Reflecting Back, Looking Forward: The Road Ahead for WorldChicago in 2020

Greetings to WorldChicago Citizen Diplomats:

2019 brought us a step closer to highlighting Chicago as an economic, cultural and innovation hub for emerging leaders from around the world. We are proud to recap our accomplishments in furthering WorldChicago’s mission to expand Citizen Diplomacy:

- 700 Emerging Leaders hosted from 118 countries in Chicago
- Over 400 Visitors on the International Visitor Leadership Program in 59 programs
- 90 Youth Leaders from 9 countries
- 50 Professional Fellows
- (A new program for) 53 ESL teachers from across Latin and South America – during the polar vortex!
- (Another new program) Empowering youth and preventing violence, culminating with a National Summit on Community Resilience in Skopje, North Macedonia
- The Global Entrepreneurship Summit held with DePaul University’s Coleman Center for Entrepreneurship
- Two International Entrepreneurship Summits held in Varadzin, Croatia in March 2019 and Ljubljana, Slovenia in September 2019

As we navigate 2020, there are both challenges and opportunities. In a world fraught with security challenges and a deepening wealth gap, cultivating citizen diplomacy is more important than ever. WorldChicago strives to do our part ‘one handshake at a time.’ WorldChicago’s 2020 programming aligns with our mission to strengthen Citizen Diplomacy and impact the citizens of Chicagoland, as well as reflects the United Nation’s Global Sustainability Goals. We are honored to tackle the challenge of fostering inter-cultural understanding, tolerance, mutual respect and an ethic of global citizenship and shared responsibility.

To that end, as we enter 2020, we are:

- Developing a strategy for Community Outreach – partnering with our elected officials, entrepreneurs and other key community changemakers to expand our reach and enhance support for hosting our visitors.
- Engaging more Chicagrans – from every corner of the city – in Citizen Diplomacy
- Developing new opportunities for international exchange with Citizen Diplomats across the globe.

We hope you will consider doing your part towards Citizen Diplomacy in 2020. There are so many ways you can get involved whether a small step or taking a leap to try something new! From hosting a fellow for dinner or providing accommodation; to partnering with us to sponsor a business initiative; to supporting one of our fundraising events – YOU can help us live our mission to cultivate Citizen Diplomacy in our great city of Chicago in 2020 and beyond.

Stay tuned for our next Quarterly update on how our programs are shaping diplomacy right here, in Chicago, ‘one handshake at a time’. And we would love to hear from you about what you’re doing to build diplomacy in your community...chime in and follow us on social media.

Thank you for being a Citizen Diplomat and feel free to contact us directly with your comments at worldchicago.org/contact-us.

Sincerely,

Peggy Parfenoff
President, WorldChicago
WorldChicago is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting Citizen Diplomacy through programs that connect the Chicago community with the world. Through these efforts, WorldChicago helps advance national security, economic development, and social justice.

WorldChicago is an affiliate of Global Ties U.S., a nonprofit membership association with more than 50 years of leadership in Citizen Diplomacy. Together with 84 community partner members and the U.S. Department of State Citizen Diplomacy programs, WorldChicago helps shape international relations "one handshake at a time."

WorldChicago visitors explore their fields of interest through meetings with our diverse network of Chicago-area Citizen Diplomats who are leading voices in the public, private, nonprofit, and tech sectors. Recent exchanges have centered around topics such as government accountability, film and social change, strengthening policy formulation, and expanding access to STEAM education.

In 2019, WorldChicago implemented the following programs:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>PROGRAM</th>
<th>NO. OF PROGRAMS</th>
<th>NO. OF VISITORS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>International Visitor Leadership Program</td>
<td>59</td>
<td>433</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tech Innovation and Entrepreneurship Fellows Program</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Professional Fellows Program</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Youth Leadership Programs</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>90</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Open World Leadership</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brazil BiNational Exchange Media Training and Professional Journalism Development</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>89</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>79</strong></td>
<td><strong>691</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
2019 VISITOR & COUNTRY STATISTICS

