

2022

Emerging Leaders

Program

Global Ties U.S. 2022 National Meeting

ABOUT THE EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM

Since 2011, the Emerging Leaders Program has worked to discover and build a pipeline of globally-minded young professionals who represent the United States and the rich diversity of our country. We collaborate with our nationwide Network and supporters to help outstanding young professionals jumpstart their careers in public diplomacy, international exchange, and the larger international affairs field.

Participants are engaged in a year-long program, with our annual National Meeting in March and International Education Week in November as the focal points. Throughout the year, Emerging Leaders have the opportunity to network with professionals in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors; strengthen professional skills and abilities; and build the relationships that will continue to support their professional growth.

Our program includes more than 150 alumni who have pursued careers, leadership roles, and higher education in globally-focused fields. These include positions focused on local, state, and federal government; intergovernmental and global nonprofit organizations; and business. Alumni remain connected to our program and Network, many helping to mentor and support future leaders.

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In the following pages, you will be able to meet the 2022 cohort through their own visual resumes, as well as meet our new alumni mentors. Congratulations to our 2022 cohort!



MEET THE MENTORS 2022

JAWAD AL BAGHDADI

Cohort: 2016

Currently: Office of Congresswoman Sara Jacobs (CA-53))

CHELSEA BEAULIEU

Cohort: 2017

Currently: Cultural Vistas

ALANA HENRY

Cohort: 2017

Currently: UK Department for Business, Energy, & Industrial Strategy

ALLANAH CRANDALL

Cohort: 2019

Currently: Global Ties San Francisco

BEN OLSEN

Cohort: 2019

Currently: Office of International Visitors, U.S. Department of State

SREENATH PANCHAGNULA

Cohort: 2019

Currently: International Visitors Center of Jackson

ISABELLA PARROTTA

Cohort: 2019

Currently: Meridian International Center

CLAIRE SCHAFER

Cohort: 2019

Currently: Meridian International Center

SÄMI SOLTERMANN

Cohort: 2019

Currently: M.A. Candidate at the IE School of Global and Public Affairs

GREG WISCHER

Cohort: 2020

Currently: M.A. Candidate at Georgetown University

MARY WURTZ

Cohort: 2019

Currently: Catholic Charities of Louisville, Inc.

JULIA WYZGANT

Cohort: 2020

Currently: Office of International Visitors, U.S. Department of State



2022 EMERGING LEADERS

MANNAT BEDI

Global Ties Detroit
Detroit, MI

DELANEY SOLIDAY

GlobalPittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA

WILLIAM YATES

Global Ties San Francisco
San Francisco, CA

COLBEE CUNNINGHAM

Iowa International Center
Des Moines, IA

YONI SIEGLER

Citizen Diplomacy International of Philadelphia
Philadelphia, PA

REBEKAH AMY SMITH

World Affairs Council of Kentucky and Southern Indiana
Louisville, KY

PATRICK SCHMIDT

World Learning
Lincoln, NE

ANNIE EDWARDS

WorldDenver
Denver, CO

SHANICE GITAU

Cleveland Council on World Affairs
Cleveland, OH

EDEN DAVENPORT

Gulf Coast Diplomacy
Pensacola, FL

NICHOLAS DAVID MERRILL

Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy
Murray, UT

KIMBERLY ANN JIMENEZ

WorldChicago
Hoffman Estates, IL

SARAH PRATT

Northern Nevada International Center (NNIC)
Reno, NV

ROSE PRIEBE

Global Ties KC
Overland Park, KS

BUSHRA SAIDA ELFARISSI

Global Ties ABQ
Albuquerque, NM

FABIOLA AYDEE MELENDEZ

Global Ties ABQ
Albuquerque, NM

EMMA HANTGAN

Global Ties Miami
Miami, FL

LEAH MACART

Northern Nevada International Center (NNIC)
Reno, NV

TREMAYNE BOOKER

International House - Citizen Diplomacy Program
Oakland, CA

HANNAH HUISMAN

Council for International Visitors to Iowa Cities (CIVIC)
Iowa City, IA

Mannat Bedi

Global Ties Detroit

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

During my internship at Global Ties Detroit, I was able to work with organizations in Detroit and help connect them to people and groups abroad, fostering great conversations, connections, and solutions to problems that impact our world. By assisting with the IVLP exchange programs, I was able to engage in conversations on increasing minority participation in the democratic process, analyzing mis/disinformation, and learning about border security technology. I also was able to create a new #TravelTuesdays campaign for our social media page, researching various countries, travel excursions, cuisines, and cultures to explore and highlight some of the wonderful places we can all discover.

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ABOUT MANNAT

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Degree
Bachelor's Degree in Economics

Hometown
Troy, MI

Fun Facts
I have a twin sister.

I was on a competitive Indian dance team.

"The Emerging Leaders Program will allow me to explore different ways to build connections, collaborate with peers, and expand my involvement in my own community."

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

I was able to join a virtual conversation and meet with leaders in several South American countries. Almost all of the representatives were women, and I was able to hear their unique and eye-opening experiences in the workplace environment. Their questions focused on gender discrepancies in places of political power and solutions to growing minority voices in governing bodies. Through these conversations, we were able to directly communicate with people from across the world. This experience truly brought me closer to my passion of learning about different cultures and creating lasting connections.



