



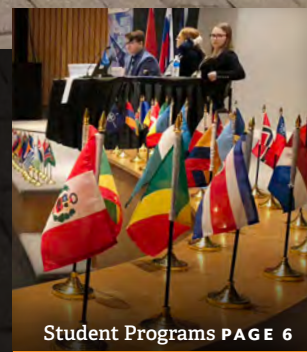
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ABOVE Gifted high school students from Mexico explore Cleveland as part of CCWA's annual Jóvenes en Acción program.



2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Connecting Our Community to the World.

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF CCWA,

Our goal has always been to offer opportunities for global connections to the Greater Cleveland community. Since 1923, we have served the inquisitive and globally-minded citizens in our region who seek to expand their perspectives.

We also want to inspire the broader community and the younger generations to grow their global mindsets and connect with the global community right here at home. We believe that these international connections will help us thrive and develop competitively into the future.

The 2018-2019 program year was an exciting one at CCWA. We welcomed our new CEO, Carina Van Vliet, hosted peacemaker George Mitchell at our Global Impact Award event, expanded our programming in schools, and greeted a record-number of international visitors. Most meaningfully to us, we launched the Maura O'Donnell-McCarthy Center for Global Understanding, which will offer ongoing global education to a broad audience in our region. All of these highlights and other programs made global connections with a significant local impact.

This annual report celebrates our achievements and successes from the past year. We are thankful to the many friends, members, donors, partners and Citizen Diplomat volunteers who participated in our programs, and who help make our community more globally-minded.

Thank you for joining us in our mission, and for your engagement and support.

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CCWA Launches the New Maura O'Donnell-McCarthy Center for Global Understanding



CCWA was proud and excited to launch this new center that houses our continuing education and professional training programs with the goal of generating greater global enthusiasm in our community. These two new programs offer educators and professionals tools and strategies to be more successful in today's globalized workplace, and to teach more globally-minded students.

CENTER FOR GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING PROGRAMS

Bridges to the World Connects Teachers to International Topics

The **Bridges to the World** program connected 16 local educators to global education resources and curriculum in its first year. A program for high school and middle

school teachers, Bridges to the World supports local educators in teaching current international topics in their classrooms,

developing global education programs at their schools, and connecting their students to projects and classrooms



around the world. By inspiring and engaging educators, our impact will reverberate in classrooms and reach hundreds of students.

Global Competence Trainings Enhance Cross-Cultural Skills

The new **Global Competence Training** program helps business and other professionals to understand and practice the skills

necessary to work cross-culturally. These trainings target educators teaching in

diverse classrooms, business professionals working with colleagues and partners overseas, and individuals

employed within a multicultural workplace. CCWA's CEO Carina Van Vliet sees the urgent need in our community for this type of programming:

"Our future is increasingly global and many issues that we as humankind have to deal with are global in nature. It is critical that our community have the awareness and ability to work, live and learn in this global economy and society. That's where our Global Competence Training program comes in."

A great look at cultural awareness on various spectrums. It helped me realize culture's impact on business, and understand the need to adapt.

2019 TRAINING PARTICIPANT

Speaker Programs Promote Conversation about Current Events and Global Issues



BY THE NUMBERS

1463

Speaker Forum
PARTICIPANTS

30

Programs
OFFERED

140

Students
ATTENDED

Speaker programs are at the core of our mission to help foster a more globally engaged Northeast Ohio: our speaker forums promote impactful foreign policy conversations and increase awareness of global challenges to our community.

There is a strong appetite in the Cleveland community for engaging in conversation on international issues. Last year, 1,463 attendees participated in CCWA's speaker forums to engage on the world's most pressing topics. CCWA hosted 30 programs on timely topics through our **Foreign Policy Forums**, the **Cleveland Committee on Foreign Relations**, the **Happy Dog Takes on the World**

series, a monthly collaboration with other non-profits in our region, and other special events. Our speakers conducted seven school visits to take the conversation about our foreign policy options and global challenges to classrooms across our community. You can now listen to some of the programs from the past year on our podcast **Global Conversations**, found on our website.





SPEAKER PROGRAMS

“**CCWA has been the best part about my move back to Cleveland.** At the speaker programs I have reunited with old friends, met fantastic new people, and most of all been exposed to important world issues. The programs are diverse, brilliant, and thought-provoking.

