

ANNUAL REPORT 2025





Dear Community, Partners, and Friends,

As I reflect on the close of our centennial year, I am deeply moved by the foundation built by the visionary citizens who first gathered in Cincinnati. Joining a movement born in response to global isolationism, our Council became the fourth chapter in the nation—standing alongside New York, Cleveland, and Philadelphia with a bold commitment to connect our region to the world.

When I look back at a century of history, one truth stands out: our work has always been powered by partnership. From our earliest days collaborating with civic leaders, local schools like Hughes High, and organizations like the League of Women Voters, our strength has come from working together.

While the global challenges we face today echo those of decades past, our founding values remain our steady guide. As the Cincinnati Post observed nearly a century ago, we have always been willing to bring speakers who foster real, informed dialogue—even when it means wrestling with uncomfortable truths. From early meetings at the historic Hotel Sinton to today's programs across Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, we remain committed to open, courageous, and inclusive conversation.

As CEO, my promise to you as we step into our second century is that we will continue to ignite our community's engagement in foreign affairs. Through global education, international exchange, and cultural initiatives, we are preparing the next generation to navigate an interconnected world and strengthening our region's international identity.

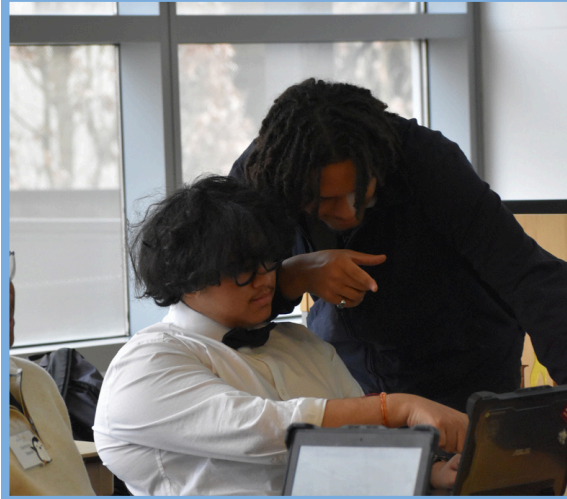
Thank you to our community, schools, donors, and global partners for walking this path with us. Your dedication made our first 100 years possible, and together, we are ready for the next.

Globally yours,



Michelle Glandorf
President & CEO
World Affairs Council –
Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky

OUR PROGRAMS



GLOBAL EDUCATION

Bringing the world to classrooms from elementary through adults. From sharing cultural knowledge to global mindset, local impact to international careers, students develop global education skills and competencies.

Educator Professional Development Opportunities, Youth Leaders for Global Impact Grants, Global Summer Camps & International Education Summit transforms you into a local leader in the global arena.



PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGE

Hosting exchange visitors annually through the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) helps people to people diplomacy efforts "one handshake at a time." These emerging world leaders create personal and professional connections with people just like you.

Exchanges create lasting bonds between our region and the world! TechGirls also innovated with job shadow opportunities at local companies.



SIGNATURE EVENTS

Given the leadership role that the U.S. plays in the world, the Council brings foreign affairs experts to deepen understanding about timely global challenges and policies. As a nonpartisan organization, we are sharing perspectives and helping to inform through these open dialogues.

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**EDUCATION
PARTNERS**

15,000+

**STUDENTS
IMPACTED**

5112

**VOLUNTEER
HOURS**

281

VOLUNTEERS

**98% of the students
who attended felt the
International
Education Summit
was beneficial for
their future success.**

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\$340,000+

ECONOMIC IMPACT

64

COUNTRIES

186

VISITORS

"Hosting the delegation provided me insight that no amount of online research could have done. The in-person connection that occurred between our district and the participants of the program helped to develop a relationship between our organizations that could not have existed without the interactions that the World Affairs Council helped to create." – A Professional Resource

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MEMBERS

702

LEADERS SERVED

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Jungle Jim's
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Miami University Global Initiatives
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New Riff Distilling
Northern Kentucky Area Development District
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Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission
Noshable
CET
Pilgrim's
Power to Pursue
Starrag
Strategic Planning Services
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Thank you to our local community who volunteers to connect with international exchange delegations.

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Hamilton County Developmental Disability Services
Hamilton County Domestic Violence Task Force
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Hamilton County Sheriff's Office
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Incubator Kitchen Collective
Independence Alliance
Ion Center
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Justice and Policy Center
Point Arc
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Saturday Hoops
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Voices and Visionaries
Women Helping Women
YWCA

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A special mention in honor of Richard I. Lauf, former board member and true friend, to the Council

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Gateway Commutiy College
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Ignite Institue
Latonia Elementary
Miami University
Ninth District Elementary School
Northern Kentucky University

Oak Hills High School
Princeton High School
Purcell Marian High School
Scarlet Oaks Career Campus
University of Cincinnati
Ursuline Academy
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