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Herndon dancer to train with Bolshoi



Georgina Greenleaf of Herndon will spend six weeks this summer studying at the renowned Bolshoi Ballet Academy in Moscow on a full scholarship, according to the Russian American Foundation in New York.

The National Security Language Initiative for Youth Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, chose Greenleaf, 16, from a national pool of applicants.

Sixteen young dancers from all across the United States will train with the famed ballet academy and also study Russian language, history, arts and culture. Prior to their departure for Moscow, the students will spend three weeks in intensive ballet training in New York City with RAF's Bolshoi Ballet Academy Summer Intensive, an exclusive U.S. summer residency, sponsored by the Russian American Foundation. Greenleaf, daughter of Clive Greenleaf and Janet Choy, attends Herndon High School and trained with the Conservatory Ballet in Reston.

With its 235-year history, the Bolshoi Ballet Academy is one of the oldest and most established schools for classical ballet training in the world, having produced numerous world-class dancers, teachers and choreographers. The National Security Language Initiative for Youth Program provides merit-based scholarships to qualified U.S. high school students to learn less commonly taught languages and cultures in foreign countries. The program is administered by American Councils for International Education.