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CCE IS AGAIN HOSTING AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS OF MARSHALL MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Centre for Civic Education (CCE) is hosting participants of the *American Marshall Memorial Fellowship* during their stay in Montenegro from 6 to 11 July 2012.

Marshall Memorial Fellowship program was established in 1982 by the German Marshall Fund of the United States, whose goal was to introduce a new generation of European leaders with the United States of America. The program is aimed at exchanging ideas and best practices between the U.S. and Europe. Marshall Memorial Fellowship provides a unique opportunity to new leaders of the U.S. and Europe to research policy, business innovations and explore cultures from the other side of the Atlantic. Participants of the program will meet formally and informally with many politicians, financial and legal decision-makers and prominent members of various spheres of society. The program operates in the U.S. and 39 countries of Europe, as one of the most prestigious leadership program linking over 2500 leaders around the world.

During their stay in Montenegro, participants of this program will have the opportunity to learn about different aspects of Montenegrin reality through visits of different places all over the country and meetings with decision makers, politicians and representatives of business, NGOs and the media sector.

Visits of the *American Marshall Memorial Fellowship* to Montenegro became a tradition on the initiative of CCE, which hosted the first group in 2008 and CCE continued in this manner to develop cooperation with some of the most renowned organizations from all over the world widening the circle of these who will, in future, in different capacity be able to contribute to the further development of Montenegro.

This year delegation of the American Marshall Memorial Fellowship includes:

- Luke Clippinger, assistant state prosecutor and member of the Maryland State House of Delegates;
- Jeremy Cole, a major gifts officer for the U.S. Fund for UNICEF in Atlanta, Georgia;
- Keech Harris, president of KHA Inc, a consulting firm for public health, headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama;
- Emily Kuo, chief consultant at MD Anderson Services Corporation, a nonprofit organization that operates within the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, ranked the best hospital in the fight against cancer in the United States;
- **Roland McReinolds**, executive director of the Association of Carolina Farm Stewardship Association (CFSA) since 2007. CFSA is an association of organic farmers in North and South Carolina, which advocates for organic farming, providing education about sustainable food and agriculture, enhances marketing opportunities for organic food;
- Cecilia Retel, senior director for public policy of the American Forum for Political Innovation and senior director for public policy at the Institute for the competitive workforce (ICV) American Chamber of Commerce.

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