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**Harrisburg Academy Middle School History Teacher Selected for UAE Study Tour Program**

WORMLEYSBURG, PA – Lindsay Bowman, a Harrisburg Academy Middle School history teacher and board member of the World Affairs Council of Harrisburg, was selected as one of 12 educators nationwide to participate in a nine-day United Arab Emirates Study Tour program this March. The program, co-sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth and the Embassy of the UAE in Washington, D.C., was developed to bring context about the country to American classrooms.

During their trip, the teachers will visit the Minister of Education, model schools, the Federal National Council, and more in Abu Dhabi and Dubai. Participants are expected to submit original classroom units, to be shared with other educators in workshops and conferences, after returning home.

“We are pleased that Lindsay was selected for this program,” said John Binnert, head of Middle and Upper Schools at the Academy. “World travel and study by our faculty are a significant benefit to our students. Sharing these experiences in our classrooms helps them to develop a greater world view.”

Bowman says she will use what she learns on this tour to enhance each of her classes — drawing comparisons between the early colonization of America to the beginnings of the UAE for her 6<sup>th</sup> grade U.S. history students and comparing the governments and economies for her 7<sup>th</sup> grade civics classes will lay the foundation for her 8<sup>th</sup> grade global issues course.

“This [the global issues course] is one of my favorite courses, as we put all of the pieces together, in a sense,” Bowman said. “Knowing the history of our country and of others is essential to understanding the complex relationships we have today, especially with economic and trade interests. The association with the United States and the UAE goes far beyond that, though. We are partners in combating extremism, supporting public health programs, and bringing awareness to climate change.”

“Experiential learning and the use of primary sources are what set my classroom apart from other subjects at my school,” Bowman continued. “While I may not be able to take my students all over the world, having the opportunity to participate, myself, and bring the information back to them will be invaluable. The collaboration with other educators — with lesson plan ideas and shared contacts — is so important to keeping all of us in this profession connected and engaged.”

**About The World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth:**

The World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth is a dynamic organization that brings international awareness and cross-cultural understanding to the North Texas community and presents distinguished international figures year-round for in-depth interpretations of global events.

**About Harrisburg Academy:**

Established in 1784, Harrisburg Academy is the 17<sup>th</sup> oldest non-public school in the nation and Harrisburg’s only independent school. Our coed, diverse school community inspires students from age three through 12<sup>th</sup> grade by providing an academically challenging and globally minded liberal arts education focused on dynamic classroom experiences, strong student outcomes, and a commitment to character development. The Academy proudly stands as the first school in the greater Harrisburg area to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma program and merit scholarship.

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