about the georgia council for international visitors

GCIV builds relationships between the people of our state and leaders around the world. Our vision is that every Georgia citizen has the opportunity to be globally engaged. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to “connecting Georgians to the world” since 1962. GCIV works with the U.S. Department of State to develop a broad spectrum of professional and cultural exchange programs for emerging global leaders. Our non-partisan citizen diplomacy programs provide Georgians with unique opportunities to share best practices, insights and friendship with distinguished visitors to the United States.

GCIV administers the U.S. Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) in the state of Georgia. Launched in 1940, the IVLP seeks to build mutual understanding between the United States and other nations through carefully designed professional visits to the U.S. for current and emerging foreign leaders. U.S. ambassadors consistently rank the IVLP as most effective in a long list of public diplomacy tools at their disposal. GCIV is one of 94 community-based organizations around the country that implement this impressive program on behalf of the U.S. government. In 2001 the national network, National Council for International Visitors (NCIV), was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for its efforts to foster international understanding.

Since the program’s inception, over 320 participants in the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) have gone on to serve as heads of government and chiefs of state, including:

- Hamid Karzai, Afghanistan
- Gordon Brown, United Kingdom
- Anwar Sadat, Egypt
- Nicolas Sarkozy, France
- Mikheil Saakashvili, Georgia
- Indira Gandhi, India
- Adnan Badran, Jordan
- Mwaia Kibaki, Kenya
- Felipe Calderon, Mexico
- Kim Dae-Jung, South Korea
- Frederik de Klerk, South Africa
- Oscar Arias, Costa Rica

A world-wide delegation of 17 NGO representatives and government officials with Governor Nathan Deal at the Georgia State Capitol.

1962

A group of visionary women recognize the importance of Atlanta becoming an international city. Together they form the Atlanta Committee for International Visitors.
In fiscal year 2011, GCIV welcomed 442 overseas visitors through the International Visitor Leadership Program and various fee-for-service programs. These visitors came to Georgia on 70 different programs, ranging from individuals to groups of 20 or more. Participants represented 112 different countries.

The delegations hosted by GCIV were quite a varied group, including public health officials, lawyers, judges, civil servants, NGO and arts representatives, business executives, educators, journalists, elected officials, community activists, environmental advocates, entrepreneurs, students, engineers, archaeologists and curators. In addition to coordinating programs for the U.S. Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), GCIV partners on a wide variety of fee-for-service (FFS) programs. While very similar in substance to the IVLP, these programs are funded separately. In the past year, GCIV completed programs for the Academy for Educational Development, CNN, Graduate School, Institute of International Education, Meridian International Center, Mississippi Consortium for International Development, Phelps Stokes, USAID and World Learning.

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18 architects, archaeologists, curators and cultural preservation specialists from around the world visit Sapelo Island near Savannah, Georgia.

Margaret Thatcher visits Atlanta as a member of the British Parliament. Thatcher serves as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1979-1990.
GCV welcomed delegations from 112 countries to the state of Georgia in fiscal year 2011. Below are the countries represented and the number of visitors per country:

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Thirteen University Officials
Focus: Higher Education

October 20-23 - Russia
Eight Public Health Directors and Doctors
Focus: Non-Communicable Diseases

October 28 - November 3 - Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia
Six Journalists
Focus: Journalism

November 10-12 - France
One Journalist
Focus: Immigration Journalism

November 13-17 - Italy
One European Commission Deputy Head
Focus: Refugees

November 14-20 - Ecuador
Four Environmental NGO Directors
Focus: Sweet Water Aquariums

November 17-23 - Indonesia
Eight Environmental Government Officials and NGO Leaders
Focus: Environmental Law and Governance

November 20-24 - Multi-Regional
Twelve Public Health Representatives
Focus: HIV/AIDS

November 21-24 - Chile
One Academy and University Coordinator
Focus: Science and Technology

December 5-9 - Pakistan
Nine Law Professors and University Representatives
Focus: Legal Education

December 7-11 - Indonesia
Eight Airline, Airport and Ministry of Transportation Officials
Focus: Aviation

December 9-15 - India
One Ministry of Civil Aviation Deputy Secretary
Focus: Civil Aviation

