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
- Adnan Badran  
  Jordan
- Gordon Brown  
  United Kingdom
- Felipe Calderon  
  Mexico
- Kim Dae-Jung  
  South Korea
- Frederik de Klerk  
  South Africa
- Indira Gandhi  
  India
- Hamid Karzai  
  Afghanistan
- Mwaia Kibaki  
  Kenya
- Felipe Nyusi  
  Mozambique
- Anwar Sadat  
  Egypt
- Nicolas Sarkozy  
  France
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**

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Country Representation

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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

**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**  
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Complete List of Delegations

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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!
International Consular Ball Sponsors

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Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
The Coca-Cola Company

**Consul General**
*($7,500)*
Delta Air Lines

**Attaché**
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Georgia Department of Economic Development
Invesco
Metro Atlanta Chamber
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The Private Client Law Group
Seyfarth Shaw
Thanks Again
UBS
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 Kwaskin, 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
Hosting

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:

Joe Barna  
Marvin and Misty Banks  
Nancy Bartmess  
Joe Beasley  
Carla Berg  
Jacqueline Berkelhamer  
Doug and Suzy Blough  
Desmond Browne and Marissa Williams  
Eve Bower  
Max Burns  
Judy Cantwell  
Jim and Judy Confer  
Sussi Craig  
Gayle Crocker  
Betty Davis  
Jim and Carol Dew  
Kathleen Donohoe  
Amy Durrell  
Rod and Joyce Ellis  
Elizabeth Etoll  
Danielle Ferenandes  
Gulia Gadberry  
Jane Garvey  
Laura Gilmore  
Peter Hoeyng  
Patricia Holt  
Laila Hudda  
Faruq Hunter  
Tamela Jones  
Ron and Bethany Lane  
Robert and Pam  
Lattimore  
Lisa Love  
Paul McCreery and Nancy Chorpenning  
Sandy McQueen  
Bill and Mary Moon  
Phillip Morley  
Jean Padberg  
Jose and Gina Pais  
Mel and May Park  
John Parkerson  
Lee Pasackow  
Ted Revilock and Ranjani Balasubramaniam  
Sue Roberts  
Ciara Rowley  
Don and Carol Rubin  
Tony Seabolt and Jen Ragland  
John and Lauren Seidl  
Patrick and Christine Solomon  
David Sommer  
Todd Sorenson  
Janis Sundquist  
Pinar Taskiran  
Robert Thacker  
Stephen and Abby Turano  
Zipangani Vokhiwa  
Sherry von Klitzing  
Jerry Warren  
Randy Welch and Olga Shturmina-Welch  
Sandy Welfare  
Brad and Marty Whitcomb  
George and Judy Wieder  
Jill Williams  
Carolyn Wills  
Sylvia Wilson  
Doug Wood  
Steve and Sara Yurman
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.
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.
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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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