Greetings Fellow Council Members:

Earlier this month we hosted our biennial Presidential Global Issues Evening. This presentation, featuring former Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright, was hosted in the UNF Arena, allowing us to reach even more members of our community. In total, several thousand Northeast Florida residents attended Secretary Albright’s discussion with UNF President David Szymanski. While this number itself is impressive, it becomes even more so when we reflect on what it means. Not only were several thousand people in attendance, but each attendee brought a unique perspective into one place, collectively gathered to listen, learn and discuss. In today’s charged climate, it is most encouraging to see our community come together.

Secretary Albright’s visit marked the first time we’ve had a former Secretary of State speak to our Council. We view her visit as a remarkable achievement, and one which will spark intellectual curiosity in those young and old. Next month, we have the privilege of hosting Malcolm Turnbull, Prime Minister of Australia from 2015-2018. Like Secretary Albright, Prime Minister Turnbull had a significant influence on geopolitics during his time in office and is uniquely positioned to speak to China’s growing power in the region.

As always, our intention with these dialogues and events is not to change anybody’s mind or push an agenda, but rather to provide unique access to experts’ perspectives and allow our members to draw whatever conclusions they may. We hope you’ll join us next month as we look ahead to another great event.

Lt. General F.L. “Buster” Hagenbeck, USA (Ret.)
Chairman of the Board
2020 EVENTS

MAR. 16, 7:00 P.M.
Malcolm Turnbull
UNF Herbert
University Center

APR. 14, 12:00 P.M.
Henry Curr
The River Club

APRIL 27, 6:00 P.M.
Brett McGurk
A Special Engagement
for Council Sponsors and
Ambassador’s Circle Members
The River Club

APRIL 28, 7:00 P.M.
Brett McGurk
UNF Herbert
University Center

JUNE 2, 6:00 P.M.
Annual Member Celebration
WJCT Studios

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SPRING SEMESTER COUNCIL INTERN

EMILIA VICENTE SANTANA
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Jacksonville University Class of 2020

I am very excited to have this opportunity here at the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville as the Global Community Outreach Intern. I have always been interested in being part of a nonprofit organization and being part of something bigger than myself. Every day, I learn so much from Trina, Alex and Zach, and how they work alongside members in different ways to raise awareness of global issues and educate the community. Organizations like the World Affairs Council impact more than the local community, it is a bridge between us and the rest of the world. Change always starts with a conversation and that is what we accomplish here at the WAC. I’m very proud and humbled to be able to serve the WAC and look forward to see future accomplishments.

EDUCATION

Admiral Jonathan T. Howe Academic WorldQuest

Representing Samuel W. Wolfson High School, the Wolfpack team secured first place at this year’s Admiral Jonathan T. Howe Academic WorldQuest. With more than 150 students participating, the event drew the best and brightest from across Northeast Florida high schools together to compete for a chance to participate in the national WorldQuest competition in Washington D.C. later this spring.

Of course, this event would not be possible without the generous support of our many sponsors. To all of those who contributed to making this year’s competition so incredible – thank you!

WINNING TEAMS

First Place: Wolfpack, from Samuel W. Wolfson High School
Second Place: Sweatanyahu, from Duncan U. Fletcher High School
Third Place: OMAN these questions are hard!!! from Stanton College Preparatory School

BEST TEAM NAMES

First Place: Brexistential Crisis, from Duncan U. Fletcher High School
Second Place: Don’t Boris with Your Brexit Plan, from Fernandina Beach High School
Third Place: The Very Stable Geniuses, from Fleming Island High School

Global Gender Equality Forum

On Thursday, January 30, high school students participating in the Council’s Great Decisions program gathered for a discussion on global leadership. Guided in conversation by our panelists, high school students from across Northeast Florida discussed gender equality through the lens of international policy and progress.

PANELISTS

Rear Admiral Marty Evans, USN (Ret.): Former CEO of Red Cross
Mark Dawkins: Dean of Coggin College of Business at UNF
Anna Lebesch: VP of Talent Development at JAXUSA

This event is a new initiative designed to drive inclusivity in other Council education events. This initiative was made possible by the support of several generous donors.