

**8th ANNUAL
ESAI
SUMMIT**



**LOOKING BACK
LEAPING FORWARD**
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The Ethiopian Students Association, international 8th Annual Summit Welcome Packet

“Looking Back, Leaping forward”

Welcome! We are excited you are here!

The ESAi Vision is to create a network of students and relevant groups to achieve the advancement of Ethiopia and Ethiopians. We dream of an Ethiopia that is self-sustaining; where children can grow in peace, harmony and prosperity. We believe by bringing together our strengths in culture, intellect, and history, we students can enable ourselves to help Ethiopia. We firmly believe education is a crucial part to a developed Ethiopia and thus encourage and support all Ethiopian scholarship.

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Your Step-by-Step Manual for Leaping into Summit '08!

Are you ready to LEAP FORWARD?

Here are some instructions in advance. Don't break any bones now!

STEP ZERO, Get ready for Jump off: Prepare for the summit

- Bring books to Donate for Ethiopia (with UCAES & UCASA)
- Bring your Resumes
- Get Excited!
- Break the Ice on Friday

STEP ONE, Lift Off: Make the best of the summit

- Donate books & Sign up for a Mentor/Mentee @ Registration
- Visit the Career Mentoring Kiosk with Melat & other Ethio professionals; for insight about what matters to *you* beyond generic college career center advice.
- Attend workshops - Get Inspired!
- Meet our keynote speaker "America's Hometown Hero"
- Have fun at the culture show and athletic event! Meet people!


STEP TWO, LEAP!: Join ESAi and Act!

- JOIN ESAi efforts NOW by signing up!
- BECOME MENTEE/MENTOR, Mentoring Program (forms included)
- DONATE \$1+ to support ESAi Initiatives (@ esai.org or posta mail):
 - ESAi's Literature Competition in Ethiopia. Target: \$1450
 - ESAi partnership with ALIF. Target: \$240. Sponsor a child!
- Evaluate the summit. Tell us how we can do better!

STEP TWO v2: Sustain LEAP (YES! We believe you can Fly)

- Become a leader in ESAi now or stay tuned for elections (+25 different types of leadership positions available)!
- Become a dedicated mentor/mentee in ESAi Mentoring
- Sponsor a child through ALIF.us, artistsforcharity.org
- Get involved with an ESA around your area!
- Volunteer: Join ESAi now, enahpa.org or ethiocorps.org
- Volunteer as a professional: NEPID.org
- Keep in touch with the people you meet at the summit!

Get in touch with us directly if you need to work on any part of your checklist,
We will be happy to help you every step of the way!

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Dear GMU & ESAI Summit Visitors,

My name is Yodit Gebreyes and I am the President of the Ethiopian Student Association at George Mason University. I want to welcome you to the Ethiopian Student Association, international 8th Annual Summit on behalf of our ESA, the host organization at George Mason. As many of you know, diversity is one of the qualities which we take pride at GMU. As President of an International Student organization I have realized it is our duty to fellow members of the GMU community to share our culture and enrich our environment by providing inspiring experiences as well as taking up our opportunity to host an international summit that brings together many students from across the world.


The purpose of 8th Annual ESAI Summit is to bring students together from around the world for the common cause of networking and supporting each other work toward Ethiopia's development; it is also to raise awareness of our culture. We at ESA in collaboration with the ESAI executive team have put a great deal of effort and hard work in organizing activities of the summit, including the Ice breaker, where students can introduce themselves and network, seminars where students will be exposed to information on getting involved through ESAI, learning about youth achievements and non-profit organizations, and about the work of various artists, and finally, we are putting on a culture show where GMU ESA will showcase dance, fashion, music, the cultures of Ethiopia. One of our goals at George Mason University as well as in the Ethiopian Student Association is to unify all organizations and students on campus by celebrating the uniqueness of each group. By being present and allowing your organization to participate in this event, you are not only taking part in an evolutionary process of cultural diffusion but you are showing your interest and support of the ESAI Summit, and the ESAI cause for a better future.

We would like to thank all of you who have come out to support the GMU ESA; we thank you for your attendance here today as we proudly host the 8th annual ESAI Summit. I want each and every one of you to know that by being here you are taking part in a great tradition, and have made a first step to educate yourself and become inspired by Ethiopia, its culture, its people and its heritage.