Afghanistan --------- 15
Albania ------------------ 8
Algeria ------------------ 2
Angola ------------------ 7
Antigua and Barbuda ------ 1
Argentina ------------------ 7
Armenia ------------------ 6
Australia ------------------ 1
Azerbaijan ------------------ 9
Bahrain ------------------ 1
Bangladesh ------------------ 5
Barbados ------------------ 1
Belarus ------------------ 5
Belize ------------------ 6
Benin ------------------ 2
Bolivia ------------------ 4
Bosnia and Herzegovina --- 8
Brazil ------------------ 32
Bulgaria ------------------ 1
Burkina Faso ------------------ 2
Burundi ------------------ 1
Cambodia ------------------ 1
Cameroon ------------------ 5
Canada ------------------ 1
Central African Republic ---- 1
Chad ------------------ 1
Chile ------------------ 6
China ------------------ 29
Colombia ------------------ 3
Comoros ------------------ 1
Costa Rica ------------------ 8
Côte d’Ivoire ------------------ 3
Croatia ------------------ 8
Cuba ------------------ 1
Cyprus ------------------ 1
Czech Republic ------------------ 2
Djibouti ------------------ 2
Dominican Republic ----------- 8
Ecuador ------------------ 3
Egypt ------------------ 5
El Salvador ------------------ 1
Estonia ------------------ 1
Ethiopia ------------------ 2
France ------------------ 23
Georgia ------------------ 9
Germany ------------------ 3
Ghana ------------------ 2
Guatemala ------------------ 6
Honduras ------------------ 4
India ------------------ 22
Indonesia ------------------ 4
Iraq ------------------ 22
Israel ------------------ 8
Italy ------------------ 1
Jamaica ------------------ 2
Japan ------------------ 41
Jordan ------------------ 12
Kazakhstan ------------------ 15
Kenya ------------------ 1
Kyrgyz Republic ------------------ 6
Laos ------------------ 2
Lebanon ------------------ 9
Lesotho ------------------ 1
Liberia ------------------ 3
Lithuania ------------------ 1
Malawi ------------------ 2
Malaysia ------------------ 3
Mali ------------------ 2
Malta ------------------ 1
Mauritania ------------------ 2
Mauritius ------------------ 1
Mexico ------------------ 22
Moldova ------------------ 2
Mongolia ------------------ 1
Montenegro ------------------ 5
Morocco ------------------ 4
Mozambique ------------------ 2
Myanmar ------------------ 2
Nepal ------------------ 5
Netherlands ------------------ 1
Nicaragua ------------------ 1
Niger ------------------ 1
Nigeria ------------------ 5
North Macedonia ------------------ 9
Pakistan ------------------ 9
Palestinian Territories --- 3
Panama ------------------ 5
Paraguay ------------------ 1
Peru ------------------ 9
Philippines ------------------ 7
Poland ------------------ 1
Qatar ------------------ 8
Romania ------------------ 1
Russia ------------------ 13
Saudi Arabia ------------------ 13
Senegal ------------------ 1
Seychelles ------------------ 1
Sierra Leone ------------------ 1
Singapore ------------------ 1
Slovenia ------------------ 15
South Africa ------------------ 5
South Korea ------------------ 5
Spain ------------------ 1
Sri Lanka ------------------ 3
Sudan ------------------ 1
Sweden ------------------ 1
Thailand ------------------ 13
Tunisia ------------------ 9
Turkey ------------------ 2
Uganda ------------------ 4
Ukraine ------------------ 35
United Arab Emirates ------------------ 4
United Kingdom ------------------ 22
Uruguay ------------------ 3
Venezuela ------------------ 3
Vietnam ------------------ 3
Zambia ------------------ 1
Zimbabwe ------------------ 2

Total Countries: 118
Total Visitors: 691
The International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) is the U.S. Department of State’s premier professional exchange program. Through three- to four-week visits to cities across the U.S. - including Chicago - current and emerging foreign leaders from a variety of fields engage in face-to-face dialogues with Americans and cultivate lasting relationships with their professional counterparts.

Visitors in 2019 hailed from 108 different countries, from Albania and Argentina to Zambia and Zimbabwe, and nearly everywhere else in between. In 2019, WorldChicago welcomed 433 IVLP participants on 59 different programs, engaging hundreds of Americans in Citizen Diplomacy as well.

Programs focused on topics such as Transparency and Accountability in Government, Energy Efficiency, Labor Rights, U.S. Trade Policy, and more.

This year, WorldChicago was selected by the U.S. Department of State to implement its extremely prestigious IVLP Gold Star program. The Gold Star program is an opportunity for standout IVLP alumni to return to the United States. We were honored to welcome IVLP Gold Star, Mr. Lebang Nong from South Africa, to Chicago this November.

