HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS PAST YEAR

Membership
- The Council has more than 900 members, of whom half are at the Premier level.
- Council EDGE membership (ages 21-40) includes more than 50 members.

Council EDGE
- Young professionals connected with Council leadership throughout the year via monthly Council Connections to discuss professional and international interests. Additionally, Board members were paired one-on-one with a selected cohort for the Mentor Program.
- Quarterly Saloons connected the local and global issues of the day and featured experts exploring the US-China relationship, space exploration, Pakistan and marine conservation.

Programs
- Council programs reached more than 5,000 Northeast Florida residents this season.

2018 WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL EXPENSES*

- 64% Speaker Programs
- 22% Education Programs
- 14% Management and General

TOTAL EXPENSES: $853,059

2018 WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL REVENUE AND SUPPORT*

- 47% Sponsorships
- 32% Membership Dues and Contributions
- 14% Other Revenue

TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT: $874,931

SPEAKER ENDOWMENT CORPUS*: $598,436
EDUCATION ENDOWMENT CORPUS*: $890,603
*audited financials as of fiscal year end 6/30/2018

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Programs
- Seven Global Issues Evenings at the University of North Florida provided valuable insights into diverse international issues and were livestreamed to three livestream locations: Fleet Landing, Vicar’s Landing & Cypress Village.
- Four Global Business Luncheons offered valuable insight into international economic, business and technology trends.
- Special Engagements provided seven additional opportunities to meet speakers and explore international issues in new, creative ways.

Education
- Seventeen high schools participated in Great Decisions, taking part in seven Student Interactions and dialoguing with each Global Issues Evening speaker.
- The Admiral Jonathan T. Howe Academic WorldQuest attracted 52 teams from 24 high schools for a trivia competition that sent the winning team from Fletcher to compete nationally.
- More than 140 students attended the fourth annual Kick-Off Dinner & Dialogue and discussed “Venezuela: Democracy Building & Populist Autocrats”
- The International Crisis Management Exercise focused on a cyber clash with China and challenged participants to develop foreign policy recommendations.
- The Ambassador Marilyn McAfee Scholarship Program provided five awards to area college students in support of their study abroad programs.
- Two UNF students served as ex-officio members on the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville’s Board of Directors through the Board Fellows Program, gaining first-hand experience in community service and stewardship.

“I now understand diplomacy is essential in foreign relations and rule of law is vital.”
~Student, Great Decisions Program

FEATURED SPEAKERS 2018-2019

Africa in Focus
AMBASSADOR D. BRUCE WHARTON (RET)

Liberal Trade & the National Interest: Protectionism’s Allure & Hazard: The Changing Role of America in the World
WALTER RUSSELL MEAD
Global View Columnist, Wall Street Journal

Understanding China: How the West Got China Wrong
MELINDA LIU
Newsweek Beijing Chief

What Does It Take to Attract Companies Outside the U.S. to Bring a Substantial Executive Presence to Jacksonville?
JERRY MALLOT
Former President, JAXUSA Partnership & Executive Vice President, JAX Chamber

Global Healthcare: How Good Can We Be?
RAJIV SHAH, M.D.

Dissent in Putin’s Russia
VLADIMIR KARA-MURZA
Russian Journalist & Activist; Vice Chairman of the Open Russia Movement & Chairman of the Boris Nemtsov Foundation for Freedom

Globalization vs. Nationalism
RAWI E. ABDELAL
Herbert F. Johnson Professor of International Management, Harvard Business School & Director, Harvard’s Davis Center for Russian & Eurasian Studies

Our Towns
JAMES FALLOWS
National Correspondent, The Atlantic

An Outlook on the Economy: Growth or Recession?
MARK ZANDI
Chief Economist, Moody’s Analytics

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~ Ambassador D. Bruce Wharton (Ret.)