Have a great time at the Summit!!

Yodit Gebreyes, President
Ethiopian Student Association



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ESAi 8th Annual Summit Schedule

Day 1: Friday, March 28 - The Jump Off

Location: Don Q's Lounge, 102 S Whiting St., Alexandria, VA 22304

6:00PM - 10:00PM

Open Mic, Talent Show, Ice breaker

Day 2: Saturday, March 29- Leaping Forward with Knowledge

Location: GMU, Fairfax Campus, Johnson Center

10:00AM - 12:00 AM

Registration/Movie

Send Books 'Le Ethiopia with

University of Cincinnati Alliance of Ethiopian Students

Career Mentoring Kiosk (11:30-1:00pm)

12:00 PM - 12:50 PM

Lunch (*Almaz Ethiopian Restaurant*)

Cost: \$7 per plate

1:00PM - 2:00 PM

Welcome and Introduction: GMU ESA & ESAI

ESAI Divisions Progress Report

Presentation by Local ESAI Chapters

Workshops: First Session (2:00PM - 2:45PM), Second Session (3:00PM - 3:45PM)

There will be two sessions to give participants a chance to attend two out of the five.

#1 Youth Accomplishment Spotlight

Alpha Gebre, *ESAI Division Head*

Samuel Getachew, *ESAI Division Head*

Dereje Gudeta

Artists for Charity

#2 Role of Ethiopians in Diaspora

Dr. Tedla W. Giorgis, *NEPID*

#3 Hiwot Campaign

Mr. Nasir Al-Amin, *ALIF*

#4 Health and Community Outreach

Dr. Hiruth Abebe, *GAP-A*

#5 Artist Speak

Ezra and Gezaw

4:00PM - 4:30 PM

Life Panel

Past and Present ESAI Members discuss their experience within ESAI and beyond.

A day in the life of...an ESAier...

4:30PM - 5:30PM

Key Note Speaker: Dr. Ingida Asfaw

ENAHPA "America's Greatest Hometown Hero"

5:30PM - 6:30PM

Dinner - Everybody on their own

6:30PM - 10:00PM

Cultural Show. Location: TBD

DAY 3: Sunday, March 30, 2008 - Finishing with Power

12:00PM

Athletic Event (GMU Campus)

4:00PM

Group Picture

Leaping Into: The ESAi 8th Summit Workshops

There will be two sessions of workshops to give participants a chance to attend two out of five.

#1. ESAi's Youth Accomplishment Spotlight Series

Applauding amazing youth efforts

Alpha Gebre, ESAi Alumni Affairs Division Head (ESAi Mentoring Program)

Grassroots organizer, cultural advocate and Agere Award's Person of the Year 2007!



Alpha was honored the Agere 'Person of the Year 2007' Award for her contribution as a formidable grassroots organizer who helped lead the effort to raise \$100,000 within one month for a hospital being built through the Children's Fund of Ethiopia. Since then, the hospital has become operational and is serving citizens.

Alpha also helped organize the singing of 'Abebayehosh' in greater Atlanta for the Ethiopian New Year with the children of the area. This grassroots effort helped carry one of the richest traditions to first generation Ethiopian youth and helped raise up to \$600. During these holidays, Alpha also made traditional coffee in the airport "taxi tera" for the taxi drivers, which motivated the drivers to contribute money toward a cause. Alpha is currently finishing her degree in social work at Georgia State University.

Dereje Gudeta, Projects for Peace in Kemisse

Peace Project Architect, designed a \$10,000 project to create dialog amongst Muslim and Christian Youth in Kemisse, Ethiopia



Dereje left Kemissie in August 2003 when he won a scholarship to study at United World Colleges (UWC) in Norway. There, he saw peace dialogues between students from war torn nations like Israel and Palestine or Serbia and Kosovo. In these dialogues, participants disagreed on a lot of issues but all truly believed dialogue to be the best and only option for peace. This experience inspired him to design a project which won a \$10,000 grant to create dialogue amongst Muslim and Christian youth of Kemissie, a town with a divide. Dereje recruited 20 high school and college students to engage in intensive dialogue toward understanding and tolerance. They toured sacred Christian and Islamic sites like the Negash Mosque and Lalibela and at the end of the project reflected on their lessons and innovative solutions to resolve differences within their communities. Dereje is currently a studying Business Administration at the University of Richmond.


