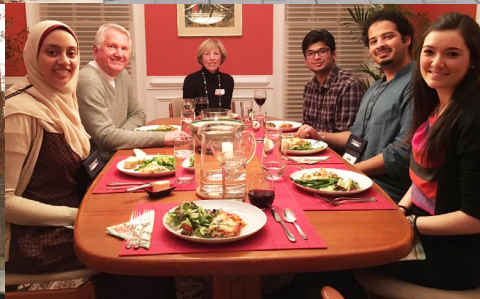


CONNECTING GEORGIANS TO THE WORLD



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Annual Report FY 2016



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 more 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 the most effective program in a long list of public diplomacy tools at their disposal. GCIV is one of 90 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.

IVLP Alumni

Since the program’s inception, more than 330 participants in the International Visitor Leadership Program have gone on to serve as heads of government and chiefs of state, including:

Oscar Arias

Costa Rica

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South Korea

Frederik de Klerk

South Africa

Indira Gandhi

India

Hamid Karzai

Afghanistan

Mwaia Kibaki

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Mozambique

Anwar Sadat

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Nicolas Sarkozy

France

2016 International Visitor Programs

In fiscal year 2016, GCIV welcomed **579 overseas visitors** through the International Visitor Leadership Program and various fee-for-service programs. These visitors came to Georgia on **46 different programs**, ranging from individuals to groups of 25 or more. Participants represented **134 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, musicians, 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 has attracted 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 Cultural Vistas, FHI360, the Graduate School, Institute of International Education, Meridian International Center, Mississippi Consortium for International Development, and World Learning.

FY 2016 IVLP Totals

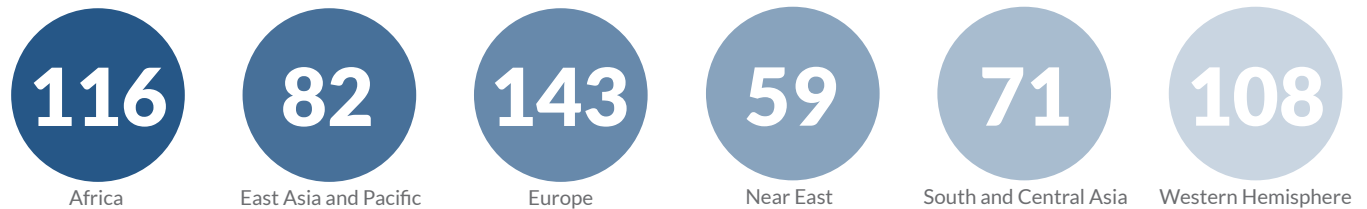
| Quarter | Programs | Visitors |
|---------|----------|----------|
| 1 | 8 | 55 |
| 2 | 15 | 127 |
| 3 | 6 | 53 |
| 4 | 13 | 75 |
| Totals | 42 | 310 |

