

**American Corner School Year Launch
October 17, 2007
Quiz Bowl/Video Screening**

The CAO and IRC partnered with the University of Buea American Corner to organize an education and cultural program on October 17 that brought more than 30 secondary and university level students together to compete for prizes in a quiz competition on U.S. trivia, which was immediately followed by a film screening of “Akeelah and the Bee.” It’s a film about a young girl from a difficult background who would go on to win the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

The results were immediate, positive and far reaching. For most students, it was the first time they were participating in a quiz of this nature and the audience was thrilled with the message and energy of the film. Given the success of this dual program, IRC is considering the possibility of making this an all-year round activity at other institutions in Cameroon.

**Promoting Higher Education Opportunities in the U.S.
October 17-18, 2007
Student Advising/Informational Sessions**

In advance of international education week, the University of Buea (UB) American Corner and the PAS organized a two-day program bringing together lecturers, graduate and undergraduate students to promote study and various scholarships at American universities. The first session focused on the Fulbright program: how the fellowship works and the application process. The second session was a full student advising presentation, which brought together more than 50 undergraduate students and focused on graduate studies. This was followed by a one-on-one session for students with specific questions and concerns.

This program served the dual purpose of providing practical information about education in the United States and creating a forum for mutual understanding and outreach to Cameroon youth. The program reached a wide audience through print and radio coverage both prior to and during the presentations.

Photo Gallery







