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## 2 H-F graduates will teach as part of Fulbright program

BY CHRONICLE STAFF

Two members of the 2018 class at Homewood-Flossmoor High School, Folashade Olumola and Allie Mangel, have been selected for the Fulbright English Teaching program.

Olumola, a recent graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign who majored in political science, will be teaching university students in Turkey beginning in September. The award is for a nine-month period. She is one of 20 U.S. students to receive the English Teaching Assistant Award (ETA) for work in Turkey.

Mangel, a graduate of Princeton University, will work with a German teacher of English starting in September. The Fulbright program is intended to help improve the teaching of the English language and American studies in German schools. She will be one of 140 Americans on the German ETA program.

As a student at H-F, Olumola was a member of the Mock Trial Team, the Animal Rights Club and Friends of the H-F Library.

H-F teacher Alyssa Schmidt, who was a Mock Trial coach, remembers Olumola as "one of the hardest workers on my mock trial team" and said she isn't surprised by her successes after she left H-F. "She was awesome," Schmidt remembered "and very mature for her age."

During her spring 2022 semester at U of I, Olumola was a Boren Scholar studying Arabic in Oman in the Middle East.

At U of I, Olumola was in the James Scholar Program, a program for undergraduates to conduct research and independent study "to view the world from all different perspectives and become change-agents in society."

At U of I she was a teaching assistant intern for an introductory course designed to help familiarize incoming international students with campus culture. Olumola also was a global leader for the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations helping make connections between domestic and international students.

Olumola's career goal is to become a foreign service officer for the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Mangel graduated summa cum laude from Princeton University in May receiving a bachelor's degree in comparative literature and violin performance.

In a profile on the Princeton website, Mangel said: "I chose the humanities because I fell in love with words. I realized through the (Princeton) Human-



Folashade Olumola



Allie Mangel

ities sequence just how much is possible with language – how writers can vary their own voices, mimic one another, and communicate such complex details through such tiny alterations in sentences. The humanities encourage deep, attentive thinking about topics that drive so much of human culture and society."

She wrote and edited for several Princeton publications, and won the Haarlow Prize in the Humanities her freshman year for a paper on the story of Persephone, as it was depicted on

the front of an Attic, Greek bell-krater dating to 440 B.C. She later traveled to Greece through a Princeton humanities program.

She was a member of the Princeton University Orchestra and an assistant conductor of the Princeton Camerata. She also volunteered as a private lesson teacher for the Trenton Youth Orchestra.

At H-F, Mangel graduated with an International Baccalaureate diploma. She was a National AP (Advanced Placement) Scholar, a Viking Scholar and National Merit finalist. She participated in the Viking Orchestra, Mathletes, and was inducted into the National Honor Society and the French National Honor Society.

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program has offered opportunities for Fulbrighters to serve as English Teaching Assistants since 1949. The ETAs supplement local English language instruction and provide a native speaker presence in the classroom and at extracurricular activities. Through these activities and by sharing their first-hand knowledge of U.S. culture with their students, colleagues, and communities, they also serve as cultural ambassadors and thus support the Fulbright program's overall mission to promote mutual understanding.