

Westchester High School alumni kicks off Fulbright Association's 2014 Lecture Series

By Dorothy Rose

Gail S. Eisen, Ph.D., Westchester High School graduate and valedictorian, daughter of retired Westchester pediatrician Herman Eisen and Marjorie Eisen, presented the inaugural lecture for the Fulbright Association's 2014 Lecture Series, hosted at Loyola-Marymount University (LMU) on Jan. 25.

The two-hour seminar focused on "Highlights of Life-Span Psychology" and in the audience were Fulbright-affiliated faculty members as well as young global scholars representing UCLA, USC, The Claremont Colleges, LMU, and other Southern California universities.

The program included a blend of research highlights and practical concepts that shed light on the major transitions and milestone events across a person's life-span, with emphasis on the ways these events can impact our personal and professional lives.

Also explored was the role of culture and media images in molding and shaping attitudes toward growing up and growing older. Materials from the social sciences and the humanities included such topics as: Age-Reminders, Changing time-perspectives often encoun-

tered at mid-life, The impact of on-time and off-time life events, Bereavement Overload, The Village Movement and its message of "aging in place".

The Fulbright Scholar Program sends U.S. faculty members and professionals to more than 140 countries to lecture, teach and conduct research. This cross-cultural exchange program, which is designed to increase the mutual understanding of people in the U.S. and other countries was created by legislation introduced by U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright in 1946.

Eisen is a lecturer and consultant in social gerontology and the psychology of aging, with research and teaching experience in the field of life-span development and communications analysis.

A former Fulbright Senior Scholar, she has taught at UCLA, the University of Michigan, California State University, and in universities in Kenya, Bulgaria, Egypt, Israel, and India.

She has presented psychology of aging and older workforce seminars for an array of Fortune 500 companies, non-profit organizations, national and international conferences, and regional counseling agencies.



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