LINDSAY RADISEK, MEMBER

2018-2019 FOREIGN POLICY FORUM SPEAKERS AND SUBJECTS

THOMAS HOUT

U.S.-China Relations: The Slow Economic War

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Brexit, Transatlantic Relations, and the Future of NATO

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*Redefining National Security: Preparing for
Future Foreign Policy Challenges*

SHIGEO KAGAMI | ANDREW OROS

The U.S. and Japan: 2019 and Beyond

2018-2019 CLEVELAND COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS PROGRAMS

JARRETT BLANC

*Where Do We Go From Here:
The Future of U.S.-Iran Relations*

RICHARD MILES

At A Crossroads: Insight into the U.S.-Mexico Relationship

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China- America's Generational Challenge

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Russia's Role in the Middle East

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*Alternative Futures for the World:
Examining Global Order*

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NAFTA 2.0 and the Future of American Trade Policy

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The U.S. and Africa: Vital Interests

WALTER BERBRICK

*Strengthening America's Arctic
Policy at Home and Abroad*

GLOBAL IMPACT AWARD

2018 Award Honors the Career of Peacemaker George Mitchell

Our 2018 **Global Impact Award** honored Senator George Mitchell for his career as a peacemaker. The Global Impact Award recognizes distinguished individuals whose leadership has led to greater understanding and cooperation among communities and countries around the world. Senator Mitchell was awarded this CCWA recognition for his work in

promoting peace in Northern Ireland and the Middle East. He delivered the Brooks Emeny Distinguished Lecture on the United States' role in the world to a sell-out audience. Proceeds from this event support the Cleveland Council on World Affairs' educational programs. A special thank-you goes to our presenting sponsor, The Cleveland Foundation.

Students Solve Global Challenges in CCWA Model United Nations Conferences



“Model UN has radically transformed my high school career. Preparing for and participating in Model UN, and speaking with and getting to know fellow peers was an experience like no other,” reflects CCWA Model UN student Coleman Isner. Coleman was one of the 1,970 students who participated in CCWA’s Model UN program during the 2018-2019 school year.

In CCWA’s **Model UN conferences**, high school and middle school students assume the role of a representative from an assigned country and work with other student diplomats to find solutions to international challenges. Model UN is an experiential learning experience that gives students an opportunity to connect what they learn to the real world.

“By negotiating and finding solutions with students from different schools around the world, I have used empathy as a tool to understand and work with other people who think differently than I do.”

COLEMAN ISNER, 2019 PARTICIPANT

Model UN can be a transformative experience for students. Participating students report it changes the way they view the world. It improves their public speaking skills, critical thinking and knowledge of world affairs and current

events. Model UN opens their minds to new perspectives and gives them new ways of thinking about critical issues

This year, students discussed and debated issues such as human rights in conflict zones, facing cybersecurity risks, preparing for natural disasters, and more. As Coleman concluded, “As I begin looking at college, Model UN has shifted my focus – it has truly changed the course of my life and I am extremely glad I have had the opportunity to gain the great experiences it provides.”

BY THE NUMBERS

1970

Students Participated
IN MODEL UN CONFERENCES

56

Partner Schools
TOOK PART IN MODEL UN

16

Prep Workshops Offered
FOR STUDENTS & TEACHERS



ADDITIONAL 2018-2019 CCWA STUDENT PROGRAMS

Academic WorldQuest Tests Students' Knowledge of World Affairs

Which country is currently host to the largest number of refugees worldwide? Which country has been invited to become NATO's 30th member state? This past January, 39 local high school students tackled these and many other questions at CCWA's **Academic WorldQuest** competition. The students tested their knowledge of world affairs, current events, and foreign policy. After five rounds, a team from Hathaway Brown was declared the winner and advanced to the national championship competition in Washington DC in April.



Junior World Affairs Councils Inspire Students to Discover and Discuss their Passion for World Affairs

The 2018-2019 school year kicked off CCWA's **Junior World Affairs Councils (JWAC)** program. Four schools launched JWAC clubs to engage students in thinking about the world: students participated in passionate conversations about global issues and got

together with fellow students to share their interest in current world events with the help of resources and coaching from CCWA. The students discussed topics such as U.S.-China relations, Turkey and the European Union, and more.