December 11-15 - Poland
Nine NGO Representatives and One Editor-in-Chief
Focus: Civic Engagement

January 13-19 - Central Asia
Five Water Research Government Officials
Focus: Water Management

January 13-19 - Multi-Regional
Seventeen Delegates
Focus: American Youth

January 22-23 - France
One Ministry of Ecology Project Manager
Focus: Cultural Activities

January 22-24 - Bahamas
Eight Students
Focus: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 27 - February 1 - Eastern and Pacific Asia
Nine Teachers and Education Officials
Focus: Primary and Secondary Education

January 29 - February 2 - Iran
Eleven Transportation Officials
Focus: Future Transportation Challenges

February 1-5 - Multi-Regional
Twenty-One Delegates
Focus: Civic Activism

February 2-5 - Brazil
One University Professor
Focus: Educational Public Policies

February 4-12 - Russia
Five Public Officials
Focus: Accountable Governance

The U.S. Embassy to The Bahamas’ 2011 MLK Essay Winners with U.S. Ambassador to The Bahamas Nicole A. Avant outside the birth home of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
February 10-16 - South Asia
Six City Planners
Focus: Urban Planning

February 15-19 - Multi-Regional
Nine Medical and Government Officials
Focus: Public Safety and Pandemic Diseases

February 16-19 - Chile
Four Judges, Lawyers and Government Officials
Focus: Intellectual Property Rights

February 18-19 - Ukraine
Five Criminal Prosecutors and National Security Representatives
Focus: Law Enforcement

February 19-23 - Belarus
Four Editors and One Journalist
Focus: Investigative Journalism

February 19-23 - Cyprus
One Politician
Focus: U.S. Foreign Policy

February 23-25 - France
One Regional Committee of Tourism Member
Focus: Minority Integration

February 26 - March 2 - Saudi Arabia
Ten Ministry of Education Officials
Focus: Religious and Public Education

March 2-5 - Russia
Eight University Representatives
Focus: University Partnerships Promoting Innovation

March 3-8 - Pakistan
Eight Engineers, Researchers and Public Officials
Focus: Water Management

March 5-9 - Moldova
Two University Rectors and One Vice Rector
Focus: Higher Education

March 13-16 - Jordan
One Executive Director for Human Rights Law
Focus: International Woman of Courage

March 23-26 - South and Central Asia
Seven University Representatives
Focus: University Administration

March 30 - April 2 - France
Two Magistrates
Focus: Criminal Justice

March 30 - April 2 - Brazil
Two Senior Law Enforcement Officials
Focus: Law Enforcement

April 13-16 - Belgium
Ten Social Activists
Focus: Minority Empowerment

April 23-27 - France
One Journalist
Focus: Diversity

May 3-7 - Pakistan
Seven Government and Agricultural Leaders
Focus: Agriculture

May 4-7 - Afghanistan
Six University Representatives and Ministry of Education Officials
Focus: Higher Education

May 7-11 - Hong Kong
One Department of Justice Senior Assistant
Focus: Human Rights

May 9-12 - Korea
Three Communication Professionals
Focus: U.S. Media Coverage on Select Issues

May 10-14 - Pakistan
Ten Government Officials, Reporters and Executives
Focus: Government Transparency and Accountability

May 14-19 - Iraq
Two Ministry of Justice Representatives, One Judge and One Prosecutor
Focus: Juvenile Justice

May 16 - Multi-Regional
Twelve CNN Journalism Fellows
Focus: Home Hospitality

May 18-21 - Georgia
Five Government Officials
Focus: International Adoption

May 19-24 - Near East and North Africa
Thirteen Delegates
Focus: Human Rights Advocacy and Awareness

Complete list of delegations

1972-1995
The ACIV/GCIV Language Bank provides volunteer interpreters for the airport, hospitals and businesses in Atlanta.

