In this month’s issue we would like to introduce new members of the PMIEF Board of Directors, as well as give you a sneak peak of some of our new initiatives, while doing a quick rewind to some of last year’s accomplishments.

It takes everyone invested in PMIEF - from our board members, staff, and donors - to all of you who support our mission that makes us a successful organization.

Sincerely,
Your Friends at PMIEF

PMIEF Welcomes New 2015 Board Members

As PMIEF evolves and prepares for the coming year, our Board of Directors is evolving as well. Outgoing Board Chair, Roberto Toledo, PMP, says, "Our Board is becoming more strategic in its role, which will enable the PMI Educational Foundation to continue to grow and increase the impact it has on the use of project management for social good."
PMIEF started this year welcoming new members to its board. The following individuals have become a part of the PMIEF family: Peter Monkhouse, PMP and Pablo Lledo, PMP. We also want to thank Jo Ferguson and Kenneth Hartley, board members whose terms expired at the end of 2014, for their years of faithful service to the organization. Below is a picture of PMIEF’s 2015 Board of Directors.

Looking Back While Moving Forward

PMIEF has achieved exponential progress in several strategic areas. Project management has been brought into the classroom for youth. In the last year alone, nearly 10,000 youth have learned about project management. Nine new grants for a total of nearly US$1.1 million were provided to other like-minded nonprofit and non-governmental organizations. These opportunities enable PMIEF to advance its vision to bring project management into school curricula.

Resources are now easier to download and scholarships are easier to apply for with our new user-friendly website and new branding. In 2014 alone, we have seen more than 16,000 no-cost resources downloaded from the site! Among those are two new resources - the 21st Century Skills Map - Project Management for Learning was the most downloaded resource of the year. It helps administrators, parents and teachers make the connection between project management skills, 21st century skills and career pathways. The second most popular download of 2014 was the Project Management Toolkit for Teachers™.
Mike DePrisco, VP of Academic and Educational Programs and COO of PMIEF, is proud of PMIEF's accomplishments and gives credit where credit is due. "We truly could not accomplish all of this without the support, generosity and time of PMIEF volunteers. The continued engagement and passion for PMIEF from our volunteers and project management practitioners around the world is the reason we've been successful and continue to exist. They are the ones making things happen in their communities," he says.

In 2015, we will:

- Continue our scholarship and awards programs as well as establish new professional development scholarships.
- Create new resources for use in secondary schools, as well as continue to update and translate existing resources.
- Continue to provide funding to other nonprofit and non-governmental organizations and pilot project management programs with key global disaster management organizations as well as educational career pathway programs.
- Launch a "badging" or micro-certification program for students and teachers who learn project management.

PMIEF will remain the strong, thriving organization it is today, so that we may continue to reach, teach and impact lives by making project management available at home and across the globe.

**The 2015 Kerzner Award**

Nominations due Friday, 15 May

The Kerzner Award, sponsored by the International Institute for Learning (IIL), recognizes a project manager who most emulates the professional dedication and excellence of Dr. Harold Kerzner, PhD, MS, MBA. The recipient of the Kerzner Award exemplifies superior performance as well as outstanding project management methods and skills. Furthermore, the individual provides important contributions in a business, industry, government, community or nonprofit environment.

The recipient of The Kerzner Award will receive:

- IIL training valued at US$ 5,000;
- A cash prize of US$ 2,500; and
- An expenses-paid trip to the PMI® Global Congress-North America, where s/he will be recognized
Visit the PMIEF Web site for nomination criteria for The Kerzner Award.

**Professional Development Scholarships**
The PMI Educational Foundation has established a project management training scholarship program for assisting qualified individuals in learning the fundamentals of project management. Visit the PMIEF web site to learn more.

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