

SIGNATURE SERIES

Education Outreach

Extending and enhancing resources for students and teachers.

FOR STUDENTS

Great Decisions: Academic enrichment program for high school students on foreign affairs that fosters critical thinking, civic engagement and conversation skills. College faculty and high school teachers co-facilitate monthly sessions.

Kick-Off Dinner & Dialogue: To better understand current global developments and their connections to the local community, students conduct a stakeholder analysis in a select region and hear from a panel of experts.

Student Interactions: Throughout the year, Great Decisions participants meet with World Affairs Council speakers to gain additional insight into timely topics.

International Crisis Management Exercise (ICME): The culmination of the Great Decisions program offers a role-play exercise where students serve as members of the National Security Council addressing an international crisis.

Admiral Jonathan T. Howe Academic WorldQuest: A team game testing competitors' knowledge of international affairs, geography, history and culture in six fast-paced rounds of multiple choice trivia. The winning team represents Northeast Florida in the national competition in Washington, D.C.

Ambassador Marilyn McAfee Scholarship Program: Annual scholarships are awarded to area college students with outstanding academic performance and career aspirations in international business, public administration, foreign affairs or military service to help defray costs of an international travel experience as part of the recipients' educational development.

Board Fellows:

Two area undergraduate students are selected to serve as ex-officio members on the Board of Directors for a one-year term.

FOR TEACHERS

Sandra L. Cook Global Teacher Enrichment Program: Plans are underway to launch a new global enrichment program that will provide opportunities for area middle and high school teachers to travel and connect on a global scale.

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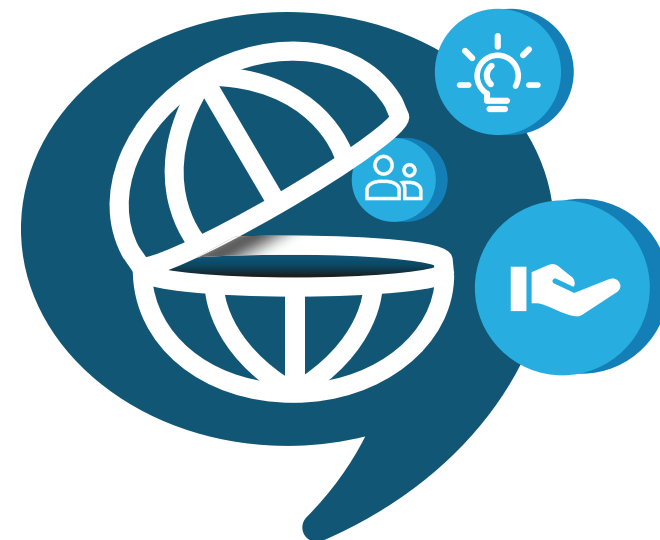
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The World Affairs Council of Jacksonville is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization devoted to promoting understanding of world affairs by sponsoring public programs for all ages, fostering discussion of international issues and providing a venue for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

Make a Difference

The Council relies on its partnerships with individuals, foundations and businesses to deliver its dynamic programming and educational outreach to the Jacksonville community and Northeast Florida schools.

Join Us

As a World Affairs Council Sponsor, you join a diverse group of companies, foundations and individuals who are passionate about expanding international awareness and understanding. Council sponsors are showcased to more than 900 Council members who are...

Highly educated: more than 97% of adult Council members have college degrees

Financially successful: \$150,000 median household income

Drawn from across Northeast Florida

Very committed to continuing their support of the community and the Jacksonville Council

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

Sponsorship Opportunities

There are four levels of sponsorship available to support any of the following series: Global Issues Evenings, Global Business Luncheons, Education Outreach and Special Engagements. Additional opportunities include sponsoring a high school team for the Admiral Jonathan T. Howe Academic WorldQuest in November (\$300) and sponsoring a Global Business Luncheon table (\$1,000).

Specially tailored sponsorship packages can be crafted by request and additional sponsorship opportunities are likely to arise throughout the season.

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Global Issues Evenings

Free and open to the general public, this series features evening programs delivered by prominent speakers on a wide range of international issues, followed by an extended Q&A period. Events are co-hosted with the Distinguished Voices Lecture Series and held at the University of North Florida. Premier level members and sponsors enjoy a private reception with the speaker prior to the program and complimentary access to the Simulcast Suite for viewing the livestream presentation.

Past speakers include Steve Wozniak, Richard Leakey, Bob Woodward, Neil deGrasse Tyson, Ken Burns, Peggy Noonan, David Brooks, Ambassador Dennis Ross, Anne-Marie Slaughter and Fareed Zakaria.

Global Business Luncheons

Designed specifically for the business community, this series of luncheon speakers offers valuable insight into international political, economic, business and financial trends. Events are co-hosted with and held at The River Club.

Past speakers include Jeremy Siegel, Mary Schapiro, Paul Volcker, Maurice "Hank" Greenberg, Alice Rivlin and Joseph Stiglitz.

Special Engagements

Education and entertainment meet when the Council hosts smaller, more intimate gatherings that provide timely presentations and spirited dialogue as well as opportunities to explore international issues in new, creative ways.

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

—David Brooks