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Nicole Jefferson Selected by U.S. Department of State for Prestigious Virtual English Language Educator Program

- The U.S. Department of State announced the selection of Nicole Jefferson of Gulfport, Mississippi for a virtual project, engaging with English language learners and teachers online in Mexico at Binational Center in Monterrey & Universidad del Noreste in Tampico. Jefferson is among the more than 100 Virtual English Language Educator Program participants for the 2023-2024 academic year. Jefferson is a 21-year international educator and the only teacher from Mississippi selected for this program. English for Entrepreneurship is a project to equip young, bilingual Entrepreneurs in Mexico with the necessary skills to become successful in their own business endeavors.

The Virtual English Language Educator Program is the premier online opportunity for experienced teachers of English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) to enact meaningful and sustainable changes in the way that English is taught abroad. Through projects developed by U.S. Embassies in more than 80 countries, Virtual Educators work with local teachers, students, and educational professionals to improve the quality of English language instruction offered at prestigious universities, academic institutions, and cultural centers.

English Language Programs has placed thousands of TESOL scholars and educators with international partner institutions, abroad and virtually, to promote English language learning, enhance English teaching capacity, and foster mutual understanding between the U.S. and other countries through cultural exchange. These projects are challenging and the teachers selected represent the best of the U.S. TESOL community. Virtual Educators are among the more than 50,000 individuals participating in U.S. Department of State exchange programs each year.

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