FY 2016 FFS Totals

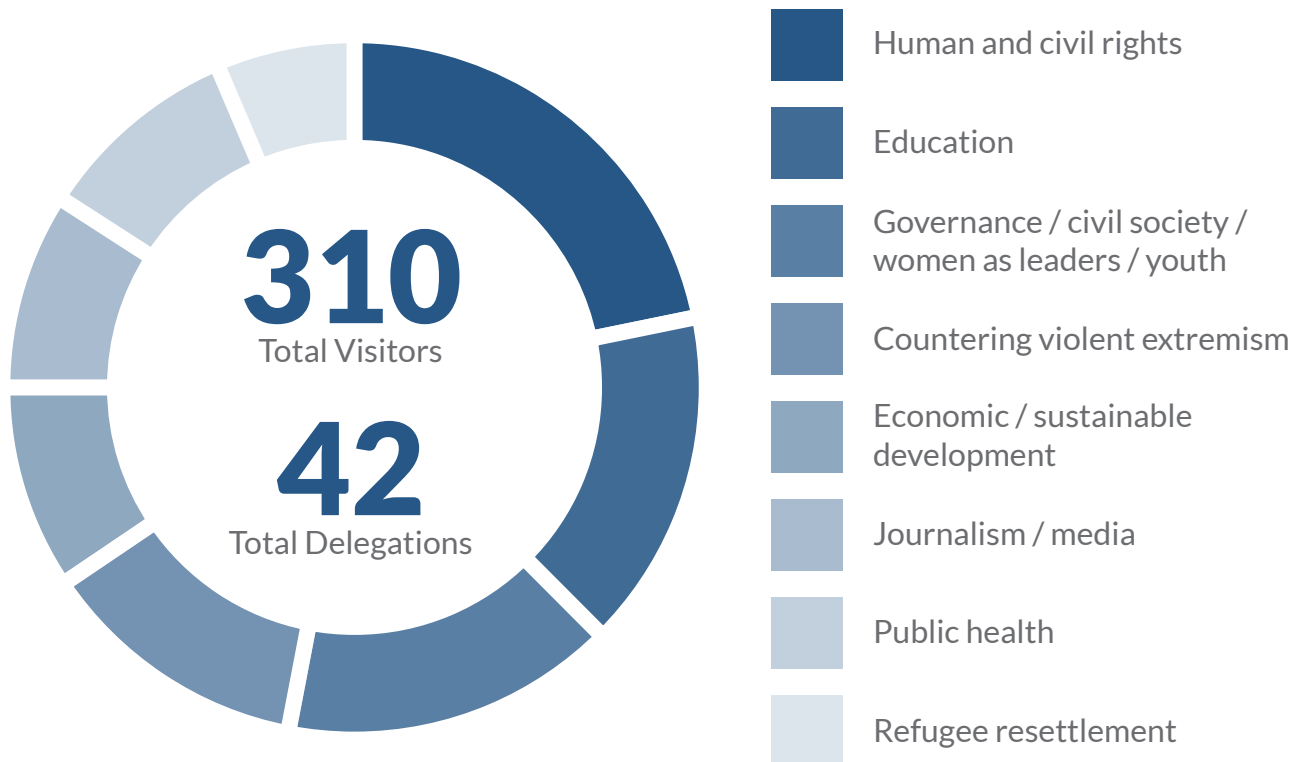
| Quarter | Programs | Visitors |
|---------|----------|----------|
| 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 2 | 3 | 267 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 4 | 269 |



International Visitors by World Region




IVLP Delegations by Professional Focus



Country Representation

GCIV welcomed **310** international visitors from **134** countries to the state of Georgia in fiscal year 2016.



| | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|----|------------|----|-------------------------|----|----------------------|---|
| Afghanistan | 20 | France | 3 | Montenegro | 1 | Thailand | 3 |
| Algeria | 1 | Gabon | 1 | Morocco | 3 | Togo | 2 |
| Andorra | 1 | Gaza | 1 | Mozambique | 2 | Trinidad and Tobago | 3 |
| Argentina | 7 | Georgia | 10 | Namibia | 1 | Tunisia | 5 |
| Armenia | 6 | Germany | 14 | Nepal | 4 | Turkey | 8 |
| Australia | 3 | Ghana | 2 | Netherlands | 5 | Turkmenistan | 1 |
| Austria | 3 | Greece | 1 | New Zealand | 6 | Ukraine | 3 |
| Azerbaijan | 2 | Guatemala | 2 | Niger | 4 | United Arab Emirates | 4 |
| Bahrain | 6 | Guinea | 3 | Nigeria | 36 | United Kingdom | 2 |
| Bangladesh | 4 | Honduras | 1 | Norway | 6 | Uruguay | 2 |
| Belgium | 3 | Hong Kong | 1 | Pakistan | 22 | Uzbekistan | 2 |
| Botswana | 2 | Hungary | 8 | Palestinian Territories | 3 | Venezuela | 8 |
| Brazil | 16 | Iceland | 1 | Panama | 1 | Vietnam | 3 |
| Burkina Faso | 1 | India | 13 | Papua New Guinea | 2 | Yemen | 1 |
| Burma | 3 | Indonesia | 11 | Paraguay | 3 | Zambia | 2 |
| Burundi | 1 | Iran | 2 | Peru | 6 | Zimbabwe | 1 |
| Cambodia | 2 | Iraq | 4 | Philippines | 1 | | |
| Cameroon | 3 | Ireland | 2 | Poland | 5 | | |
| Canada | 12 | Israel | 1 | Portugal | 13 | | |
| Central African Republic | 1 | Italy | 1 | Romania | 2 | | |
| Chad | 3 | Jamaica | 10 | Russia | 8 | | |
| Chile | 5 | Japan | 4 | Rwanda | 1 | | |
| China | 26 | Jordan | 1 | Samoa | 1 | | |
| Colombia | 13 | Kazakhstan | 6 | Saudi Arabia | 15 | | |
| Congo | 2 | Kenya | 2 | Serbia | 1 | | |
| Cote d'Ivoire | 1 | Kosovo | 4 | Sierra Leone | 1 | | |
| Croatia | 1 | Kuwait | 1 | Singapore | 1 | | |
| Cyprus | 1 | Laos | 2 | Slovakia | 5 | | |
| Czech Republic | 7 | Latvia | 2 | Slovenia | 1 | | |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 2 | Liberia | 1 | Somalia | 1 | | |
| Denmark | 2 | Libya | 1 | South Africa | 10 | | |
| Djibouti | 1 | Luxembourg | 1 | South Korea | 1 | | |
| Dominican Republic | 2 | Macedonia | 1 | Spain | 4 | | |
| Ecuador | 10 | Madagascar | 1 | Sri Lanka | 4 | | |
| Egypt | 11 | Malawi | 1 | Sudan | 13 | | |
| El Salvador | 2 | Malaysia | 1 | Sweden | 4 | | |
| Ethiopia | 3 | Mali | 2 | Switzerland | 4 | | |
| Finland | 1 | Mauritania | 1 | Taiwan | 3 | | |
| | | Mexico | 5 | Tajikistan | 1 | | |
| | | Mongolia | 2 | Tanzania | 3 | | |