Mr. Nong is a math teacher and founder of two STEM tutoring and mentorship organizations for under-resourced South African communities. He was excited to connect with Chicago organizations doing similar work to expand access to STEM for at-risk and underprivileged youth, including Project Exploration, a nonprofit which operates a STEM education center in the Austin neighborhood, and After School Matters, a nonprofit which maximizes the resources of an extensive public-private partnership to create after-school programming for teenagers around the city. Additional highlights of Mr. Nong’s tour involved classroom visits to Columbia College Chicago, where Mr. Nong had the chance to share his story directly with students. We at WorldChicago wholeheartedly agree with his motto: “Without education, there is no future!”
2019 IVLP STATISTICS

Countries by Region

- **20** Western Hemisphere
- **25** Europe & Eurasia
- **13** North Africa & Near East
- **30** Africa
- **11** Central & South Asia
- **9** East Asia & The Pacific

Top Program Themes

- Strategies to combat terrorism, violence, and extremism
- Transparency and accountability in government
- Media and journalism
- Innovation and entrepreneurship
- Human rights
- Expanding access to STEAM careers and education
- Cyber security
- U.S. trade policy

Participants in the U.S. Department of State’s prestigious “Hidden No More” IVLP, a program inspired by the film *Hidden Figures* and facilitated by WorldChicago, for women from around the world to learn about support for women in STEAM fields. Here they are at Fermilab, a particle physics and accelerator laboratory located in Batavia, IL.
The WorldChicago Youth Diplomats is a half-year program that brings together 40 high school students to learn about local and global issues, develop leadership skills, and engage in service-learning to build essential skills in leadership and cross-cultural communication.

In 2019, WorldChicago Youth Diplomats met with official U.S. Department of State Delegates from the Dominican Republic, Panama, Costa Rica, China, Mexico, Laos, Cambodia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, North Macedonia, Singapore, Slovenia, and Ukraine. They also had the opportunity to engage with youth from Thailand, Kazakhstan, the United Kingdom, France, and Iraq. In summer 2019, Youth Diplomats traveled to Washington, D.C. to visit NGOs and governmental institutions that shape international relations.
What Youth Diplomats Means to Me
By Sonam Rikha, Youth Diplomats Alumna

Youth Diplomats means so much to me. It’s one of the few spaces I have where I can meet passionate and engaged global citizens from all around Chicago. WorldChicago Youth Diplomats is not only a program that I am happy to have been apart of for years but also a community that I cherish.

Because of WorldChicago Youth Diplomats, last summer I was able to travel abroad for the first time to Ecuador for free. Since traveling abroad can be expensive, I’ve been able to meet so many people from all around the world just in Chicago. I’ve been able to meet Consuls General, activists, teachers, and students from all over the world and have had the privilege to learn about their culture and the issues they’re passionate about.

I’ve been able to create long-lasting friendships with students from Mexico, Iraq, Japan, and the UK. The Youth Diplomats program has taught me how to foster cross-cultural dialogue, address world issues from different perspectives, and to have empathy for those from different backgrounds. All of these skills were able to help me get through the Posse Scholarship interview rounds. With Posse’s untraditional interviews, I had to demonstrate my ability to work with other people, think on the spot, and lead discussions surrounding world issues. Due to my experience in the WorldChicago Youth Diplomats program, I was able to get the Posse Scholarship for Pomona College, where I plan to major in International Relations and Asian Studies. Without WorldChicago Youth Diplomats, I wouldn't be where I am today.
WorldChicago is honored to be a facilitator of the U.S. Department of State’s Professional Fellows Program. This educational/economic development program brings emerging international leaders and entrepreneurs to the U.S. to participate in four-week fellowships with state and local governments, nonprofits, private companies, and universities.

Spring 2019 fellowship placements included YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago, The Simple Good, We All Code, and more. The Spring 2019 Cohort also participated in the Professional Fellows Congress, a three-day capstone event designed to promote active engagement between Fellows and provide opportunities for them to reflect on their U.S. experiences.

Fall 2019 fellowship placements included the LGBT Chamber of Commerce, the Chicago Department of Aviation, and the Council on American-Islamic Relations, among others. When not working, the Fellows spent time growing and learning as a group. Program highlights included the Cohort’s participation in a talk with Mike Zafirovski, the former CEO of Motorola and a native of North Macedonia. Mike is also the co-founder of Macedonia 2025, an organization dedicated to enhancing the country’s economic and democratic development.
I became aware of WorldChicago's Professional Fellowship Program through a friend of mine, who encouraged me to apply to become a Fellow. I was lucky enough to be accepted as a participant in the program. Participants in this program are placed in four-week fellowships with industry professionals in nonprofit organizations and government offices across Chicago. I was placed with the 2112 incubator, which is known as "Chicago's first incubator" and is focused on the development of business and entrepreneurship in music, film/video and creative technology. I had the honor of working with and learning from founder and owner, Scott Fetters. We also had the chance to meet and work with some Columbia College Chicago students, sharing experiences and learning from each other.

