

U.S. Embassy in Jamaica provides unique professional exchange opportunity

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Kingston, Jamaica – The U. S. Embassy in Jamaica with support from the U.S. State Department continues to provide unique opportunities for growth and professional exchange for many across the island.

One of Jamaica's most recent program beneficiaries is Alecia Maragh, a 2015 recipient of the Atlas Corps Fellowship, a signature exchange program which forms part of Atlas Service Corps, Incorporated. This Fellowship is an esteemed international exchange which engages leaders committed to the nonprofit sector in a 12 to 18 month professional fellowship. Awardees are paired with organizations in line with their scope of work, to learn best practices, build organizational capacity, and assist in building a network of global change makers.

Alecia at 28 years old is a graduate of the University of the West Indies where she pursued a Bachelor's of Science Degree in International Relations. She also holds a Master's Degree in Human Rights from the London School of Economics and has over five years' experience in the non-profit sector.

Through the Atlas Corps Program, Alecia will work with Child Fund International, a non-profit organization which focuses on helping children in poverty. The Fund exists to help deprived, excluded and vulnerable children have the capacity to improve their lives and bring lasting and positive change to their communities. Alecia who is fluent in Spanish and French hopes to work to support the translation needs of the Fund and also in program development.

Alecia applied to participate in the Atlas Corps Fellowship Program as she recognized the value of the program itself and welcomes the opportunity to develop strong leadership skills. She will return to Jamaica after her 12 month program and intends to contribute to the improved living conditions of vulnerable Jamaicans through policy. She also has a keen interest in Corporate Social Responsibility and will work to promote a greater sense of accountability among the business community in this regard.

The U.S. Embassy in Kingston applauds Alecia and the hundreds of U.S. exchange alum across the island on pursuing opportunities which will contribute to Jamaica's development.

To find out more about this and other professional and educational exchanges email: kingstonexchanges@state.gov or visit: www.kingston.usembassy.gov



Counselor for Public Affairs, Joshua Polacheck (r) chats with Alecia Maragh during a visit to the U.S. Embassy in Jamaica.

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