



Bringing the World Closer

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow Council Members:

In our first Global Issues Evening of the season, Ambassador Wharton provided historical framework, a current perspective and an optimistic outlook for Africa's future. Our Great Decisions high school students, who enjoyed a dialogue with him prior to the main presentation, provided quite the warm-up with their thoughtful questions.

The preparation and maturity of these students never fails to impress.

Looking ahead, I would like to highlight the extension of our Council community. We have continued to grow our livestreaming partnerships, allowing us to reach a broader audience. We continue to look for new and innovative ways to leverage technology and engage new people, bringing communities across Northeast Florida together.

I close with a reflection on our mission: to promote an understanding of the world and its people and to engage citizens of Northeast Florida in becoming better informed participants in the global community. Our mission is not a destination, but a challenging and rewarding path. It is a path we are passionate about taking, and it is a path that we cannot walk alone. I thank each of you for partnering with us in bringing the world closer to Jacksonville.

I look forward to seeing you very soon at the next Council event.

LT. GENERAL F.L. "BUSTER" HAGENBECK, USA (RET.)

Chairman of the Board



BUSTER HAGENBECK



GUEST SPEAKER

MELINDA LIU
Newsweek Beijing
Bureau Chief

GLOBAL ISSUES EVENING

**"Understanding China:
How the West Got China Wrong"**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018
7:00-8:30 P.M.**

University of North Florida
Adam W. Herbert University Center

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Premier Members and Sponsors are invited to a **special pre-event reception** at 6:00 p.m and may remain in the Simulcast Suite for the presentation.

All Council Members and Sponsors are invited to **view the presentation via the Simulcast Suite at Fleet Landing** (Atlantic Beach). Please let us know if you would like to attend the Fleet Landing venue.

RSVP for Council events via our calendar at www.worldaffairscounciljax.org or call (904) 280-8162.

EDUCATION

Sponsor a School Today and Cheer Your Team to Victory!

Following a successful Great Decisions launch, the Council is excited to host our ever-popular international trivia competition, the Admiral Jonathan T. Howe Academic WorldQuest. On November 29, more than 55 teams are expected to gather and compete to prove their knowledge in international affairs. With 24+ high schools from across the First Coast represented, we are delighted to bring so many students together for this spirited competition.

With your help, teams such as "Hasta La NAFTA Baby!", "NATO-rious" and "Merkle my Words!" can join in the fun. Our goal is to have every participating high school team sponsored! Help us make it happen - no team left behind - by becoming a "team sponsor" at \$300.

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2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCT. 9, 5:30 P.M.

The Honorable
Condoleezza Rice
and Ryan Hass
WJCT Studios

OCT. 15, 6:00 P.M.

Walter Russell Mead
A Special Engagement
for Council Sponsors,
Benefactor and
Ambassador's Circle
Members
**Ponte Vedra Inn
and Club**

OCT. 16, 12:00 P.M.

Walter Russell Mead
The River Club

OCT. 16, 7:00 P.M.

Walter Russell Mead
**UNF Herbert
University Center**

NOV. 13, 7:00 P.M.

Melinda Liu
**UNF Herbert
University Center**

COUNCIL CONNECTIONS

Council Connections provide an opportunity for our young professionals to connect with and dialogue with Council board members.

Mr. John Caulfield, who served as a career American diplomat for nearly 40 years, will join a small group of our young professionals on October 23 for coffee at Bold Bean in San Marco. This event is exclusively for Magellan Society members. Space is limited and is first come, first served.

Secure your reservations at
www.worldaffairscounciljax.org
or (904) 280-8162.

EDUCATION

Kick-Off Dinner & Dialogue “Venezuela–Democracy Building and Populist Autocrats”



To kick off the new school year, Great Decisions students from across the First Coast gathered for a timely discussion on the current crisis in Venezuela. Students enjoyed authentic Venezuelan cuisine and took part in a lively Q&A with expert panelists, asking questions regarding the current state of Venezuela's economy, government, emigration and other contributing factors to the current state of the country.

Afterwards, the room came alive with eager students strategizing on the different issues and ways foreign policy tools can be leveraged to help solve the current crisis. Student groups then presented their strategies to the group at large. With delicious food, an insightful panel, in-depth discussions and over 150 people in attendance, the event was a great success!

MAGELLAN SOCIETY



Who We Are

The Magellan Society of the World Affairs Council provides an opportunity for young professionals between the ages of 21 and 40 to develop a greater understanding of the world while connecting with others who share an interest in international affairs and the globalization of Northeast Florida.

Through a unique blend of programming designed to complement the Council's events, the Magellan Society brings our young professionals together to network, dialogue and learn. If you know of anyone interested in the Magellan Society, or would like to learn more, please contact the Council office.