

## LEGACY SOCIETY



"I give the Council high priority in my financial planning to ensure that its success in leading a community-wide dialogue on global issues continues far into the future. Please join me in ensuring the continuance of this impressive Council and the level of excellence for which it is known."

- Ambassador Marilyn McAfee (Ret.)  
Founding Legacy Society Member

### World Affairs Council Legacy Society

The World Affairs Council of Jacksonville Legacy Society recognizes and honors, in perpetuity, those donors who have made a planned gift in support of the Council's mission.

As a Legacy Society member, you join a group of individuals who are passionate about expanding international awareness and understanding. Your gift will help to provide speaker series with world-class speakers such as Steve Wozniak, Richard Leakey, Bob Woodward, Neil deGrasse Tyson, Ken Burns, Peggy Noonan, David Brooks, Ambassador Dennis Ross, Anne-Marie Slaughter and Fareed Zakaria.

Your planned gift also extends education resources to teachers and students through Great Decisions and companion offerings, the Admiral Jonathan T. Howe Academic WorldQuest, the Sandra L. Cook Global Teacher Enrichment Program, the Board Fellows Program and the Ambassador Marilyn McAfee Scholarship Program for college students. Become a part of the Legacy Society and join others who are helping expand our community's understanding of world affairs and encouraging informed dialogue.

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# WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL JACKSONVILLE



Bringing the World Closer

**LEGACY SOCIETY**  
A Planned Giving Initiative



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**The World Affairs Council of Jacksonville is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization devoted to promoting understanding of world affairs by sponsoring public programs for all ages, fostering discussion of international issues and providing a venue for people to meet others with similar interests.**

## Who We Are

The World Affairs Council of Jacksonville, **a vital hub for civic and corporate leadership** in Northeast Florida, is a growing organization with more than 900 members. Our Board of Directors includes community leaders from both the public and private sector. Members value the opportunity to connect with other internationally minded citizens.

## What We Do

**Two signature speaker series** on world affairs promote a better understanding of the world. Both the Global Issues Evenings at the University of North Florida and the Global Business Luncheons at The River Club offer diverse intellectual content, bringing light, not heat, to conversations about world affairs.

**Educational programs** offer students the opportunity to learn about current international issues beyond the textbook in real time context. The Council also supports teachers with resources to enhance their instruction on global topics.

## BACKGROUND

### History

The Council, formed in 1985 as the National Interest Forum, joined the World Affairs Councils of America in 1995. The World Affairs Councils of America is a nonprofit grassroots organization dedicated to educating and engaging Americans on global issues. With more than 90 councils across 40 states reaching more than half a million people a year, it is the largest of its kind in the U.S.

The Jacksonville Council has grown from a small organization sponsoring a modest speaker program, held in members' homes, to one reaching thousands of individuals every year through an acclaimed speaker series, educational programming, special events and an expanding network of young professionals.

In 2005, the Council received the World Affairs Councils of America President's Award for Outstanding Achievement, awarded annually to Councils that have shown extraordinary innovation, growth, outreach and impact.

In 2012, the University of North Florida presented the Council with the Presidential Medallion, in recognition of exemplary service and outstanding commitment to the University of North Florida and higher education.

In 2017, the Great Decisions program was recognized by the *Jacksonville Business Journal* as a 2017 Innovator in Education for improving the education sector and positively impacting the lives of learners, young and old.

### About Planned Giving

Planned giving is an opportunity to support the future of the First Coast community by making a charitable gift to an organization that has been an important part of your life, and the lives of others. Not only will your planned gift support the vitality and future endeavors of the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville, but it may also offer increased income and significant tax advantages.

## PLANNED GIVING

### Ways to Give

It is through the renewed and lasting commitment in the form of planned gifts that the World Affairs Council can continue bringing the world closer. Please contact your professional advisor to discuss a gifting method that best suits your philanthropic and financial goals.

**You can support the mission of the Council through a variety of planned giving options:**

Cash Gifts and Bequests

Tangible Personal Property

Real Estate

Life Insurance

Retirement Plan or IRA Assets

Revocable "Living Trusts"

Charitable Lead and Remainder Trusts

Charitable Gift Annuities

*Your planning today will benefit the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville for generations to come. Please call the office to begin discussing your Council legacy.*

**"I do believe that the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville is among the top three Councils in the country."**

–David Brooks