Complete List of Delegations

October 15 – 20

Botswana

Community Based Initiatives for Underserved Populations

November 4 – 7

African Countries

Managing Conflict in a Democracy

November 7 – 11

Kazakhstan

Financial Crimes

November 11 – 14

United Arab Emirates

Broadcast Journalism

November 18 – 22

Iran

Sports and Disability

December 2 – 5

Germany

Countering Violent Extremism

December 5 – 9

Near East Countries

Human Rights Advocacy and Awareness

December 9 – 12

Sudan

Promoting Religious Tolerance

January 28 – February 3

Multiple Countries

Education in the Digital Age

January 28 – February 3

South Asian Countries

Human Rights

February 4 – 7

Multiple Countries

Global Health Security

February 6 – 12

Multiple Countries

Cultural Heritage Preservation

February 14 – 17

Jamaica

Constructive Advocacy in a Democracy

February 16 – 20

Armenia

*Combating Human Trafficking and Developing
Major Criminal Cases*

February 27 – March 2

South Africa

Establishing a Center for International Studies

March 15 – 19

Multiple Countries

Global Women's Health

March 19 – 23

Canada

Anti-Radicalization and CVE Among Youth

March 23 – 27

Afghanistan

Youth Engagement and Civil Society

March 24 – 30

Georgia

At-Risk Youth Programs

April 6 – 9

Brazil

Urban Water Management Issues

Complete List of Delegations

April 13 – 16

Kosovo

*Preparing and Supporting Responders to
Sexual Violence*

April 13 – 16

European Countries

Refugee Resettlement and Integration

May 5 – 11

Nigeria

Law Enforcement Training

May 15 – 18

Eastern European Countries

Refugee Migration and Integration

May 22 – 25

African Countries

Countering Violent Extremism

June 22 – 25

Portugal

Refugee Resettlement

July 13 – 16

Ecuador

University Administration

July 20 – 25

Multiple Countries

Aviation

August 2 – 6

Bahrain

U.S. Judicial Systems

August 2 – 6

Canada

Countering Violent Extremism

August 6 – 10

Saudi Arabia

Interfaith

August 13 – 17

Nigeria

Judicial Independence

August 14 – 18

South Africa

HIV/AIDS

August 26 – September 1

Turkey

Freedom of Speech

September 7 – 10

Egypt

University Administration

September 13 – 17

Venezuela

Transparency and Accountability

September 18 – 21

China

Non-Communicable Diseases

September 21 – 24

Nigeria

Public Health/Emergency Response

October 4 – 8

Tunisia

Government Decentralization

International Consular Ball Highlights

Georgia Council for International Visitors celebrated our 35th annual International Consular Ball on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Midtown. The event, which honors the Georgia Consular Corps, provided a Roaring 20's Evening of fine dining, dancing, entertainment, and networking on a global scale. Special thanks to our Ball Chair, Mrs. Alrene Barr, and to Honorary Chairs, Mayor Kasim Reed & Mrs. Sarah-Elizabeth Reed, for creating an exceptional venue and an extraordinary program. Our sincerest appreciation also to the organizations which support the International Consular Ball, providing GCIV with the means to connect the citizens of Georgia to the world. The funds raised through the International Consular Ball and its signature Silent Auction are absolutely essential to carry out our mission. Through your generous support, we can continue to create valuable international experiences and opportunities for the people of Georgia and emerging leaders around the world. Thank you again, from all of us at GCIV!



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Global Lunch Forums

GCIV organizes open-to-the-public lunch meetings with leaders in a variety of fields from all over the world. Here everyone has a chance to share opinions about local and international issues. Participants hear first-hand accounts of current events abroad from distinguished guests and have the chance to engage in discussion. The conversation ranges from the visitors' profession, homeland and experiences, to relating common issues in the United States and abroad. GCIV organized several Global Lunch Forums for nearly 100 participants in fiscal year 2016. The themes and participants showcased a variety of professional backgrounds in a global context. Topics included an Exchange with Salvadorian Journalists, Women in the Political and Social Sectors, and HIV/AIDS in South Africa.



Great Decisions

GCIV serves as the state coordinator for the Great Decisions Program. In this role we organize discussion groups and a complementary lecture series that gives participants the opportunity to expand their understanding of world affairs. Topics change annually, and are based on the Foreign Policy Association's non-partisan briefing book. Over 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.



2016 Foreign Policy Lecture Series

January 7

Middle East

Mr. Christopher McNaboe, Manager,
Syria Conflict Mapping Project,
The Carter Center

January 14

The Koreas

Dr. Han Park, Director, Department of
International Affairs and Globis, The
University of Georgia

January 21

The Future of Kurdistan

Mr. Benjamin Kveskin, Senior
Web Editor and Policy Writer for
Kurdistan24.net

January 28

Migration

Dr. Jeannie Grussendorf, Ph.D.
Senior Lecturer, Political Science,
Georgia State University

February 4

The Rise of ISIS

Dr. Houda Abadi, Associate Director,
MENA Region Projects, The Carter
Center

February 11

The United Nations

Dr. Rashid Naim, Senior Lecturer and
Director of Undergraduate Studies,
Middle East Studies and Political Science,
Georgia State University

February 18

Climate Change

Dr. Nate Nibbelink, Assistant Professor,
School of Forestry & Natural Resources,
University of Georgia

February 25

Cuba and the U.S.

