

GEORGIA COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

CONNECTING GEORGIANS TO THE WORLD

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 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.

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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*
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Kim Dae-Jung, *South Korea*
Frederik de Klerk, *South Africa*
Oscar Arias, *Costa Rica*
Felipe Nyusi, *Mozambique*

2014 international visitor programs

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.

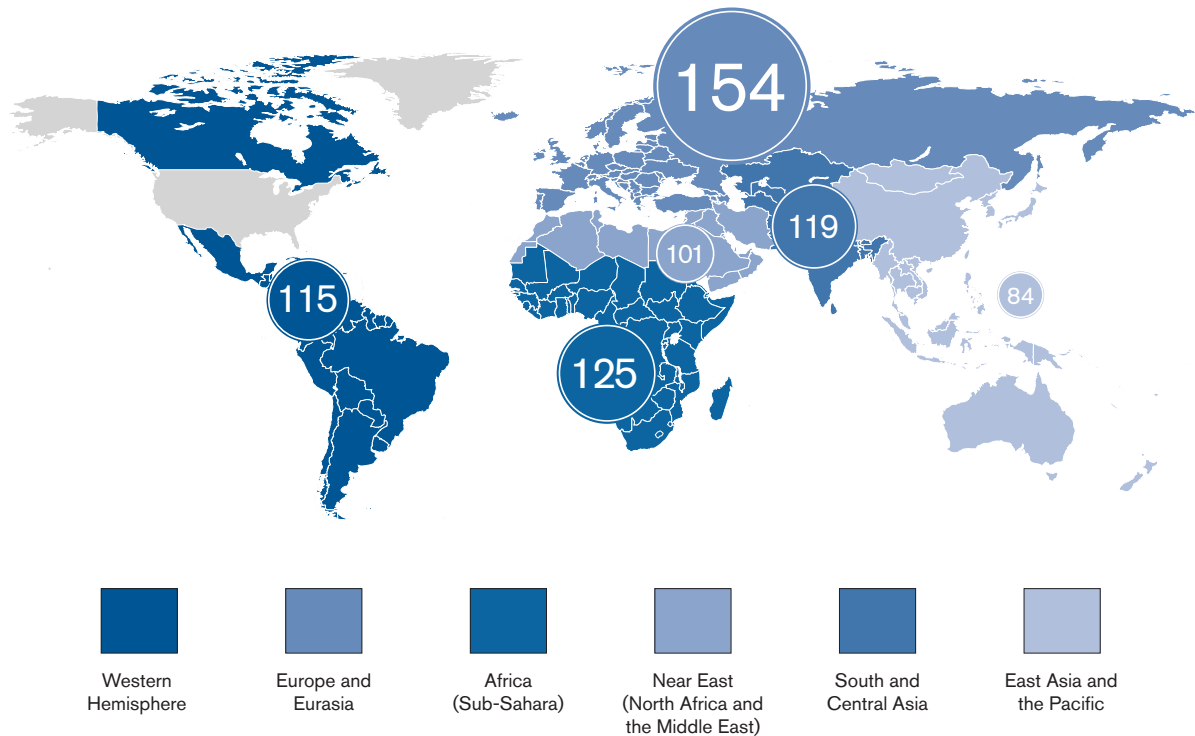
FY 2014 IVLP Totals

quarter	programs	visitors
1	12	62
2	26	181
3	24	150
4	19	129
totals	81	522

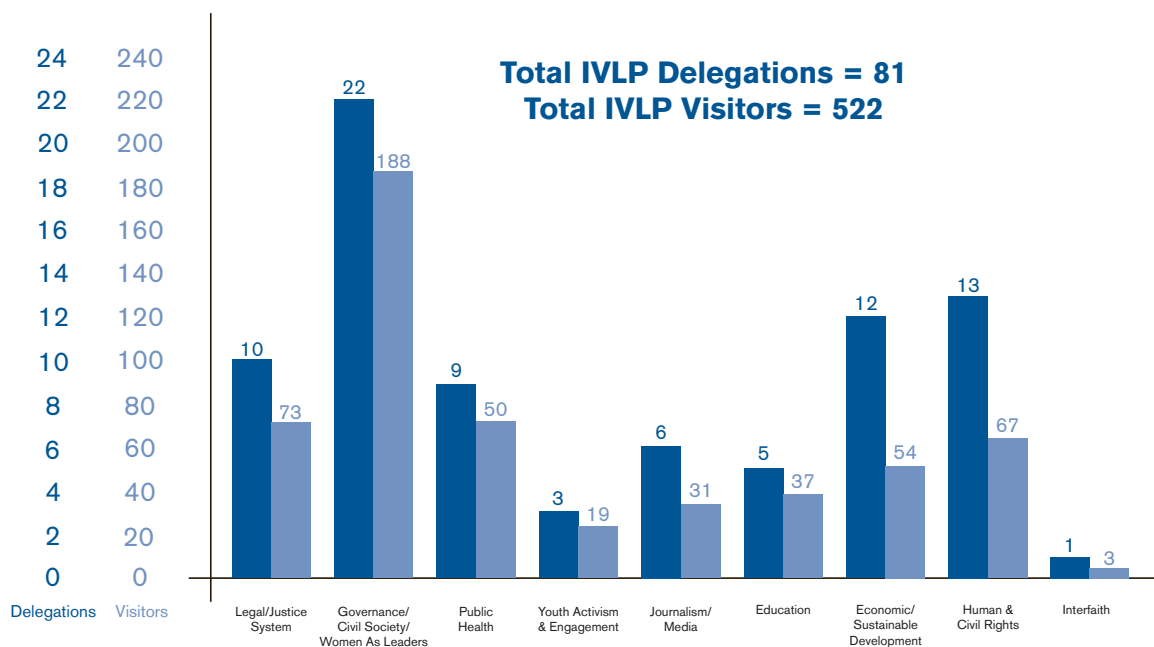
FY 2014 FFS Totals

quarter	programs	visitors
1	2	11
2	1	138
3	3	27
4	0	0
totals	6	176

International Visitors by World Region



IVLP Delegations by Professional Focus



gciv international exchange participants

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:

Afghanistan	14	Germany	15	Oman	3
Albania	1	Ghana	2	Pakistan	29
Algeria	4	Greece	6	Palestinian Territories	13
Angola	1	Guatemala	3	Panama	2
Argentina	7	Guinea	2	Papua New Guinea	1
Armenia	2	Haiti	2	Paraguay	3
Austria	2	Honduras	3	Peru	3
Azerbaijan	2	Hong Kong	3	Philippines	6
Bahrain	1	Hungary	5	Poland	1
Bangladesh	7	Iceland	2	Romania	3
Belarus	3	India	21	Russia	30
Belgium	1	Indonesia	7	Rwanda	4