During the first two weeks of the program, the other Fellows and I became familiar with life in Chicago. Coming from different fields, we were all on the same mission to immerse ourselves in Chicago's entrepreneurial and educational environment, to meet new people, create connections, and share experiences. While visiting Chicago, I was placed with a very kind and welcoming host family where I got the opportunity to experience real city life and see how Chicago residents live day-to-day. WorldChicago has made this experience very easy and enjoyable for us by providing us with all necessary tools such as transportation passes, homestay hosts, fellowship hosts, and a number of connections.

I hope I will be able to recommend WorldChicago to a friend of mine upon my return home and see someone else be able to take full advantage of this rewarding opportunity.
In 2019, WorldChicago hosted 7 Youth Leadership Programs supported by the U.S. Department of State, U.S. Embassies in foreign countries, and private foundations. All youth programs aimed to foster mutual understanding, build respect, and inspire civic engagement among young Americans and their international peers. Programs included the Youth Ambassadors Program (YAP) for France, which brought 12 students from France, Guadeloupe and Martinique to Chicago for an experiential exploration of schooling and community service in the Chicagoland area, and the Iraqi Young Leaders Program (IYLEP), which brought 14 Iraqi high schoolers to Chicago for a two-week exploration of community resilience. In their free time, these young leaders were introduced to American culture through various cultural activities.

2019 marks WorldChicago’s 13th year co-sponsoring the WorldChicago-Shanghai Economic Management College Fellowship Program. The Shanghai Economic Management College is the premier economics research institution in China, and WorldChicago is proud to continue this partnership in 2020. Fellowship placements included the City of Chicago’s Department of Aviation, Juan Gabriel Moreno Architects, SkyTech Security, and the Caton Commercial Real Estate Group.
PAKISTAN: MEDIA TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In February and November 2019, WorldChicago facilitated two professional development programs for women journalists from Pakistan. Participants represented a broad spectrum of journalists from both the print and broadcast media and included TV correspondents, anchors, reporters and producers, news editors and writers.

While in Chicago, program participants "shadowed" operations at local media organizations. Their professional development activities were complemented by trips to the Art Institute of Chicago, the Museum of Broadcast Communications, and the Willis Tower. Our November participants even got to share their unique stories on The Ben Joravsky Show, a podcast streamed live on the Chicago Sun-Times and Chicago Reader websites.

OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Open World Program is an initiative of the Library of Congress to bring emerging leaders from Eastern Europe and Eurasia to the United States to experience American democracy in action. During the 10-day program, participants meet with their professional counterparts, participate in cultural activities, and live with local families. This fall's Open World Program was from Ukraine and focused on LGBTQ issues and legal protection for LGBTQ individuals. Participants included Ukrainian NGO representatives, activists, and journalists. The group was excited to share expertise with organizations doing important work to promote LGBTQ equity in Chicago and Illinois.
Ten years ago, my family hosted a 17-year old student named Maja from Serbia [a participant on a WorldChicago Youth Leadership Program]. It was her first trip to the U.S. and her first trip very far outside her region. She had a wonderful time and was eager to travel more. The visit was transformative - it started Maja on a journey to become proficient in English, which she did - and along the way, she switched her major from nursing to children’s education, eventually taught English in China, and is currently a flight attendant with Qatar Airlines.

She had a flight to Chicago and we ended up having dinner - first time seeing her in a decade. Maja has kept up a friendship through social media with my family, and my daughters and I were so touched by her outreach.

The many friends and extraordinary cultural exchanges my family has been able to experience through your program have greatly enriched our lives.
This fall, WorldChicago was delighted to be selected as a semester-long case study for Columbia College Chicago's Global Public Relations class, taught by Associate Professor Anne-Marie Mitchell. Students learned about writing and producing content for a global audience, and in doing so, got to sit down with our Professional Fellows, homestay hosts, and staff. We thank them for all of their hard work!

Best of all, students got to learn firsthand about the importance of Citizen Diplomacy. In their words:

"The definition of Citizen Diplomacy is the idea that we all have a responsibility to help shape U.S. foreign relations. The more we worked on this project, the more we realized just how important and true this was."