1973
ACIV merges with the Atlanta International Student Bureau and the International Women Associates is formed.
May 19-25 - Iraq
Seven Journalists
Focus: Journalism

May 25-28 - Iceland
Five Airport Officials
Focus: International Aviation

June 20 - July 3 - China
Seven Directors and Researchers
Focus: Public Health

June 30 - July 6 - Morocco
Four Journalists
Focus: Journalism

July 5-9 - Colombia
Six Arts Representatives
Focus: Arts

July 12-16 - Multi-Regional
Eighteen Architects, Archaeologists, Curators and Cultural Preservation Specialists
Focus: Cultural Preservation

July 13-16 - Brazil
One Electronic and Mechanics System Engineer
Focus: Infrastructure for the Olympics

July 20-22 - Pakistan
Ten Activists
Focus: Equal Rights for Citizens

July 23-27 - Kazakhstan
Five Journalists
Focus: Journalistic Tradecraft and Ethics

July 24-28 - Tajikistan
Four Government Officials
Focus: Traffic Management

July 26-30 - Pakistan
One Professor
Focus: Civil Rights and Interfaith Dialogue

July 27-30 - France
One TV Anchorman
Focus: Media/Diversity

July 28-31 - Multi-Regional
Twenty-Two Delegates
Focus: Public Health

August 3-7 - Israel
Four High-School Educational Advisors and One National Coordinator of Student Immigration
Focus: Multiculturalism in the U.S. Education System

August 10-14 - Russia
Seven Community Activists
Focus: Youth Activism and Engagement

August 16-20 - Kyrgyzstan
Four NGO Leaders
Focus: NGO Advocacy

August 17-20 - Organization for Security and Co-Operation in Europe (OSCE)
One National Program Coordinator,
One National Legal Officer, One Political Military Dimension Assistant and One National Public Information Officer
Focus: Democratic Governance and Foreign Policy

September 1-7 - United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
One Associate Expert in the Division of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development
Focus: U.S. Education

September 4-7 - Romania
One NGO Executive Director
Focus: LGBT Rights

September 17-21 - Nigeria
Eight National Assembly Members
Focus: Democracy and Good Governance

September 18-21 - Regional Africa
Ten Public Health Officials
Focus: Public Health and Infectious Diseases

October 11-15 - Yemen
Seven Political Activists
Focus: U.S. Political Process

Emory Ethics Center leaders and their community partners with artists and arts advocates from Colombia to discuss the arts. Photo by Carlton Mackey.

1977 1978
22 GCIV volunteers visit the People's Republic of China.
Alain Juppe visits Atlanta as Personal Counselor to Jacques Chirac. Juppe becomes France's Prime Minister in 1995.
open world

Five Russian leaders participating in an Open World program visited Georgia in February 2011 to examine accountable governance. Open World enables emerging Eurasian political and civic leaders to work with their U.S. counterparts and experience American-style democracy at the local level.

The delegation took an extended weekend excursion to Savannah where they enjoyed home hospitality with local families. Savannah volunteer hosts also showcased the Hostess City by arranging various cultural and professional excursions including a visit to Tybee Island, a walking tour of historic Savannah and a meeting with Savannah mayor Otis S. Johnson.

Homestays in Atlanta enabled the delegation to experience American family life. While in Georgia’s capital, they had the opportunity to meet with Governor Nathan Deal and Atlanta City Councilmember Kwanza Hall as well as attend the opening session of the Georgia General Assembly. They met with representatives from community organizations including Common Cause Georgia, the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission and the Southern Legislative Conference. The delegates toured the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site, Inside CNN Studio Tour and attended an Atlanta Thrashers game. They also met with student leaders at North Atlanta High School and participated in a roundtable discussion with faculty, staff and community members at the University of Georgia in Athens.

today i met...

Today I Met... is a unique educational initiative connecting global professionals to students in Georgia’s public and private schools. GCIV staff and educators work together to ensure a two-way learning process during these carefully designed school visits. International visitors make presentations about their countries and areas of expertise and in turn students share their unique perspectives with visitors and convey what life looks like from an American student’s point of view. Today I Met... is a mutually beneficial collaboration serving to enrich various aspects of schools’ social studies curricula as well as international visitors’ understanding of life in the U.S.