Belize	1	Iraq	11	Saint Maarten	1
Benin	4	Ireland	1	Saudi Arabia	6
Bolivia	7	Israel	8	Singapore	1
Bosnia-Herzegovina	7	Italy	5	Slovak Republic	1
Botswana	1	Japan	5	Slovenia	1
Brazil	32	Jordan	5	Somalia	2
Brunei	1	Kazakhstan	16	South Africa	6
Bulgaria	2	Kenya	14	South Sudan	2
Burkina Faso	2	Korea, Republic of	6	Spain	3
Burma	2	Kuwait	1	Sri Lanka	4
Cambodia	3	Kyrgyzstan	1	Suriname	1
Cameroon	6	Laos	1	Swaziland	1
Canada	12	Latvia	2	Sweden	2
Chad	9	Liberia	2	Switzerland	1
Chile	4	Libya	2	Taiwan	2
China	26	Luxembourg	1	Tajikistan	2
Colombia	7	Macedonia	10	Tanzania	3
Congo, Republic of	13	Madagascar	2	Thailand	7
Costa Rica	2	Malawi	1	Togo	1
Cote d'Ivoire	4	Malaysia	1	Tunisia	4
Croatia	1	Mali	2	Turkey	2
Czech Republic	6	Malta	1	Uganda	6
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	16	Mauritania	3	Ukraine	1
Denmark	3	Mexico	11	United Arab Emirates	5
Djibouti	1	Moldova	1	United Kingdom	2
Dominican Republic	1	Mongolia	8	Uruguay	1
Ecuador	2	Morocco	4	Uzbekistan	16
Egypt	9	Mozambique	11	Venezuela	7
Equatorial Guinea	1	Nepal	9	Vietnam	4
Estonia	2	Netherlands	4	West Bank	2
Ethiopia	3	New Zealand	1	Yemen	10
Fiji	1	Nicaragua	3	Zambia	7
Finland	2	Niger	3	Zimbabwe	5
France	3	Nigeria	6		
Georgia	6	Norway	2		

complete list of delegations

October 31 - November 6 - Africa

Focus: Journalism

November 4 - 24 - Uzbekistan

*Focus: Community Connections:
Capacity Building for National
Tuberculosis Program*