-Ashlyn Jensen and Darryon Brewer, students at Columbia College Chicago
Kaitlyn Ferris, Ph.D., of the University of Chicago, generously served as a professional host for WorldChicago Fellow Fabiola Figueroa Navarro from Mexico in 2018. In return, Kaitlyn had the opportunity to travel to Mexico in 2019 to co-host Rethink Education, a forum on achieving educational equity in the U.S. and Mexico.

Rethink Education was a great success with over 100 researchers, evaluators, teachers, students, and parents taking part in the forum’s conference sessions during the three-day event. The forum opened with a discussion of ways to achieve educational equity in the United States, and closed with a similar discussion of the efforts taking place in Mexico. Speakers from across Mexico and United States shared their perspectives on educational equality, and mechanisms that can be applied to reduce educational inequities cross culturally. In three short days, we had come full circle and challenged our forum attendees to think critically about the issues most important to them, their students and schools, and society. Unsurprisingly, Rethink Education’s attendees and speakers left the event energized to not only apply what they had learned with their own students in primary and secondary schools, other faculty members and researchers at their universities, and educational issues impacting their day-to-day lives, but also, to dig deeper to learn more.

This experience reinvigorated my love of learning, and also, reaffirmed my views on the importance of learning new things, particularly, through travel to other countries to experience new cultures. I returned to the U.S. a more well-rounded individual with better perspectives on education, Latin America, and U.S.-Mexico relations than when I left...[but] our work is not done! The second edition of Rethink Education will be held in 2020 in Mexico as we build on the momentum we have generated, which only serves to emphasize that Rethink Education offered much more than just new perspectives on education in Mexico and the U.S.
In May, WorldChicago hosted its annual Spring Diplomacy Luncheon and International Fair: our biggest fundraiser of the year. We kicked off the day with a showcase of different Chicago-area foreign exchange organizations and the work of globally-minded local artists.

The luncheon featured addresses by WorldChicago Board Chair Cathy Lieberman, WorldChicago President Peggy Parfenoff, and Lokman Musliu, a WorldChicago Professional Fellow. Marvin Zonis, a leading political economist and an emeritus professor at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, delivered a keynote address on how countries can succeed in an unstable world.

This October, WorldChicago was proud to partner with the Coleman Entrepreneurship Center at DePaul University to host a networking event for students and professionals to learn about expanding their businesses internationally. The event was hosted at 1871, one of Chicago’s first tech incubators and a hub for local entrepreneurship.

Featured speakers included entrepreneurs Emily Lonigro and Priya Shah; Maija Renko, Associate Professor of Entrepreneurship at the University of Illinois at Chicago; and Bruce Leech, Director of the Coleman Entrepreneurship Center.
This year’s fall fundraiser was hosted at the historic Cliff Dwellers Club on Michigan Avenue. The event included live jazz music, the photography exhibit “One Sixth of a Second” by Steve Geer, a silent auction, and architecture models from Chicago firms. Guests of honor included WorldChicago’s Fall 2019 Professional Fellows. They even led participants in interactive games from each of their countries!

We were proud to host this year’s holiday celebration in partnership with the Consulate General of Nepal in Chicago. Guests gathered in the Carlyle Ballroom to learn about the wealth of tourist opportunities in Nepal and even sample some delicious Nepalese food!

The Honorary Consul General of Nepal, Marvin Brustin, delivered the keynote address. His remarks encouraged travel to Nepal in 2020.
OUR PEOPLE

2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ms. Cathy Lieberman, Chair
CDL Business Consulting

Ms. Virginia Russell, Vice Chair
Retired, John Marshall Law School

Mr. Corey Friedman, Treasurer
CF Financial

Ms. Lisa Harwood, Secretary
Commercial Real Estate Professional

Ms. Peggy Parfenoff
WorldChicago

Ms. Karen Brown
Bridge Arrow

Mr. Louis P. Vitullo
Retired, Wildman Harrold

Ms. Rebecca Wellisch
Global Marketing Manager

Mr. Bruce Leech
DePaul University

Ms. Donna Lindquist
Soleil Communications Group

Mrs. Joan Miller
Miller, Miller & Co

Mr. Balaji Rajagopalan
Northern Illinois University School of Business

Mr. Brian Starr
YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago

WORLDCHICAGO STAFF

Peggy Parfenoff
President

Brian Peckrill
Vice President

Donna Sadlicki
Director of Operations & IT

Kyla Williams
Program Manager

Caheri Aguilar
IVLP Program Officer

Nina Wilson
Program Associate

Thank you to all staff who were with us for part of 2019:

