirana, Albania

"If I get the opportunity I would love to go to college in the United States because I feel I can contribute to my field later in life if I get proper education"

scene of bitter fighting during and after WWII between communists and nationalists. Anisa's family suffered for its nationalist support when the communist cause was victorious. Today Albania enjoys political freedom, but its stability is threatened by economic and political conflicts dating back many generations.

Anisa is 18 years old. She lives in Tirana with her parents and her brother. She excels in English, and also loves Math and Physics. Anisa speaks French, English and Albanian, and is considering a career in information systems. Her teachers place her in the top

3% of her class. Her math teacher, Riza Peshi, writes that Anisa

is "responsible, kind, caring, trustworthy, and studious. She has a strong character and a strong desire to learn. In her free time, Anisa enjoys volleyball and swimming.

The Institute is working with Anisa's sponsor, her uncle Mithat Gashi, to secure her visa and bring her to the U.S. We have rescheduled her *Operation Takeoff: USA* program for August 1999; we hope she will soon be in the U.S.