Visitor Programs Create International Experiences at Home and Abroad



BY THE NUMBERS

471

International
PARTICIPANTS

124

Countries
REPRESENTED

62

Citizen Diplomat
HOUSEHOLDS

210

Professional
RESOURCES

CCWA continues to bring the world to Cleveland: throughout last year, hundreds of guests participated in U.S. State Department exchanges. From Peru to Pakistan, Mongolia to Mozambique, emerging global leaders joined in professional and cultural exchanges facilitated by CCWA. Visitors learned from their local counterparts, discussed best practices in the U.S., and shared the challenges they face and what motivates them in their work.

CCWA is proud to facilitate connections that change the world for the better and inspire participants to take action in their home countries. A group of educators

from Saudi Arabia came to Cleveland on a physical education-themed program to help them integrate women into sports programs in their

country. Another group of visitors from 17 different countries around the world was in Cleveland to learn about sustainable water resource management. Fermin from Curaçao was inspired to take action based on his experience: “I enjoyed visiting Cleveland and learning about water management, reuse and sustainability. The meetings in Cleveland inspired me to take control of water management and improve Curaçao’s ability to reuse water. I can accomplish so much when I go home.”

I have already talked to my peers back home about taking action. Joining the IVLP put my own community’s challenges in perspective.

FERMIN, INTERNATIONAL VISITOR



YOUTH OUTREACH:
CONFLICT RESOLUTION & EMPOWERMENT



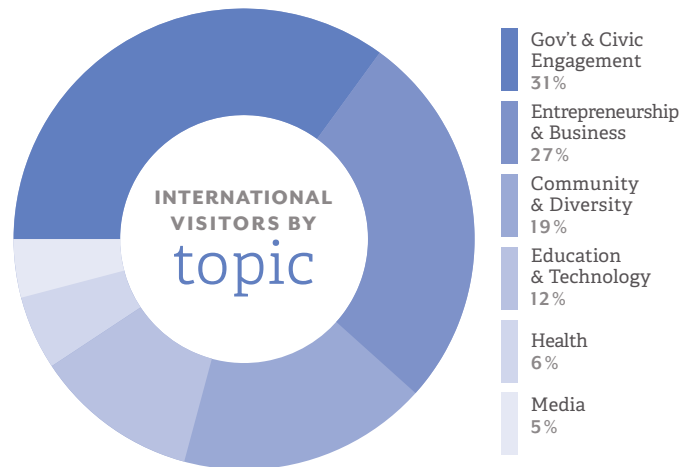
YOUNG LEADERS OF THE AMERICAS INITIATIVE



BUILDING
CIVIL SOCIETY



BREAKING DOWN A YEAR OF INTERNATIONAL VISITORS & GLOBAL IMPACT



Citizen Diplomacy Offers Hospitality and Cultural Exchange

Citizen Diplomacy is a big part of CCWA's International Visitor Programs. **Citizen Diplomats** are volunteers who host CCWA's international visitors for a dinner or overnight stay. This gives our international visitors a unique opportunity to interact with Americans.

Andrea Villalon and her daughter Valeria are Citizen Diplomats who enjoy welcoming visitors into their home. "I feel humbled and lucky to have the opportunity to connect with people around the world," says Andrea. More than 60 households open their homes to international visitors each year. And it is not just the visitors that benefit from the experience.

Everyone is able to host international visitors, it's not hard. It's something that comes out of your heart. You learn from it, you give to others through it, and it opens a different world.

VALERIA VILLALON, CITIZEN DIPLOMAT

"It's an opportunity to share, give, and build lifelong relationships. You learn about other perspectives and cultures and you make global connections," says Andrea. Whether it's a visitor from Bulgaria, Egypt, or Brazil, hosting allows them to enjoy the cultures of countries around the world from their own home: "I have known the world here in Cleveland

because of CCWA, and I have met people from countries that I would never have imagined," says Andrea. "We see similarities between our culture and our visitors' culture ... there is always something that connects us all and it's nice to enjoy that".



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CCWA owes much of its success to the generosity of its donors and the tireless efforts of its volunteers.

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Partner schools took part in CCWA's educational programs during the year

1463

Attendees contributed to the global conversation in our speaker series

2030

Students and educators engaged with the world at Model UN conferences

471

Visitors from **124 countries** came through international exchanges

 **ABOVE** An international visitor group discussing approaches to addiction and the opioid crisis.