Samuel Getachew, ESAi Procedure Division Head

Founder "Friends of Ethiopia"

Young Visionary of the effort to send ambulances from Ottawa, Canada to Ethiopia!



Samuel was inspired to start "Friends of Ethiopia" in 2007 to help celebrate the Ethiopian Millennium in Ottawa. He believed the best way to celebrate the biggest holiday in our lifetimes was by doing something meaningful for Ethiopia, this is where sending decommissioned ambulances came into the picture. "Friends of Ethiopia" is currently expanding to sending other used equipment by matching high schools and hospitals in Ethiopia with the ones in Canada when available. Samuel organized a fundraiser for the group at the Ottawa House of Commons and churches, civic organizations and student groups. To help promote the many events, his organization has adopted a park that is now known as a Friends of Ethiopia Park. Samuel largest dream is to provide Ethiopians with the tools they need to be self-sufficient.

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Artists for Charity

A youth driven NGO made up of artists and individuals from all over the world who not only volunteer time, but also donate their precious artwork for the sake of change.



AFC is founded by youth, on the belief that all people, regardless of place of birth, sex, or current medical condition, are entitled to certain basic rights, especially education and healthcare, but that the burden of ensuring that these rights are granted rests equally with society. Our goal is to support the peripheral members of communities, those who lack the means to support themselves. AFC also devotes itself to education and awareness of issues affecting isolated communities.

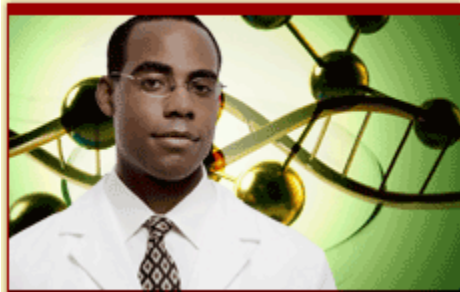
The Desta project is a collection of projects and activities developed by Artists for Charity. It was envisioned so that the AFC Children's Home, for HIV positive orphans could, in time, generate enough income to be self sustaining and, also, to provide the children with art and business skills so that one day they will be self sufficient and, in turn, help others. www.artistsforcharity.org

Applauding the Non-governmental Organizations

#2. The Role Of Ethiopians In the Diaspora

Dr. Tedla W. Georgis, *Executive Director, Network of Ethiopian Professionals in the Diaspora*

VOLUNTEER NOW!



NEPID runs an Ethiopian Diaspora Volunteer Program, which has already set up matches and sent Ethiopians with the skills to contribute! NEPID works to satisfy an unmet need to mobilize members of the *Diaspora* with valuable skills and expertise to increase their involvement in the various Ethiopian Diaspora communities and in Ethiopia's fight against HIV/AIDS. www.nepid.org


#3. Hiwot Campaign

Mr. Nasir Al-Amin, *Alliance Investment Fund an official ESAi partner*

You can sponsor a child today and change a life!



The Hiwot (Life) Campaign is a program created to afford orphans and vulnerable children basic education and disengage from child labor. Through the Hiwot Campaign, ALIF's goal is to send the children of impoverished families, orphans and children of sex workers to school. ALIF does this through their 'FACE initiative' designed to provide monthly scholarships to orphans and vulnerable children between the ages of 4 and 18 on the condition that their mothers/caregivers and fathers send the children to school. This year, ESAi has continued the connection created with ALIF during the '07 Summit and went a step further to make ALIF's cause, our cause, and the organization a ESAi partner. It is the goal of ESAi to raise \$240 this year to reach the official sponsor status to sponsor education for one child. Additionally, ESAi encourages all ESAs to do the same, ESAA (Atlanta chapter) has already sponsored a child. www.alif.us

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#4. Health and Community Outreach Workshop

Dr. Hiruth Abebe, *Group Against Poverty & Aids, Inc.*

GROUP AGAINST POVERTY & AIDS, Inc. is an NGO established to address issues in poverty and HIV/AIDS. Its main purpose is enhancing community active participation, decision making and capacity building through multi-sector involvement and collaboration. This group invites everyone to participate in rural and urban development issues, in all sectors, especially health and HIV/AIDS prevention and comprehensive management. This year ESAi won a \$3,000 grant toward furthering community participation in the health field; specifically on AIDS. gap-a.org

Applauding the artists

#5. Artists Speak

Two talented artists speak about Art with a Purpose. Art that Acts.




