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Aprilid has been awarded a Fulbright scholarship to teach English in Germany in 2010-11. She attended the academic year at a high school in Lower Saxony, where she went to teach and work as a private tutor. The Fulbright is the United States' flagship international educational exchange program.

Jason William Ehrlich received an assistanship to support graduate study beginning this fall toward a master's degree in orchestral conducting at the University of Maryland. This summer he was invited to spend a few weeks in Hancock, Maine, at the Pine Mountain Orchestra festival, where he presented several concerts as a conductor and orchestra leader.

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A very astute and effective leader. He will bring a very different perspective to the presidency from his predecessor, President Richard Phillips, who has been at the school for 27 years. Phillips was a member of the University of Maryland Board of Trustees of the President, the National Capital Council, and the Board of Trustees of the University of Maryland. This summer he was invited to spend a few weeks in Hancock, Maine, at the Pine Mountain Orchestra festival, where he presented several concerts as a conductor and orchestra leader.

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