November 4 - 7 - Singapore

Focus: Eisenhower Fellowship

November 10 - 13 - Ukraine

Focus: Human and Civil Rights

November 19 - 23 - International Delegation

*Focus: 21st Century Public Health
Challenges*

November 19 - 23 - North Africa

*Focus: Strengthening Citizenship and
Civic Education*

November 20 - 23 - Japan

*Focus: International Trade and Export
Promotion Policy*

December 7 - 10 - Korea

Focus: Cyber-Security Initiative

December 12 - 15 - Thailand

Focus: Labor Laws

December 15 - 18 - Bosnia- Herzegovina

Focus: American Corners

December 17 - 19 - Russia

Focus: Protecting Wildlife and People

December 17 - 21 - Afghanistan

Focus: Youth Vote

December 17 - 21 - Yemen

Focus: Rule of Law

December 18 - 21 - Czech Republic

Focus: Role of Local Radio

January 18 - 23 - International Delegation

Focus: NGOs and Civic Activism

January 18 - 22 - Macedonia

Focus: Dealing with the Past



**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*

January 19 - 22 - Italy

Focus: Foreign Policy

January 19 - 23 - South Asia

*Focus: LGBT Rights in a Multi-Cultural
Society*

January 28 - 31 - Belarus

Focus: Early Detection of Cancer

January 29 - February 1 - Algeria

Focus: Forensics

February 1 - 5 - Canada

Focus: Higher Education

February 2 - 5 - South East Asia

*Focus: Human Rights and the
Community*

February 4 - 8 - Intl Delegation

Focus: Volunteerism

February 5 - 8 - Russia

Focus: Journalism Education

February 6 - 9 - Latvia

*Focus: Gold Star/LGBT and
Minority Issues*

February 11 - 15 - Africa

Focus: US Foreign Policy

February 12 - 15 - Brazil

Focus: Economic Impact of Mega Events

February 19 - 22 - India

*Focus: Combating Gender-Based
Violence*

February 23 - 27 - Mongolia

Focus: Transfusion Medicine

February 26 - 2 - South and Central Asia

Focus: Rule of Law

February 28 - International Delegation

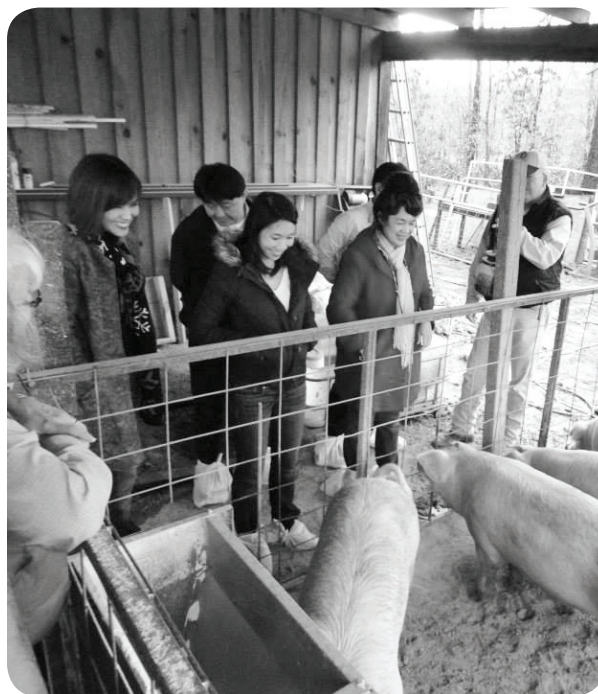
Focus: Fulbright Home Hospitality

March 2 - 6 - International Delegation

*Focus: Role of NGOs in Promoting
Global Women's Issues*

March 8 - 12 - Russia

*Focus: Creating a Corporate Culture
of Innovation*



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

complete list of delegations

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 - International Delegation

*Focus: Women Leaders: Promoting
Peace and Security*

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.



international consular ball

international consular ball

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 Dorff, 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

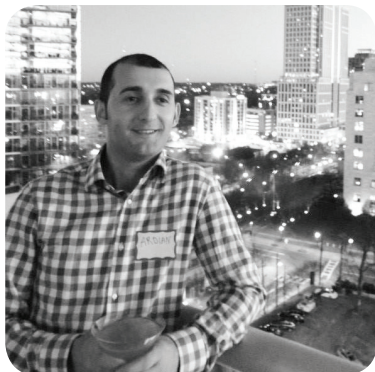
Dr. Thomas Rotnem, Professor of Political Science & Coordinator, Political Science and International Studies Program, Southern Polytechnic State University

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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George & Judy Weider
Sandy Welfare
Sylvia Wilson
Paul Wolpe
Steve & Sara Yurman
Lynne Zappone

global learning & networking

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 2014, GCIV organized numerous IDEs involving over 150 guests. International restaurants included Ammazza, Figo, Machu Picchu, Mezcalito's, Panahar, and Queen of Sheba.



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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