Dr. Jennie Lincoln, Director, The
Americas Program, The Carter Center

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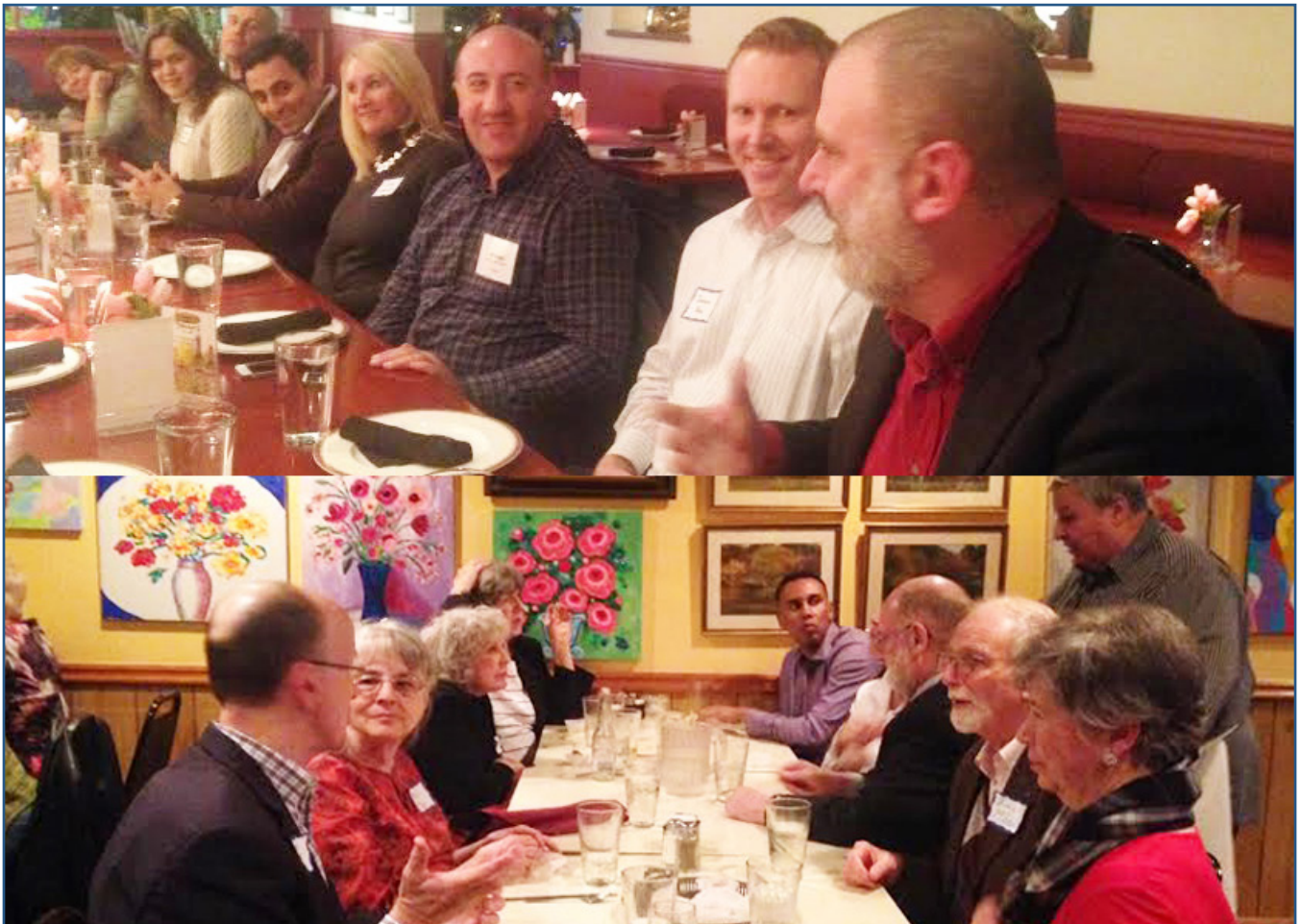
GCIV offers the chance to meet emerging world leaders on both a personal and professional level. Home hospitality allows visitors to teach hosts about their home countries, have a meal in an American home, and participate in lively after-dinner discussions. Professional meetings provide a setting for an exchange of ideas and sharing of best practices between leaders from around the world and their counterparts in Georgia. These encounters often lead to lasting friendships and professional collaborations with colleagues abroad.