Schools that participated in the FY 2011 program include Amana Academy, Atlanta International School, International Community School, Lovett School, Mohammed Schools and elementary, middle and high schools in Atlanta Public Schools, DeKalb County Schools and Gainesville City Schools. These schools hosted 121 visitors from 39 different countries including Afghanistan, Angola, Australia, Belgium, Botswana, Cambodia, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Fiji, France, Germany, Ghana, Haiti, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Kosovo, Kyrgyz Republic, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, People’s Republic of China, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam and Yemen.
hosting

In fiscal year 2011, over 450 professional resources and 50 community hosts served as citizen diplomats on behalf of the Georgia Council for International Visitors. The professional meetings resulted in the sharing of best practices between emerging leaders from around the world and their counterparts in the state of Georgia. This valuable experience often leads to collaboration with colleagues abroad. Home hospitality gives international exchange participants the opportunity to share a meal in an American home, meet everyday citizens and learn about the culture of the United States. Time and time again, international delegates rate home hospitality as the experience that most clearly showed them the true America.

All GCIV professional resources and dinner hosts are volunteers. We cannot list all 450 professional resources, but would like to thank them all for their time and hospitality. Thanks also to the many GCIV members who hosted one or more international visitors by sharing a meal and opening their homes in FY 2011:

- Hans & Ada Almering
- Anna Alford
- Joe Beasley
- Lorraine Carribean
- Dan & DJ Clancy
- Bob & Charlotte Czekala
- Betty Davis
- Ray & Peggy Donato
- Rob & Rashonda Douthit
- Alicia Drolet
- Rene Esler & Eric Nankervis
- Allen Freedman
- Dick & Rusty George
- Harlequin Gilchrist
- Ray & Jessie Glier
- Jerry & Anne Godsey
- Dana Greene & Richard Roesel
- Ricardo Hayes & Beatriz Golden-Hayes
- Jenneke Heerink
- Patryeja Horodynska
- Sue Hunter & Judy Tabb
- Robert & Vevonna Kennedy
- Joel Kollin
- Jerome & Maria Lancaster
- Ron & Bethany Lane
- Raj & Alka Naik
- Andrew Nedd
- Carol Niemi
- Gary & Inna Pakhlevanyan
- Lee Pasackow
- Leslie Petter
- Margaret Pumper
- Vince & Violetta Rashkova
- Nicole Rateau
- Ted & Ranjani Revilock
- Fred & Gerry Scheer
- Bill & June Shassere
- Steven & Denise Steele
- Carol Stephens
- Shell Stuart
- Pamela & Sergey Terekhov
- Ash & Jeet Thakker
- Vicki Van Der Hoek
- Geoff & Pat Webber
- Steven & Monika White
- Carolyn Wills
- Steve & Sara Yurman
- Joan Zenteno

Brazilian engineer, Mario Meffe, who is leading infrastructure projects for the Brazilian Airport Authority, with former general manager of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Ben DeCosta.

Volunteer GCIV host Sussi Craig with Iraqi journalists and dinner guests.

French TV Anchorman Harry Roselmack with GCIV volunteer host and civil rights activist Joe Beasley.
global lunch forums

GCIV further connects delegations to the community through Global Lunch Forums. GCIV members and the community at large are invited to a brown bag lunch and briefing from an international delegation in town. This is a unique opportunity to meet and dialogue with leaders in a variety of fields from all over the world.

The international guests share their work with local citizens and then an engaging discussion begins. The conversation ranges from the visitors’ profession, homeland and experiences, to relating common issues in the United States and abroad.

international women associates

The International Women Associates is a group of dedicated GCIV volunteers who meet in members’ homes for friendship and cultural enrichment. Formed in 1978, IWA brings together women to build friendships and help international newcomers become oriented to life in Atlanta through a network of support and activities. Other members are North Americans who have lived abroad or have interests in international affairs. Monthly programs on cultural and educational topics enhance the personal and professional growth of the members and promote understanding of other cultures and goodwill among the IWA members.

The 2010-11 series was once again a success, featuring educational and cultural programs on historic Atlanta architecture, Bollywood, floral arrangement, Renaissance music, Turkey, Ukraine and more. Over 100 members and guests participated in IWA programs this year.

GCIV organized several Global Lunch Forums for nearly 100 participants in fiscal year 2011. The themes and participants showcased a variety of professional backgrounds in a global context. Topics included Refugee Integration in the European Union, Educational Public Policies in Brazil and LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) Rights in Romania.

