**In Kazakhstan, we are learning to be bilingual:**

**The Language Flagship program at al-Farabi Kazakh National University**

In August 2014, a Cooperation agreement was signed between al-Farabi Kazakh National University and the American Councils for International Education (ACCELS). Al-Farabi Kazakh National University has hospitably opened its doors to the “Language Flagship” program and for ten years now, students from Bryn Mawr College, Portland State University, University of California Los Angeles, University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of North Georgia have been studying at the Department of “Foreign Philology and Translation Studies”.

At Al-Farabi KazNU, the students of the Flagship program in a bilingual situation get an opportunity to communicate in Russian every day. They listen to lectures, study in a group, work with a teacher 4 hours a week ‘one on one’, live with families, attend special courses in their specialty, do an internship. The students of the “Flagship” program show a sincere interest in learning the Kazakh language and Kazakh culture. They understand that KazNU provides a great opportunity to enter the big world of Turkic languages and culture.

The 10th year of the Flagship program at al-Farabi Kazakh National University has already ended, and we continue warmly to say: *Welcome! Қош келдіңіздер*! *Добро пожаловат*ь!

We are glad to see interest in our dynamically developing country!