Lindsey Travers
Angela Mughal
Jessica Castellanos
Rachel Iglesias

PROGRAM ASSISTANTS

Megan Benka
Matt Boey
Shairoz Charania
Josh Elster
Bailey Ferguson
Aileen Finnin
Harper Fox
Francesca Izzo
Sawyer Knibbe
Rachel Pierson
Laasya Poola
Toni Scott
Gavin Stark
Thank you to all our homestay hosts and dinner hosts for your great hospitality towards our visitors. WorldChicago is so grateful for your contributions to Citizen Diplomacy in 2019! We look forward to exploring the world from Chicago again in 2020. - Brian Peckrill, Vice President, WorldChicago
PARTNERS

American Councils for International Education
CEED Macedonia
CEED Slovenia
Center for Intercultural Dialogue, North Macedonia
City of Chicago
Consulate General of Nepal in Chicago
CRDF Global
Cultural Vistas
Digitalize.me, Podgorica, Montenegro
DoIT, Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina
FHI360
Georgetown University - Center for Intercultural Education and Development
Global Public Relations Class, Columbia College Chicago
Global Strategists Association
Graduate School, USA
Illinois Global Scholar
Institute of International Education
Legacy International
Meridian International Center
Mississippi Consortium for International Development
Open World Leadership Center
Tech Park Varadzin, Croatia
Ten Thousand Villages
The Association for Binational Centers of Latin America
The Chicago Council on Science and Technology
The Council for International Visitors to Iowa City
The Hummer Tuttle Foundation
The Julian Grace Foundation
U.S. Department of State
U.S. Embassy Brazil
U.S. Embassy France
U.S. Embassy North Macedonia
World Learning

AMBAASSADOR-LEVEL DONORS

John Ambrogi
Janet Amesse
Boeing Company
Karen Brown
Cambria Chicago Magnificent Mile
Claridge House
Linda Cushman
Corey Friedman
Hampton Inn Chicago Downtown Magnificent Mile
Hampton Inn & Suites Chicago Downtown
Lisa Harwood
Julian Grace Foundation
Kemper Foundation
Bruce Leech
Cathy Lieberman
Donna Lindquist
Kerri McClimen
Joan Miller
Northern Illinois University Foundation
Balaji Rajagopalan
Ellen Rogin
Virginia Russell
Sarowitz Family
Sofitel Chicago
Brian Starr
Louis Vitullo
Rebecca Wellisch
Mark Wilson

CORPORATE & ORGANIZATION SPONSORS

Amazon Smile
BMO Harris
Boeing Company
Claridge House Hotel
Fulbright Association Chicago Chapter
Hampton Inn & Suites Chicago Downtown
Hotel Cambria
IMC Financial

Julian Grace Foundation
Kalman Shiner
Northern Illinois University College of Business
ORBA Wealth Advisors
Rudolph Charitable Match Program
Sarowitz Family
Sofitel Chicago
US Cellular
YWCA Metropolitan Chicago
DONORS

Karin Abercrombie
Amy Ambrose
Roy Anderson
Elizabeth Andrews
Megan Arlow
Venanzio Arquilla
Vensna Arsic
Bajaj Family
Neal Ball
Dalia Bartkus
Brian Benesch
Garrett Bowhall
Todd Bowker
Marta Bregu
Allison Brustin
Gabrielle Buckley
Jody Butterbach
Alice Cannon
Peter Casady
Lucy Chen-Kruse
Rich Chiapetta
Preeta Chickermane
Marina Christos
Alexander Clegg
Susan Comstock
Kevin Corrigan
Ron Cox
Kara Davis
Kenneth Davis
Laurel Delaney
Joe Derenzisk
Dora di Miele
Patricia Doerr
Danielle Drabkin
George Drost
Kevin Dunn
Michael Edgar
Karen Egerer
Phyllis Ellin
Bradley Emanuel
Brian Feldkamp
Curt Fiedler
Karen Fishman
Maxine Flack
Marlyn Freund
Jenny Friedle
Don Garner
Mary Gerace
Seth Guterman
Linda Hall
Matthew Harlan
Ambassador Fay Hartog-Levin
Sarah Hatfield
Eva Heilman
Janet Henderson
Mary Beth Herr
Patrick Hesli...
OUR 2019 PROFESSIONAL HOSTS

Thank you to these Chicago organizations who hosted a Fellow or met with our international visitors!