Gezaw: "I picked up my first camera at the age of 7, not realizing that my forbidden venture into my father's closet to play with his old metal-bodied 35mm Pentax would be the beginning of a visual odyssey. In 2001 I finally bought my own camera, urged by a desire to chronicle the world around me and specifically, the world of the invisible. Invisible communities living their everyday invisible lives, rituals and emotions, unseen by the mainstream Western eye. Driven by the desire to collect stories, I aim to become a Visual Griot, the invisible vehicle that brings peoples together through their most private and intimate medium of overunderstanding - through their eyes."

The Baobab vision is to form a consortium of artists to pool their individual talents into creating original works of art that liberate the image of the third world and its scattered people from poverty, disease and hunger, and restore it to define brothers and sisters from antiquity that share diverse cultures dating millennia. www.BaobabStudios.net



Ezra Wube arrived in the US from Addis Ababa at the age of 18. His artworks are inspired by Ethiopian folk tales' spiritual commentaries on social and political life and the diverse and ancient Ethiopian civilizations. The folk tales have symbolic universal messages and Ezra applies their lessons to his daily life in the US. After graduating from the Massachusetts College of Art, Ezra received the Dondis Travel fellowship to travel throughout Ethiopia and collect folk tales. Within four months, he gathered over 100 stories. Currently, Ezra works on translating these stories into visual art to introduce them to the Western world. www.ezraart.net

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Dr. Asfaw's Biography



As a teenager, in the fall of 1958, Dr. Ingida Asfaw traveled two and a half weeks from Ethiopia to America aboard a cargo ship with little money, a small suitcase and a big dream – to become a doctor and return to Ethiopia with healing hands.

He has achieved his dream against extraordinary odds, but he has never forgotten his homeland and the needs of so many of its impoverished and suffering citizens. Today, a half-century later, Dr. Asfaw has kept true to his vision by becoming a world-renowned cardiac surgeon. He created the Ethiopian North American Health Professionals Association (ENAHPA), an international network of nearly 1,000 medical and non-medical professionals dedicated to promoting preventative care and better health in Ethiopia.

Since 2001, Dr. Asfaw has led ENAHPA on nine medical missions in efforts to address his homeland's "profound healthcare crisis." A brilliant surgeon, but humble man, Dr. Asfaw leads volunteers from the health profession into Ethiopia on semiannual medical missions. During a recent mission, ENAHPA's delegation performed 203 free medical/surgical procedures; conducted advanced training for 500 Ethiopian healthcare professionals; donated 45,000 books; and provided lifesaving medical equipment, instruments and supplies to several hospitals, three universities and the All African Leprosy Education Research Training (ALERT) Hospital. During the October 2004 mission, Dr. Asfaw garnered support from several grassroots charities to launch Ethiopia's first major distribution of free antiretroviral drugs. The free Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) program serves 10,000 patients and is Eastern Africa's model for delivering home-based HIV/AIDS care and treatment.

In 2006, Volvo Cars of North America recognized Dr. Asfaw as "American's Greatest Hometown Hero" for his contributions to Ethiopia as well as those in his local community. The Wayne County Medical Society awarded Dr. Asfaw its 2007 "Public Servant of the Year," and his alma mater, Eastern Mennonite University, named Dr. Asfaw as its "2007 Alumnus of the Year."

As a venerated cardiac surgeon, he has given an enormous amount to his field of specialty. Along with his practicing partner, Dr. Asfaw pioneered the lifesaving tricuspid valve surgery, a procedure that is used throughout the world. As a professor, he spends time training and educating medical students, residents and fellows at Wayne State University, Detroit Medical Center and St. Joseph Mercy Oakland (member of Trinity Health).

Dr. Asfaw has served as president of the Michigan Society of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons, CEO of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgeons of Michigan, chairman of cardiothoracic surgery at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland and established the Cardiovascular Surgery Program at Sinai-Grace Hospital in Detroit, Michigan.

Looking Back: The 8th Summit ESAi Life Panel

They say...“You have to know where you’ve been to know where you’re going to go!”