All GCIV professional meeting hosts and dinner hosts are volunteers. While we are not able to list all 500+ professional hosts, you have our heartfelt gratitude. Thanks also to the many GCIV members who hosted one or more international visitor by sharing a meal and opening their homes in FY 2016:

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International Dining Experiences

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 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 fiscal year 2016, GCIV organized numerous IDEs involving over 150 guests. International restaurants included Sivas Hookah Bar and Grill, Mezcalito's Cantina, Der Biergarten, Thai Chili, and Nicola's Lebanese Restaurant.



International Women Associates

Formed in 1978, IWA brings together women from all countries 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.

The 2015-2016 series was once again a success, featuring educational and cultural programs on Cuba, Immigration Challenges, Women in Islam, Life of a Nomad, Living a Holistic Lifestyle, Turkish Culture, and Ukrainian Music. Over 100 members and guests participated in IWA programs this year.



Internship Program

GCIV's internship program enables the organization to more effectively partner with universities by offering practical experience to students. 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.

Today I Met...

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; in turn, students share their unique perspectives with our 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.

Bringing the social studies curriculum to life by arranging for international leaders to visit classrooms is vital, but the innovation of this unique program lies in the multiplier effect. Interactive learning continues well beyond the classroom when Today I Met... becomes the opening line students use to initiate conversations with friends, parents, siblings, and other relatives and teachers. All schools (public, private, and charter) across the metropolitan Atlanta area are invited to host international visitors in their classrooms.

Thanks to the generous support of the Kiwanis Foundation of Atlanta, Inc. and other community partners, in FY 2016 we arranged seven (7) exclusive school visits that provided over 650 K-12 Georgia students the rare opportunity to meet and engage with more than 40 international leaders.



Foreign Service Institute

In late February through early March, we were delighted to host a special delegation of 24 Foreign Service Nationals participating in the U.S. Department of State's Public Diplomacy LES (Locally Employed Staff) Training Information and Media Seminar. The LES professionals from Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Botswana, China, Djibouti, Gabon, Guatemala, India, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Mozambique, Pakistan, Portugal, Russia, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Vietnam are employed in the information/media affairs offices of the Public Affairs Section at the U.S. Embassies and consulates in their home countries, and came to Atlanta to gain skill-based media training, an introduction to U.S. government, society, and values, and how to make the most effective use of public diplomacy media products to advance U.S. foreign policy objectives in their countries.



Foreign Service Institute

The group met with professional counterparts at Georgia Equality, The Carter Center, The National Center for Civil and Human Rights, The Coca-Cola Foundation, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, City of Atlanta Office of the Mayor, and The University of Georgia's Grady College of Journalism. The LES delegation also noted the exceptional cultural program put together by GCIV which included visits to the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site and Ebenezer Baptist Church, a volunteer experience with Project Open Hand, an evening at the Fox Theater to enjoy The Sound of Music, and a behind-the-scenes tour of CNN.

Bowling League of Nations

On Saturday, September 17, more than 100 GCIV supporters, friends and family came together at Midtown Bowl to strike up fun-filled international relations, and spared no expense to help make our 2nd Annual Bowling League of Nations fundraising tournament an event to remember! At the end of the friendly competition, awards were presented to our talented (and not so talented!) bowlers for such achievements as: Highest Team Score • Lowest Team Score • Best Team Style • Best Team Spirit • Lowest Individual Score • and Highest Individual Score. A very special thank you to our incomparable Platinum Sponsor: Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, and our sincerest appreciation to all of our team sponsors, to our Program Committee members Lauren Seidl and Elizabeth Etoll, our MC, Audrey Galex of The AIB Network, and our DJ, RJ Paulisick.



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