1871
Abbott Laboratories
Academy for Global Citizenship
Active Transportation Alliance
Adaptive Adventures
Adler University
Advocate Lutheran General Hospital
AeroStar Avion Institute
After School Matters
AIDS Chicago
All Star Project
Alliance for the Great Lakes
Alternative Schools Network
Alternatives Youth Inc.
American Association for the Advancement of Science
American Bar Association - Patent Division
American Hospital Association
American Library Association
American Medical Association
American Nuclear Society
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago
Anti-Cruelty Society
ARISE Chicago
Array of Things
Art Institute of Chicago
ART Works
Asian Human Services
Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission
Austin Peace Corner
Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum & Nagelberg LLP
Berwyn Tech
Better Government Association
Beyond the Ball
Boeing Company
Boiler Room Studios
Bossy Chicago
BUILD Chicago
Business Tech Education Center
C2ST
CareBand; MATTER
Catapult Chicago
Caton Commercial Real Estate Group
Center for Conflict Resolution
Center for Creative Entrepreneurship
Center for Tax and Budget Accountability
Center on Halsted
Centers for New Horizons
Central Asia Productivity Research Center
Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice
Chicago Area Peace Corps Association
Chicago Area Project
Chicago Cares
Chicago Center for Youth Violence Prevention
Chicago Central Area Committee
Chicago Council on Global Affairs
Chicago Council on Science and Technology
Chicago Cultural Accessibility Consortium
Chicago International Trade Commissioner’s Association
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Group (CME)
Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women’s Network
Chicago O'Hare International Airport - Transportation Security Administration
Chicago Reader
Chicago Regional Organizing for Anti-Racism
Chicago Run
Chicago Sky
Chicago SummerDance
Chicago Sun-Times
Chicago White Sox
Chicago Woman
Chicago Workers’ Collaborative
Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce
Chicago’s High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
ChicagoTalks
Chykalophia Group
Cicero Area Project
Circles and Ciphers
Citizen Advocacy Center
City of Berwyn
City of Chicago
• Board of Ethics
• Chicago Park District
• Chicago Police Department
• Chicago Public Library
• Chicago Public Schools
• Commission on Human Relations
• Department of Aviation
• Department of Innovation and Technology
• Department of Procurement Services
• Department of Public Health
• Department of Transportation
• Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities
• Office of Emergency Management and Communications
• Office of the Inspector General
• Office of the Mayor
• Office of Matt Martin, 47th Ward Alderman
• City Tech Collaborative
• City Year-Civic Engagement Team
• The Coaching Group

Columbia College Chicago
• Convergence Design Lab
• Department of Communication
• Department of Humanities, History, and Social Sciences Communities United
Community Builders
Consulate General of Mexico in Chicago
Cook County Government
• Clerk’s Office
• Commission on Human Rights
• Department of Revenue
• Juvenile Temporary Detention Center
• State’s Attorney Office
Council for American-Islamic Relations
Crain’s Chicago Business
Crushers Club
Cure Violence
CyberCube
Delta Institute
OUR 2019 PROFESSIONAL HOSTS

DePaul University
- Coleman Entrepreneurship Center
- English Language Academy
- School of Communication
- School of Design
- Steans Center
DesignDance
Devon Bank
Dreams for Kids
Easterseals
Edovo
Education Development Center
Elevate Energy
Emancipate North Koreans/Empower House
Enlace Chicago
Ethics AdviceLine
Ethos
Evolve Security
EvolveHer
Family Resource Center on Disabilities
Fenwick High School
Field Museum of Natural History
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority
FinTank
Free Spirit Media
Future Founders
Gary Comer Youth Center
Gerber Hart Library
Get IN Chicago
GirlForward
Girls in the Game
Global Citizenship Experience Lab School
Grassroots Collaborative
Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association
Greater Chicago Food Depository
Hands of Peace
Harrison & Held, LLP
Health and Medicine Policy Research Group
Heartland Alliance
Homewood Science Center
Howard Brown Health Center
Humane League
The ICAN Collective
Ignite
Ignite Technology and Innovation
Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence
Illinois Institute of Technology
Illinois Institute of Technology - Chicago-Kent College of Law
Illinois State Government
- Illinois Courts Commission
- Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity
- Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology
- Illinois Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- Illinois State Board of Education
- Illinois State Police, Forensic Science Center at Chicago
- Illinois Workers’ Compensation Commission
- Office of the Illinois Attorney General
- Office of the Illinois Auditor General
- Office of Illinois State Representative Greg Harris
- Office of Illinois State Representative Emanuel “Chris” Welch
Imagen Consulting
Impact Engine
Industrial Council of Nearwest Chicago
Injustice Watch
Inspire 11
Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago
Inter-American Magnet School
Interfaith Youth Core
Internal Revenue Service
International Family, Adult, and Child Enhancement Services
International Trade Association of Greater Chicago
inTerractions
Intralink Global
Iraqi Mutual Aid Society
iSpeakMedia Foundation
J-Def Peace Project
Juan Gabriel Moreno Architects
Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Program
Julian Grace Foundation
Juvenile Intervention Support Center
Kathmandu Yogi
Kids off the Block
Kurth Lampe WorldWide
La Casa Norte
Latimer LeVay Fyock, LLC
League of Women Voters
Learning Dimensions
Leather Archives and Museum
Lewis University - Justice, Law, and Public Safety Studies
LGBT Chamber of Commerce of Illinois
Life After Hate
Life Technician
Loyola University Chicago
- Center for Cybersecurity
- Center for Science and Math Education
- Division of Student Development, Campus Ministry
- Islamic World Studies Program
- School of Communication
- School of Law
LuxeBloom LLC
Marjorie Kovler Center
Metropolitan Planning Council
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance
Mikva Challenge
Moylan Global Services
Museum of Science and Industry
My Block, My Hood, My City
National Anti-Vivisection Society
National Museum of Mexican Art
New Moms
News Literacy Project
Night Ministry
Northwestern University
- Department of Safety and Security
- Feinberg School of Medicine
- Institute for Policy Research
- Knight Lab
- Medill Justice Project
- Pritzker School of Law
- School of Communication
- Simpson Querrey Research Institute
One Million Degrees
OpenTheBooks
P33
Peace Corps
Pilsen Mural Tour
The Plant
Project Exploration
Project Syncere
ProPublica

