Since the program’s inception, more than 330 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
- Felipe Nyusi, Mozambique

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.

In fiscal year 2014, GCIV welcomed 698 overseas visitors through the International Visitor Leadership Program and various fee-for-service programs. These visitors came to Georgia on 87 different programs, ranging from individuals to groups of 25 or more. Participants represented 139 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.

### 2014 international visitor programs

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International Visitors by World Region

- East Asia and the Pacific: 154
- Near East (North Africa and the Middle East): 119
- Africa (Sub-Sahara): 125
- Europe and Eurasia: 115
- Western Hemisphere: 101
- South and Central Asia: 84
- East Asia and the Pacific: 188

IVLP Delegations by Professional Focus

- Total IVLP Delegations = 81
- Total IVLP Visitors = 522

- Legal/Justice System: 10
- Governance/Civil Society/Women As Leaders: 73
- Public Health: 9
- Youth Activism & Engagement: 50
- Journalism/Media: 6
- Education: 3
- Economic/Sustainable Development: 12
- Human & Civil Rights: 67
- Interfaith: 13
GCIV welcomed delegations from 139 countries to the state of Georgia in fiscal year 2014. Below are the countries represented and the number of visitors:

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Meeting with the state senators and state representatives and other state legislatures was exceptional. It was so marvelous. ... Atlanta has a very positive energy. I felt so uplifted.

- Ms. Chilufya Mulenga, 2014 IVLP Participant, Zambia
March 11 – 15 - International Delegation
Focus: Global Women’s Health Issues

March 18 – 22 - Near East and North Africa
Focus: Advancing Women Entrepreneurs & Economic Leaders

March 26 – 29 - Venezuela
Focus: Grassroots Democracy

March 30 – 3 - China
Focus: NGO Management

April 2 – 5 - International Delegation
Focus: Media Literacy Promoting Civil Society through New Media

April 4 – 8 - South Africa
Focus: Solidarity Helping Hand

April 5 – 8 - Canada
Focus: Trade and Finance

April 8 – 12 - Africa
Focus: Democracy in Action/ 2013 U.S. State and Local Elections

April 10 – 15 - Russia
Focus: Trade Adjustment Exchange

April 12 – 16 - International Delegation
Focus: Protection of Intellectual Property Rights

April 13 – 16 - Brazil
Focus: Strategic Infrastructure Planning

April 19 – 23 - International Delegation
Focus: Challenges in Higher Education

April 20 – 24 - China
Focus: Food Safety

April 26 – 30 - South and Central Asia
Focus: Strengthening Civil Society

April 29 – 3 - Western Hemisphere
Focus: International Crime

April 30 – 3 - Pakistan
Focus: NGOs and Civic Activism

May 2 – 7 - France
Focus: Innovation and Journalism

May 4 – 7 - International Delegation
Focus: Trafficking in Persons

May 6 – 10 - Azerbaijan
Focus: Public Private Partnerships

May 7 – 11 - Uzbekistan
Focus: Penitentiary Facilities

May 8 – 13 - Africa
Focus: Diversity and Multiculturalism

May 11 – 14 - Southeast Asia
Focus: Regional Economic Cooperation

May 13 – 17 - Netherlands
Focus: Leadership

May 14 – 17 - Brazil
Focus: Innovation to Market

May 21 – 24 - Brazil
Focus: Museums

May 25 – 31 - Africa
Focus: Rule of Law and the U.S. Justice System

May 26 – 31 - Israel/Palestine
Focus: Conflict Resolution

May 28 – 31 - India
Focus: U.S. Business Environment
June 3 – 7 - Yemen  
Focus: Interfaith Dialogue

June 3 – 7 - Palestinian Territories  
Focus: Media and Government Transparency

June 4 – 8 - Germany  
Focus: Journalists/Social Integration

June 8 – 12 - International Delegation  
Focus: Tourism

June 11 – 14 - Philippines  
Focus: Transparency in Government

June 15 – 18 - Europe  
Focus: US/European Security

June 17 – 20 - Kazakhstan  
Focus: Transportation and Logistics

July 13 – 17 - China  
Focus: Public Health

July 23 – 24 - Mozambique  
Focus: US-Mozambique Relations

July 29 – August 2 - Bolivia  
Focus: Higher Education

July 30 – August 2 - Equatorial Guinea  
Focus: Civil Society

August 6 – 9 - France  
Focus: Trafficking

August 10 – 13 - Mozambique  
Focus: Human Rights

August 10 – 13 - Georgia  
Focus: Youth and Community Conflict Resolution

August 10 – 13 - Mongolia  
Focus: National Health & Nutrition Examination Survey