A day in the life of an ESAier...

the panelists:

Wubeshet Mehari <i>ESAi, Founder</i> <i>Esai, Former President</i> <i>Ghion Financials, Founder</i>	Wubeshet is a visionary of ESAi who met with three other friends in one of their apartments to hold the first ESAi meeting. He was inspired to start the international organization after attending a People 2 People event and meeting 40-50 Ethiopian medical doctors who were collaborating for a cause.
Muktar Mohammed <i>ESAi, Web Team</i> <i>www.EthioTube.net, co-CEO</i>	Muktar has been a member of the team that maintains a website which is the backbone of the international organization. Him and the team also introduced the first read/write Ethiopic support on the discussion board and participated in inspiring external efforts including Google Amharic and Wikipedia.
Mikael Endale <i>ESAi, Web Team</i> <i>Former Vice President</i> <i>Leadership Training Coordinator</i> <i>Blen Graphix, Founder</i>	Mike has participated in the planning committee of ESAi Leadership Training as well as sustained a role as division head within a web team which has maintained an important component of the student organization: the website.
Mr. Nuralem Endale <i>ESAi, President</i>	Nuralem has helped initiate the current ALIF partnership with ESAi aimed at providing funding for the education of underprivileged children in Ethiopia. Additionally, Nuralem was a member of the planning committee for ESAi Leadership Training.
Addisu Mesfin <i>ESAi, Alumnus</i> <i>Ethio Corps, Founder</i>	While he was an active member of the ESAi chapter at the University of Maryland Dr. Addisu was inspired to start Ethiocorps, a nonprofit organization established to engage students, recent graduates, and young professionals in long-term public service opportunities in Ethiopia toward the reversal of the brain drain. www.ethiocorps.org
Rediet Taddese <i>ESAi, Former President</i> <i>ESAi, Former External Affairs Secretary</i> <i>ESAi Boot Camp Coordinator</i>	Rediet has led an independent awards recognition committee in ESAi that awarded outstanding members; as well as initiated and coordinated an effort for an online leadership training program called “ESAi Bootcamp” in the Spring of 2006.
Markos Tadesse <i>ESAi, Founding Member</i> <i>Ethiostudy Coordinator</i> <i>ESAi, Web Team</i> <i>Esai, Video Archives</i>	Markos helped coordinate one of the sustained components of ESAi, the Ethiostudy program which took place every other Saturday between September 2000-March 2006 where attendees would self-teach by doing presentations about the historical, cultural, economical, environmental, and political aspects of Ethiopia.
Winta Teferi <i>ESAi, Former Executive Officer</i> <i>Leadership Training Coordinator</i>	One of Winta’s key and grassroots contributions has been initiating a Leadership Training program held during the summer where students across the country came for an intensive set of sessions on leadership skill building.

Cultural Events of the Evening

Wayna and Hellina Designs



Cultural Show Performer: Wayna

It has been said that Ethiopian-born, singer/songwriter Wayna possesses a voice that is as sweet and pure as it is honest and passionate. This young talent's love for music started as a child, when she starred in theater productions like "Annie," and "Damn Yankees" and toured with a children's musical review company. Wayna went on to hone her vocal talents as a young adult by absorbing the works of her favorite artists, including Minnie Riperton, Billie Holiday, Stevie Wonder, and Donny Hathaway.


Wayna has recently opened for a number of internationally recognized artists including Fantasia, Amerie, Common, Bobby Valentino, Jaguar Wright, Kindred, and Chuck Brown. She's performed and headlined the White House, the Temple Bar (CA), the Apollo Theater (NY), the Lincoln Theater (DC), Dream Nightclub (DC), the Black Cat (DC), the George Dome (GA) and more. www.wayna.net

hellina's design



Fashion Show by Hellina Designs

Born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Hellina was privy to the beauty and simplicity of Ethiopian fashion which spans hundreds, if not thousands of years. Her formative years in Washington DC, have enabled her to appreciate Western fashion and explore the merging of two distinctive fashion styles into one by molding them into her own original work. From college fashion shows during student association events, to nationwide notoriety, Hellina's design has grown as her fame rises. She experiments with unconventional fabrics and objects and gives them a life of their own. This fashion genius doesn't limit herself to just designing her beautiful clothes. She has also diversified her talents to wedding planning. She brings the same unique, unconventional and provocative ideas to making weddings an affair to remember. www.hellinasdesign.com

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Looking Back: Up to the 2nd Quarter with ESAi Team '07/'08

Welcome to the 8th Annual ESAi Summit!