Fellipe Cavallero da Silva discusses teaching English in the public schools of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and the challenges in addressing underserved populations at a GCIV Global Lunch Forum.

Irina Georgeta Nita speaks about advocating for LGBT rights in Romania at a GCIV Global Lunch Forum hosted by Georgia Equality.

IWA members at the fall mountain picnic at the cabin of Lucie Rivera-O’Ferrall.
community programs

envoy

Young professionals in metro Atlanta have the opportunity to network with each other and emerging leaders from all over the world through Envoy. GCIV offers special events to engage young members and give visiting international delegations the chance to socialize with Georgia’s next generation of leaders. In FY 2011 Envoy members attended an Atlanta City Council Advisory Committee on International Relations meeting, the Atlanta Dogwood Festival’s La Fête International, Georgia Aquarium’s Friday Night Jazz, World Affairs Council of Atlanta’s Young Leaders Conference and a private reception for the former President of the Philippines and People Power Revolutionary Fidel V. Ramos. Envoy also hosted a presentation on the Foreign Service by hometown diplomat Rima Vydmantas at the German American Chamber of Commerce and a tactics of networking seminar by expert Chi Chi Okezie.

GCIV Envoys with President Ramos and Honorary Consul General Ray Donato.

Hometown diplomat Rima Vydmantas discusses her experience as a Foreign Service Officer with Envoys at the office of the German American Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Atlanta City Council’s Advisory Committee on International Relations (ACIR) with members of the Consular Corps and GCIV Envoys.

IVLP participant and civic activist Ibrahim Kamara from Sierra Leone with GCIV program coordinator Lynn Bazzel.

internship program

GCIV’s internship program enables the organization to more effectively partner with universities by offering practical experience to students. Participants receive training in the field of international affairs and learn about issues affecting Atlanta and the world. In addition to assisting with the International Visitor Leadership Program, interns have the opportunity to attend GCIV community programs to further their exposure to Atlanta’s international sector. This year GCIV trained two interns from Georgia Institute of Technology and Washington and Lee University.
great decisions

GCIV serves as the state coordinator for the Foreign Policy Association’s Great Decisions program. In this role, GCIV helps coordinate discussion groups and lecture series that give participants the opportunity to expand their understanding of world affairs. Topics change annually and are based on the FPA’s non-partisan briefing book. Nearly 300 people participated in the GCIV Foreign Policy Lecture Series. In addition, there were approximately 20 discussion groups across the state. These community groups met in metro-Atlanta, Decatur, Dunwoody, Kennesaw, Marietta, McDonough and Roswell as well as in Athens, Big Canoe, Carrollton, Columbus and Demorest.

2011 Foreign Policy Lecture Series

1/27 - Rebuilding Haiti: Dr. Jennie Lincoln, Principal Research Associate, Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) and Former Associate Director, Latin America and Caribbean Program, Carter Center of Emory University

2/03 - U.S. National Security: Dr. Robert Kennedy, Professor, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology

2/10 - Horn of Africa: Ambassador Gordon Streib, Visiting Professor of Economics, Emory University and Former Associate Executive Director for Peace Programs, The Carter Center

2/17 - Responding to the Financial Crisis: Sheila Tschinkel, Former U.S. Treasury Economic Adviser to Ukraine and former Senior Vice President and Director of Research, Federal Reserve Bank Atlanta

2/24 - Germany Ascendant: Dr. John Duffield, Professor of Political Science, Georgia State University

3/03 - Sanctions and Nonproliferation: Dr. Jarrod Hayes, Assistant Professor, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology

3/10 - The Caucasus: Dr. Bijan Fazlollah, Professor, J. Mack Robinson College of Business, Georgia State University

3/17 - Global Governance: Dr. Christopher Brown, Vice President for Research and Analysis, World Affairs Council of Atlanta, J. Mack Robinson College of Business, Georgia State University

Nearly 300 people participate in the GCIV Great Decisions Foreign Policy Lecture Series hosted by the Dunwoody United Methodist Church.