WORLDCHICAGO | 2019 Annual Report
OUR 2019 PROFESSIONAL HOSTS

Protected by Faith
Public Narrative
Quimby’s Bookstore
Rauner Family YMCA
RecycleWorlds Consulting
Reform for Illinois
RefugeeOne
Ricondo & Associates
rMark
Robert R. McCormick Foundation
Safe Humane Chicago
Salt and Light Coalition
Salvation Army
Second Shift
Shirley Ryan Abilities Lab
The Simple Good
SkyTech Security Services
Smart Energy Design Assistance Center
Smart Policy Works
Social Enterprise Alliance
Soldier Field
Somercor
South Asian American Policy & Research Institute
Street Level Youth Media
Style 545
Swedish Covenant Hospital
Telugu Association of Greater Chicago
Traffick Free
Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities
True Star Media & Foundation
United States Government Entities
• Argonne National Laboratory
• Federal Bureau of Investigation
• Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
• Fermilab
• Occupational Safety and Health Administration Training Institute
• Office of Congressman Brad Schneider
• Office of Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi
• Office of Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky
• United States Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Illinois
• United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
• United States Customs and Border Protection
• United States Department of State Sports Envoy Program
University of Chicago
• Becker Friedman Institute
• Crime Lab
• Harris School of Public Policy
• Law School
• Office of LGBTQ Student Life
• Pearson Institute
University of Illinois at Chicago
• College of Engineering
• College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
• College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs
• Great Cities Institute
• John Marshall Law School
• School of Public Health
• Women’s & Gender Studies
University of St. Francis
Uphold Health; MATTER
Uptake
Urban Alliance
Urban Art Retreat
Urban Initiatives
UrbanLab
VestedWorld
Victory Gardens Theater
Walter Payton College Preparatory High School
WBEZ
We All Code
We are the Glue
West Town Bikes
Whittier Elementary School
Willis Tower
WISTEM at the 1871 Incubator
Women in Cybersecurity - Chicago Chapter
Women’s Business Development Center
Working Bikes
World Relief
WTTW
WVON Radio
YMCA Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Program
YOUNimedia
Youth Guidance
YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago
GET INVOLVED

Dinner Hospitality

Engage with our international visitors over a meal! Dinner hosting allows you to make deeper connections by hosting an international delegation at your home for dinner. For more information about dinner hospitality, visit: https://www.worldchicago.org/what-you-can-do/dinner-hospitality

Homestay Hosting

Homestay hosts open their homes to our international visitors for short-term homestays ranging from one week to one month. Homestay hosting provides the opportunity for in-depth cultural exchange and relationship building. Some past hosts have visited delegates in their home countries and have even attended their weddings. For more information about homestay hosting, visit: https://www.worldchicago.org/what-you-can-do/homestay-hosting
Thank you for your support!

WorldChicago is pleased to acknowledge that this Annual Report is funded in part by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Department of State, under the authority of the Fulbright-Hays Act of 1961, as amended.