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WMA to Celebrate Global Education Month; Amazon Conservationist John Carter to Keynote

Wilbraham— Wilbraham & Monson Academy, *The Global School*®, with a student population that is currently represented by 29 countries from around the world, will celebrate Global Education Month in April with a series of events highlighted by a presentation by John Cain Carter, the internationally recognized conservationist who has started a movement to save the Amazon Rainforest in Brazil.

Global Education Month is an initiative of the Academy to be celebrated in April and will offer a number of public events to increase awareness of issues affecting the global economy. The school's mission is to "develop global citizens and leaders" and the series of events will include participation by experts in the field of global education.

Smith College in Northampton is partnering with WMA in hosting one of the sessions, a viewing of the documentary film "The Valley of the Forgotten" about life in the Amazon. The film presentation is open to the public and will be held **on Saturday, April 7 on the Smith campus in Weinstein Auditorium, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.** Carter will be part of a panel discussion following the film that will include WMA students who have traveled on a school-sponsored trip to the Amazon to view the deforestation. The event is open to the public (register by emailing GEM@WMA.us).

Other planned events include a presentation on the Russian elections by Alexander Debelov, a native of Russia and a 2006 graduate of the Academy who is CEO of Viroot. The event is open to the public and will be held on **Tuesday, April 10 at WMA's Mark. R. Shenkman Trading Center.** [TIME?]

On Saturday, April 28, the World Affairs Council of Western Massachusetts and the E. E. Ford Foundation will co-sponsor a conference as part of the GEM initiative that looks at the role of emerging economies in the world's economy. The forum is open to students and teachers and is open to the public. The cost is \$25 and \$5 for students. [NEED CLARIFICATION] The event will be held in the **WMA Athletic Center from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The conference will include presentations by professors from area colleges and universities including Mount Holyoke, Smith and Trinity Colleges and panel discussions. Those interested can register on the WMA website, www.wma.us.

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