The executive team wanted to share our major activities since August 2007 with you. The team is committed to upholding the respectable name of the ESAi and contributing toward a year oriented towards action. The team set out to help answer questions we thought students ask frequently: *What should I study? What Career Path? How is it relevant to Ethiopia? *Where do I look to do Scholarly research on Ethiopia? *How do I give back? *So far the main highlights of the team's progress include:*

- ESAi - ALIF Partnership
- ESAi - GAP-A Partnership
- ESAi Mentoring Program (Alumni Affairs Division)
- ESAi Education Initiatives (Education Division)

ESAI and Alliance Investment Fund (ALIF) have established a partnership toward the cause of assisting orphans and vulnerable children in Ethiopia. ESAi became an official sponsor by committing to donate \$240 to be used for a five years old girl's education for a year. Furthermore, this partnership broadly aims to create awareness about the opportunity to change lives by sponsoring children to get a good education in Ethiopia, through motivating ESAi members and Ethiopian student organizations to support the ALIF effort. We applaud the decision by Georgia State University to sponsor a child. During this term, it is our hope that members will help us meet our goal of raising enough money to secure our sponsorship status, so we could pass this project on to the next executive team to take similar action. As Plato says "The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future life".

ESAI and GAP-A have established a partnership for the purpose of disseminating health-related information among Ethiopian Students. The project enabled an award of a \$3,000 grant toward community outreach in the health field; HIV/AIDS. Furthermore, the project will promote networking for involvement in the health sector in various capacities; internships, jobs and volunteerism. As Henri Amiel said "Health is the first of all liberties".

The ESAi Mentoring Program was designed by the Alumni Affairs Division to empower Ethiopian students and assist them in formulating a better understanding of their own career goals. ESAi hopes to achieve this goal by connecting the future professionals to a diverse group of highly motivated current Ethiopian Professionals willing to devote their time and energy for the betterment of fruitful future Ethiopian Professionals by providing one-on-one, e-mail or online based mentoring. As General George S. Patton says "Tell them what to do, but don't tell them how to do it. You will be amazed at their ingenuity"

Education Division is working on various projects:

Project #1: Poetry Competition to sponsor a poetry scholarship for High School students in Ethiopia.

Project #2: Book Drive to organize a book drive for Ethiopian schools.

Project #3: The Education Resource Project to build a database of education information.

Project #4: Online Scholarly Discussion 'Hotspot' to coordinate and run a space on esai.org where scholarly discussions on Ethiopian related issues, within the scope of ESAi, take place.

Finally, we want to thank you, our members and we call on you to be part of this achievement by getting in touch with us and joining the ESAi team, NOW! The executive team would also like to thank all current members of the ESAi team all who have contributed their time and energy to the productive outcome of the 2nd Quarter.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO JOIN OUR EFFORT TO MOVE FORWARD WHILE GIVING BACK TO THE COUNTRY THAT PROVIDED SO MUCH. Please feel free to e-mail us exec@esai.org with any questions or for an extended version of this report.

Sincerely,

ESAI Executive Team:


Nuralem Endale, President

Fana Abay, Vice President

Tsegahiwot T. Belachew, External Affairs Secretary

Mengesha Fekade, Internal Affairs Secretary

Nigus Getachew, Treasurer

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The Rest of the ESAi Team & WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN THE TEAM!

The ESAi team is mostly made up of young members like YOU (you can join an ESAi division even when you are not a current student). The current team is scattered across 7 U.S. states & 5 countries making up a truly international group.

Each team member has full creative liberty to design projects that aim to make a difference, projects that matter to them and are within the vision/mission of ESAi. Joining our team means you will have full support of our team on projects that you care about and you will work in a division to make your project a reality!