GCIV hosts its first Community Connections delegation. The program offers home-stay based practical training opportunities in the U.S. for professionals from across the former Soviet Union.
GCIV's International Consular Ball continues to be Atlanta’s premier international event. Nearly 300 of Atlanta’s business and civic leaders hosted 40 members of the Consular Corps at the Piedmont Driving Club for the 30th annual International Consular Ball on Saturday, May 7, 2011. GCIV proudly hosts the black-tie gala each year to honor the men and women serving as consular representatives in Georgia.

Guests enjoyed perfect spring weather during the cocktail reception on the terrace, a sophisticated dinner of osso buco, exciting silent auction and raffle prizes and live entertainment provided by the Joe Gransden Quartet. The raffle prize donations from the Consular Corps and local businesses raised funds to support GCIV’s work to build international understanding and cooperation.

GCIV extends special thanks to the corporate partners and patrons for their support of GCIV’s citizen diplomacy work and the 30th annual International Consular Ball.

International Dining Experiences give members the chance to meet visiting delegations in a more informal, social environment. IDEs take place at a different ethnic restaurant around the 15th of every other month. Members are encouraged to bring friends and neighbors as an introduction to GCIV. Many of our hosts enjoy this opportunity to meet other members while sampling exotic cuisines. In FY 2011, GCIV organized six IDEs involving over 200 hundred guests. GCIV also hosted world-wide delegations of CNN Journalism Fellows at half of the IDEs. Restaurants included Anis Bistro, Cafe Bombay Indian Bistro, Nakato Japanese Restaurant, Penang Malaysian Restaurant, Pizzeria Venti and Taverna Plaka.

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2008
GCIV hosts NCIV’s Southern Regional Meeting.

2011
GCIV receives Governor’s International Award for its international educational program Today I Met...
delegation spotlight

In March GCIV hosted 2011 International Woman of Courage honoree Eva Abu Halaweh. The prestigious Secretary of State’s award annually recognizes women around the globe who have shown exceptional courage and leadership in advocating for women’s rights and empowerment, often at great personal risk. It is the only Department of State award that pays tribute to women activists worldwide.

Eva Abu Halaweh has dedicated her career to advocating for the vulnerable people of Jordan. As executive director of the Mizan Law Group for Human Rights, she developed a legal team that provides free legal advice and counseling, often the only option for those seeking justice. She has taken on sensitive issues, including action against what many human rights activists term a “culture of torture and abuse” within Jordan’s prison system and police stations resulting in deaths. Halaweh’s work has influenced the government’s actions to prevent torture and prosecute such violations. Her advocacy opposing the government’s use of administrative detention to “protect” women at risk of so-called “honor crimes” has changed lives. She has secured the release of more than 24 women from prison, some detained for more than ten years, through mediation with families and the authorities. Undeterred and refusing to back down, she continues her work to prevent torture and police abuse and to help save the lives of women.

While in Atlanta, Halaweh met with representatives from the Georgia Justice Project, the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, UNIFEM, CARE and the Carter Center. She also visited the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site and participated in dinner hospitality with GCIV trustees Ginny Johansmeier and Jessica Lewis and GCIV executive director Shell Stuart.

delegation spotlight

France’s first black evening news anchor, Harry Roselmack, visited Atlanta in late July 2011 under the auspices of the U.S. Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP). His program focused on diversity in the media and while here he examined the legacy of the American Civil Rights Movement, the interrelationship between politics and the media, trends in new media including citizen journalism, representation and promotion of diversity in the “mainstream” media and the relationship between “mainstream” media and minority media.

While in Atlanta, Roselmack took a VIP Inside CNN Studio Tour, lunched with V-103 radio personality Frank Ski and led a roundtable discussion with youth from the Boys & Girls Club and 100 Black Men of Atlanta at Alliance Francaise d’Atlanta. He also dined with Joe Beasley of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition and other civil rights activists, toured the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site coordinated by City Councilman Kwanza Hall and escorted by Fulton County Commissioner Joan Garner, explored the Metro Atlanta Urban Farm with District 2 Chief of Staff Jay Tribby and visited with journalism faculty and students of Clark Atlanta University and CAU-TV.

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75 Fulbright Scholars from institutions across the U.S. visit Atlanta for an enrichment seminar focused on human rights.

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