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REPORT**



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CITIZEN DIPLOMACY
ONE HANDSHAKE
AT A TIME



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WELCOME

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 Chicagoans – 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's Peggy Parfenoff and Brian Peckrill in Gostivar, North Macedonia, for meetings on youth empowerment and community resilience, along with Sammy Rangel (Life After Hate), Teny Gross (Institute for Nonviolence Chicago), Gerald Hankerson (CAIR-Chicago), and Lokman Musliu (WorldChicago Professional Fellow)



MISSION



Participants in WorldChicago's 2019 Adaptive Sports Diplomacy Program from Thailand and Kazakhstan

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."



OUR WORK

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:

PROGRAM	NO. OF PROGRAMS	NO. OF VISITORS
International Visitor Leadership Program	59	433
Tech Innovation and Entrepreneurship Fellows Program	2	31
Professional Fellows Program	2	15
Youth Leadership Programs	7	90
Open World Leadership	1	6
Brazil BiNational Exchange	1	20
Media Training and Professional Journalism Development	2	6
Other	5	89
Total	79	691



2019 VISITOR & COUNTRY STATISTICS

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

Total Countries: 118
Total Visitors: 691



INTERNATIONAL VISITOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

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.



Mr. Nong at After School Matters

IVLP Gold Star Tour: Mr. Lebang Nong

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!"



An IVLP Delegation from Africa volunteering at North Avenue Beach



2019 IVLP STATISTICS

Countries by Region



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.



Youth Diplomats Program



WorldChicago Youth Diplomats had the opportunity to engage with their peers from Pensacola, FL, while in Washington D.C. Here they are together on the steps of NGO Meridian International Center.

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.



Youth Diplomats at the Embassy of Chile in Washington, D.C.



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.



Youth Diplomats Alumna Sonam Rikha at the Posse Foundation Award Ceremony, accepting her award for study at Pomona College in Los Angeles, CA.



PROGRAMS

PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM

Laos • Ukraine • Malaysia • Azerbaijan •
 Indonesia • Turkey • Cambodia • Moldova •
 Singapore • Vietnam • Bosnia and Herzegovina •
 Croatia • Slovenia • North Macedonia

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.



Spring 2019 Professional Fellows



Fellows having fun in Millennium Park!



Professional Fellow Lokman Musliu of North Macedonia pictured with Marie Royce, Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs



PROGRAMS

Insights from a Fellow:

Tihana Šmitran, Zagreb, Croatia

Professional Fellow, 2019

Creative Tech, Education, Augmented Reality,
and Animation

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.



WorldChicago Professional Fellow Tihana Šmitran

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.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS



Top: Youth Ambassadors from France outside GCE Lab School. Bottom: Iraqi Young Leaders visiting the Bean.

SHANGHAI MANAGEMENT FELLOWS



Top: At the Shanghai Management Fellowship Program's opening reception. Bottom: Having fun exploring Chicago's Chinatown.

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.

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.



PAKISTAN: MEDIA TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Left: Program participant Shafiq Gul pictured with Tracy Brown of WBEZ at WBEZ Studios. Right: WorldChicago's Brian Peckrill pictured with Shafiq and fellow program participant Ummay-E-Farwah.

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



Top: Open World Delegates at WTTW.
Bottom: At the Center on Halsted in Boystown.

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.



CHICAGO SPOTLIGHT:

Lasting Friendships

Story Courtesy of Betsy Clarke, Evanston, IL

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.



Betsy and Maja, 2019

Chicago Impact 2019	People
Dinner hosts	60+
Homestay hosts	60+
Fellowship hosts	55
Meeting hosts	460+
Chicagoans who traveled with us	23
Youth Diplomats	38



CHICAGO SPOTLIGHT: Global Public Relations at Columbia College Chicago

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**



WorldChicago staff pictured with Columbia College Chicago faculty and students



CHICAGO SPOTLIGHT: Chicagoans

Who Traveled with Us

Story Courtesy of Kaitlyn Ferris, Ph.D.

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.



Kaitlyn and Fabiola at the Rethink Education forum



Kaitlyn and Fabiola at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City, Mexico



SPRING DIPLOMACY LUNCHEON AND INTERNATIONAL FAIR



Left: Marvin Zonis speaking at the Spring Diplomacy Luncheon

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.

GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP AT 1871: STORIES FROM STARTUPS



From left: Maija Renko, Emily Lonigro, Priya Shah, Bruce Leech, and Peggy Parfenoff

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.



FALL FUNDRAISER: ARCHITECTURE AROUND THE WORLD



Top: A game that allowed fundraiser guests to learn about Croatia. Bottom: WorldChicago Professional Fellows at Cliff Dwellers Club.

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!

ANNUAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION



Top: Marvin Brustin delivering remarks at the Annual Holiday Celebration.

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.



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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



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