EDUCATION

- Edward Waters College joined the University of North Florida, Jacksonville University and Florida State College at Jacksonville in leading our Great Decisions sessions.
- Thanks to grant support from the Emily Baiz Smith Foundation and the Rotary Club of South Jacksonville, the Great Decisions program expanded to include ten area high schools.
- Academic WorldQuest attracted twenty-five teams from sixteen high schools for a spirited competition that sent the winning team to compete in the national competition in D.C.
- The International Crisis Management Exercise doubled in participants with forty-seven students role-playing a mock crisis concerning Somalia.
- The Ambassador Marilyn McAfee Scholarship was awarded to Amanda Siusahai, a junior majoring in International Business at UNF.

SPEAKER SERIES

- Our eight Global Issues Evenings speakers provided valuable insights into issues facing us in the United States and internationally.
- There was even an interesting look “beyond global,” exploring such cosmic quandaries as the end of our solar system…death by black hole.
- With the help of WJCT Public Television and Radio broadcasts and interviews, as well as newspaper articles, these talks reached far beyond the 7,000+ audience at the University of North Florida.
- The seven Global Business Luncheons produced a record turnout with a total of 875 attendees at the River Club, meeting an important need of our business community.

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**YEAR IN REVIEW**

**MEMBERSHIP**
- The Council has grown to include more than 800 members, of which over 460 are at the Premier level.
- Young Professional (YP) membership (21-40 years) doubled in number to include 120 members.

**SPECIAL ENGAGEMENTS**
- The Council partnered with WJCT for a very special discussion on Iran with Council Director Diane DeMell Jacobsen, Ph.D.
- Ambassador Husain Haqqani returned to deliver an update on the critical transition in Pakistan.
- John Pomfret and Paul Collier engaged in intimate discussions on China and Global Poverty with our top-tier members and sponsors.

**YOUNG PROFESSIONALS**
- The Council YPs partnered with the International Visitor Corps of Jacksonville and held three Global Exchanges with delegations from around the world.
- Five YPs were selected to participate in a pilot of the YP Mentor Program and were paired with Directors from the Council’s Board.
- The YPs held numerous networking socials, international trivia nights and partnered with many area organizations and businesses.

**FEATURED SPEAKERS 2009-2010**

**Economic Crisis**
- Dennis Lockhart
  - President, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

**Latin America**
- Ambassador Jeffrey Davidow
  - President of the Institute of the Americas and former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State

**President Obama’s Foreign Policy Challenges**
- Zanny Minton Beddoes
  - Economics Editor, The Economist

**China**
- John Pomfret
  - Author and former Beijing Bureau Chief, The Washington Post

**Foreign Policy**
- Dr. Richard Haass
  - President, Council on Foreign Relations

**Iran**
- Diane Demell Jacobsen, Ph.D.
  - Council Director, Specialist in Foreign Policy and Peace Negotiations

**National Security**
- Juliette Kayyem
  - Assistant Secretary for the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

**NATO’s New Challenges**
- Admiral James Stavridis
  - Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR) and Commander U.S. European Command (EUCOM)

**Global Business**
- Steven T. Halverson
  - President and CEO, The Haskell Company

**World Poverty**
- Paul Collier
  - Award-winning Oxford University Economist and Author

**Beyond Global**
- Neil deGrasse Tyson
  - Astrophysicist and host of PBS NOVA ScienceNow

**Healthcare Reform**
- Dr. William Rupp
  - CEO, Mayo Clinic

**Pakistan**
- Ambassador Husain Haqqani
  - Ambassador of Pakistan to the United States

**American Fiscal Responsibility**
- The Honorable David M. Walker
  - President and CEO of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation and former Comptroller General of the U.S.