August 11 – 15 - Congo  
Focus: Youth Empowerment

September 10 – 14 - Near East Asia  
Focus: Trafficking

September 13 – 17 - Western Hemisphere  
Focus: Transparency and Accountability in Government

September 13 – 18 - Iraq  
Focus: Combating Gender-Based Violence and Trafficking in Persons

September 17 – 20 - Brazil  
Focus: Community Sports Programs

September 24 - 27 - Chad  
Focus: STEM Education

September 27 - October 1 - Kenya  
Focus: Government Strategic Communications

September 30 - October 4 - Zambia  
Focus: Women in Politics

October 7 - 11 - Democratic Republic of the Congo  
Focus: Campaigns and Elections

October 15 - 18 - Pakistan  
Focus: Polio Eradication
member highlights

GCIV members participated in more than 50 international networking and global learning events during FY 2014. They had opportunities to dine, discover and engage with emerging world leaders visiting Georgia, other GCIV professional counterparts, business and civic leaders, Consular Corp members, and also a chance to travel to Washington DC and through GCIVisits, a trip to Spain.
Each year GCIV honors the Consular Corps during Atlanta’s premier international event, attended by business and civic leaders throughout the metro region.

The 33rd Annual International Consular Ball was held on Saturday, April 26 at the Intercontinental Buckhead Atlanta. The VIP Reception was hosted by Governor and Mrs. Deal. Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed served as Honorary Chair, while The Honorable Ray Donato, Honorary Consul General of the Philippines served as the Master of Ceremonies, and The Honorable Stephen Brereton, Consul General of Canada and Dean of the Consular Corps made keynote remarks. Special entertainment was provided by Ensemble Kalinka.

The silent auction and raffle 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 33rd Annual International Consular Ball, as well as to our Consular Ball Co-Chairs, Bruce & Claudia Hamilton.
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global learning & networking

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 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.

GCIV organized several Global Lunch Forums for nearly 150 participants in fiscal year 2014. The themes and participants showcased a variety of professional backgrounds in a global context. Topics included Human Rights in Mozambique, LGBT Issues in Latvia and Leadership Development in the Netherlands.

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.

2014 Foreign Policy Lecture Series

**January 16 - Israel and the U.S.**
Mr. Dov Wilker, Regional Director, American Jewish Committee Atlanta

**January 23 - Islamic Awakening**
Dr. Lawrence Rubin, Assistant Professor, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology

**January 30 - Energy Independence**
Dr. Jay Hakes, Former Executive Director, Carter Presidential Library

**February 6 - Turkey’s Challenges**
Dr. Eleanor Morris, Assistant Professor and Director, International Affairs Program, Agnes Scott College

**February 13 - Defense Technology**
Dr. Robin Dorf, Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Kennesaw State University

**February 20 - Food and Climate**
Dr. Gerald Pollack, Assistant Professor of Geology and Environmental Science, Dunwoody Campus, Georgia Perimeter College

**February 27 - China’s Foreign Policy**
Dr. Thomas Rotnem, Professor of Political Science & Coordinator, Political Science and International Studies Program, Southern Polytechnic State University

**March 6 - U.S. Trade Policy**
Dr. Alasdair Young, Associate Professor, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology
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.

Home hospitality was my first experience inside an American home. The hostess was very nice, accommodating and was very passionate about what she does.

- Ms. Aileen Lovitos, 2014 IVLP Participant, Philippines

All GCIV professional resources and dinner hosts are volunteers. While we are not able to list all 500 professional resources, we 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 2014:

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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 2013-2014 series was once again a success, featuring educational and cultural programs on Go Eat Give, Indian Dances, Guatemala, and the Global Village Project. Over 100 members and guests participated in IWA programs this year.
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. During FY 2014, GCIV introduced over 100 international leaders to over 450 Georgia students during 21 site visits. Over a dozen schools participated including elementary, middle and high schools in Cobb County, DeKalb County, Fulton County, Fannin County and Atlanta Public Schools.

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.
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I am privileged to participate in GCIV activities, as citizen diplomacy is one of the most rewarding endeavors in which we can be engaged. As an American, I am grateful that GCIV affords its members opportunities to make positive impressions on our international guests through the dialogue and hospitality that we offer.

- John E. Parkerson, Jr.
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