



# SILK ROAD ADVENTURES

## TASCC brings its 3rd Open World Program to Tucson

Over the years, Tucson has served as a hub of activity focused on people in Kazakhstan. Tucson has welcomed hundreds of their citizens through the TASCC program of "People-to-People Diplomacy through Education, Culture and Economic Development".

On September 11, 2009, a delegation of four women will arrive in Tucson for yet another outstanding example of global cooperation. Under the heading of **Accountable Governance-Women's Political and Civic Leadership**, four prominent women government and civic leaders, and one facilitator will live in Tucson-area homes and will gain firsthand experience with their professional counterparts' daily work routines and gain a view of American life through community and cultural activities and home stays. The Open World Program is designed to ensure our delegates have the opportunity to:

- Network with Tucson professionals and hosts who are interested in maintaining contact beyond the seven- or eight-day community visit for ongoing cooperation and collaboration.
- Exchange views with influential representatives of appropriate federal, state, and local government agencies; civic organizations and other NGOs; and the business and education communities.

**Experience the culture and warmth of people from the Central Asian Republic of Kazakhstan.**

- Host a delegate!
- Be a speaker!
- Conduct a round-table discussion
- Ask a delegate to dinner



Kazakhstani students at the University of Arizona

## WANTED

**Prominent Tucson women in government, education, private enterprise, NGO's..... who can share their climb up the ladder of success with women leaders from Kazakhstan.**

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## REWARD

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**The Future is in the hands  
the children.**



**Accountable Governance – Women's Political and Civic Leadership**

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*Navajo Silver-smith, Dennison Tsosie at Almaty Jewelry show*

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Six students from Kazakhstan currently studying at the University of Arizona

**What is the Open World Program?**

The congressionally sponsored Open World Program brings emerging leaders from post-Soviet states to the United States in order to give them firsthand exposure to the American system of participatory democracy and free enterprise. The principles of accountability, transparency, and citizen involvement in government are among the concepts emphasized by the Open World Program. Today Open World has more than 14,000 alumni and a network of some 6,000 U.S. host families. The program is administered by the Open World Leadership Center (the Center),

an independent entity established in the U.S. legislative branch in 2000.

**OPEN WORLD  
MISSION**

To enhance understanding and capabilities for cooperation between the United States and the countries of Eurasia and the Baltic States by developing a network of leaders in the region who have gained significant, firsthand exposure to America's democratic, accountable government and free-market system.

**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

- Sept 12 Delegate arrive
- Sept 13 Sight seeing  
Shopping  
Welcoming reception
- Sept 14 Sessions with Tucson leaders
- Sept 15 Sessions with Tucson Leaders  
Hosted dinner out
- Sept 16 Sessions with Tucson Leaders
- Sept 17 Sessions with Tucson Leaders  
Hosted dinner
- Sept 18 Sessions with Tucson Leaders  
Celebration of completion
- Sept 19 Delegates depart for WDC

**JOIN US JUST  
FOR THE FUN  
OF IT!**