The division members (Division Head, Division Leader, Division Member) can stay in office for up to 3 years to continue working toward sustainable projects. The current ESAi Divisions will present their reports during the introduction section of the Summit. **SIGN UP TO JOIN THE ESAI TEAM @ THE REGISTRATION DESK!**

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* Indicates Division Head

Ethiopian Student Associations Currently Connected to ESAi

ESAI is an international organization, and there are many Student Association chapters all over the world. During this term the exec team sustained connections with the ones listed below. If your Student Association is not listed, it means that ESAi needs updated information! Please let us know your organization's updated information along with your '07/'08 projects at the registration desk or email to: exec@esai.org. Your organization's information will then be officially logging into the international network of Ethiopian Student Associations.

Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)
Association: ESA @ VCU
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Email: esu_vcu@yahoo.com
fb Group: [gsu.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2216892171](https://www.facebook.com/gsu.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2216892171)

University of Cincinnati
Association: Alliance of Ethiopian Students
Contact person: Dagmawi D.
Activity during Summit: Conducting the Book Drive

Ethiopian Medical Students' Association-Ethiopia.
Association: EMSA
Contact person is Bezawit Mesfin
ESA website: www.emsa-ethiopia.org.

City College of New York
Association: Ethiopian Student Association
Email: esa@ccny.cuny.edu

George Mason University in Fairfax, VA.
Association: ESA @ GMU
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www.thedivineart.com/esa (under construction).

Ethiopian Students Association of Atlanta
ESAA - Atlanta, GA
<http://www.geocities.com/esaatlanta>

Thank you for hosting the 8th Summit!

San Jose State University
Association: Ethiopian Student Association
Contact Person: Michael Yohanes, President

University of Maryland: College Park, UMCP
Association: Ethiopian Students Association: UMCP
Contact person: Yonas Beshawred, President
ESA website: www.studentorg.umd.edu/ethiopia or
<http://gsu.facebook.com/group.php?gid=24203760152>

University of North Texas/Texas Womens' Univ.
Ethiopian/Eritrean Student Association
facebook page:
<http://pitt.facebook.com/event.php?eid=2244181822>
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Mentor Application (Turn in to esa/esai team. Reverse page for mentee application)

Please help us by volunteering to serve as a mentor for an aspiring Ethiopian Student interested in your career field, kindly complete the form in its entirety. Email Alpha Gebre, ESAI Alumni Affairs Division Head @ alpha.s.g@gmail.com with any questions.

Project Purpose: The ESAI Mentoring Program is designed to empower Ethiopian students and assist them in formulating a better understanding of their own career goals. ESAI hopes to achieve this goal by connecting the future professionals to a diverse group of highly motivated current Ethiopian Professionals willing to devote their time and energy for the betterment of fruitful future Ethiopian Professionals by providing one-on-one, e-mail or online based mentoring.

Name:

Best mode of contact:

Telephone number & Address:

Industry or Field Affiliation/Can provide mentorship in (mandatory):

Academic Background:


Relevant Work Information:

Why you would like to be a mentor? & what interests you most about your field?

Other interests and hobbies, professional association memberships:

Tell us a bit about you:

Notice: ESAI is committed to respecting any personal information you share and would be mindful of your confidentiality.

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Name:

Birth Date:

Best mode of contact:

Email address, Telephone number & Address:

Academic Field:


What do you want to be doing in 10 years (Career Aspirations):

Other interests and hobbies:

Tell us a bit about you:

What do you hope to get out of the mentoring experience?

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8th Annual ESAI Summit
George Mason University
Survey Forms (turn in to esa/esai team)
 How did we do? Did we meet your expectations?

- What gender are you?

Male

Female

- Are you from the DC, MD, VA area?

Yes

No

- Have you ever attended an ESAI Summit?

Yes

No

- Which aspect of the 2008 ESAI Summit was your favorite, and why (Circle one)?

Ice breaker

Youth Spotlight

NGO Workshops

Artist Spotlight

Guest speaker

Cultural show

ESAI Life Panel

Why? _____

- 5 being the highest, how educational was the overall summit for you?

0 1 2 3 4 5

- 5 being the highest, how enjoyable was the overall summit experience for you?

0 1 2 3 4 5

- 5 being the highest, how likely are you to attend another summit similar to this?


0 1 2 3 4 5

- 5 being the highest, how much do you expect to increase your involvement with ESAI due to the summit?

0 1 2 3 4 5

- Additional feedback, comments, concerns, or criticisms.

Thank you for coming to the 8th Annual ESAI Summit.
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