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## **U.S. AMBASSADOR TO ANNOUNCE RECRUITMENT SEASON FOR 2007-2008 U.S.-FUNDED EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS**

Ambassador Anne E. Derse, Ministry of Education Misir Mardanov, and representatives of U.S. government partner organizations will announce recruitment season for the 2007-2008 season of U.S.-funded educational exchange programs at the U.S.-Azerbaijan Education Center (183, Suleyman Rahimov St.) on Friday, September 22, 2006 at 15:00.

Competitions for the FLEX (Future Leaders Exchange) program for high school students, the UGRAD program for university students, the Muskie program for graduate students, the Fulbright program for scholars, and the Teaching Excellence and Achievement (TEA) program for English teachers are now or will soon be underway. More than 1800 Azerbaijani students and educators have studied in the United States through these programs since Azerbaijan's independence. Approximately 150 Azerbaijanis will be selected to participate in these programs in 2007-2008.

***NOTE TO MEDIA: All media representatives are invited to this event. For additional information please contact the US Embassy press service at 498 03 35/36/37.***