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**SHANNON CURRAN, PRINCIPAL, URBAN ASSEMBLY SCHOOL FOR LAW AND JUSTICE
AWARDED DEPARTMENT OF STATE FELLOWSHIP
TO HOST NADIA DAVID DOS SANTOS, ROSEANA FERREIRA AND JOYCE ALCANTARA,
EDUCATORS FROM BRAZIL**

Washington, D.C., October 1, 2011 – Nadia David dos Santos, Roseana Ferreira and Joyce Alcantara from Brazil have been awarded a fellowship from the U.S. Department of State to participate in the Educational Seminar: 2011 - 2012 Brazil Administrator Exchange Program. Ms. David dos Santos, Ms. Ferreira and Ms. Alcantara are three of 27 educators who have been selected from Brazil to participate. During October 15-November 3, 2011 they will be hosted by Shannon Curran at The Urban Assembly School for Law and Justice in Brooklyn, New York. Ms. Curran, who has also been awarded a fellowship from the U.S. Department of State, will travel to Brazil for two weeks in summer, 2012 for the reciprocal component of this exchange.

The Educational Seminar: 2011 - 2012 Brazil Administrator Exchange Program is a short-term, mutual exchange opportunity for U.S. and Brazil school principals. The program provides a short-term professional development opportunity for U.S. and Brazil educators to share best practices on issues of mutual interest to their schools, students and communities. The Brazil educators spend three weeks in U.S. schools with their U.S. partners in October, 2011 and the U.S. educators travel to Brazil for two weeks the following summer in their partners' schools. The program is individualized through collaboration between partners and focuses on teaching strategies/instruction, the development of joint educational projects, personnel administration, school systems and management, global issues and culture, curriculum development, student affairs, and/or educational policy.

The Educational Seminar Programs are funded by the [U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs](#), which fosters mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries around the world through academic, cultural, and professional exchanges. Currently, Educational Seminars are administered with Argentina, Brazil, Greece, India, Italy, Mexico, Thailand and Uruguay. The program is implemented by American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS (<http://www.americancouncils.org/es>).

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