Nominating CBM Supervisor: Caroline Poole
Title: Operations Associate

“ Mannat possesses the qualities, skills, and experience required to successfully participate in professional development sessions, build relationships with fellow cohort members, and complete service projects. From assisting with the 2021 Annual Dinner, to interviewing local leaders for new stories, Mannat has embodied what it means to be a citizen diplomat.



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Delaney Soliday

GlobalPittsburgh

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

During my spring 2021 internship, I assisted the GlobalPittsburgh team with virtual programming for IVLP and Study Abroad for Yasuda Students (STAYS). I assisted the Executive Director with research for her work on the State Department's OIV Forward Planning Working Group to safely re-start in-person exchanges in the wake of the pandemic. I assisted GlobalPittsburgh with its pivot to virtual events by designing and facilitating five virtual First Thursdays events.

I also worked with our Director of Development and Membership to develop membership and social media strategy, as well as assisting in the design of marketing and outreach content. Additionally, I conducted research support tasks and aided in compiling spreadsheet data and converting it into useful analytics.



ABOUT DELANEY

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Degree
Global Affairs BA (concentration in Global Governance)

Hometown
Irwin, PA

Fun Facts
I am currently learning Arabic.

My favorite sport is horseback riding.

"Interning with a citizen diplomacy nonprofit introduced me to dozens of career fields I had never even heard of in just a few short months. My work allowed me to explore Pittsburgh more in those six months than I had in the fifteen years I'd lived there."



SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

I was nominated to serve as a Cultural Ambassador for the Saudi Young Leaders Exchange Program 2021 cohort, but unfortunately, the program was canceled by the Saudi Embassy due to COVID-19.

Nominating CBM Supervisor: Gail Shrott Title: Executive Director

“ *Delaney Soliday worked closely with my colleague, Nadya Kessler, and I in designing materials and activities for virtual programs and events. Delaney is incredibly creative and detail oriented. She took on every opportunity to help us design much-needed materials for virtual programming for IVLP and other exchange visitors. She has a can-do attitude and is a joy to work with. I think that she would be an excellent Emerging Leader for* **”**
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William Yates

Global Ties San Francisco

ABOUT WILLIAM

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Degree

Senior Pursuing BA in Global Studies and Maritime Affairs

Hometown

Oakland, CA

Fun Facts

I can name all 100 currently-serving U.S. Senators.

I got to experience my first year of college twice.

"The COVID-19 pandemic began in the middle of my college career, which made it harder to make strong connections outside of my school. I would look forward to interacting with a cohort of likeminded peers and fostering long-lasting ties."

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

As an IVP Intern at Global Ties San Francisco I was responsible for program proposal writing and helping my supervisors with arranging/setting up programs. These programs were held virtually due to the Pandemic, but preparations included assisting with zoom set up, organizing meeting agendas and itineraries; and correspondence with program participants in the Bay Area. Additionally, I worked on designing social media posts to spread awareness on issues important to my CBM's mission and goals.

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SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS



One of my favorite memories from my internship was attending a program meeting with Thomas Fingar where he discussed with participants the geopolitical dynamics between China and the United States. For decades he worked in the federal government, mostly in the State Department, so it was quite a privilege to hear him draw from his experience and exchange ideas with participants.

Nominating CBM Supervisor: Alannah Crandall
Title: Manager, International Programs & Events



William is caring and eager to do a good job in all that he does. William has the initiative and devotion to carry out his duties at the highest level of performance for the betterment of the overall program, our organization, and himself. When William becomes involved in a project or effort, he commits himself to that work and truly cares about doing a great job.



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Colbee Cunningham

Iowa International Center

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

Within my internship at Iowa International Center, I served as an advocate for public diplomacy and intercultural exchange, spearheading the organization's communication channels. Staying consistent with IIC's mission, I helped "welcome the world to Iowa" by creating marketing materials, developing IVLP programming, assisting with the monthly newsletter, and much more. This internship played a key role in shaping my future career path and inspired me to pursue a career in public diplomacy.



ABOUT COLBEE

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Degree

BA in International Relations, Spanish, & Multimedia Journalism

Hometown

Colfax, IA

Fun Facts

I speak three languages: English, Spanish, and Italian.

My goal in life is to visit every country on the planet.

"The importance of public diplomacy cannot be overstated. Through participating in this program, I hope to heighten my ability to effectively communicate with both domestic and foreign audiences."

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The most gratifying experience within my internship at Iowa International Center was the role that I played in executing the organization's "Female Empowerment Global Cafe" event. Within this event, our organization facilitated a dialogue surrounding the topic of gender equality between two female IVLP alumni and the greater Des Moines community. Through providing marketing and administrative support for this event, I was able to combine my aptitude for public diplomacy with my passion for gender equality.



Nominating CBM Supervisor: Kassi Bailey

Title: International Programs Director



Colbee is an amazing, driven, and smart young woman who is passionate about making a difference on a global scale. She takes initiative to plan out programs and implement solutions. One of the many qualities that makes Colbee stand out is not only her planning capabilities but her ability to connect with others to tell their stories in a meaningful way.



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Yoni Siegler

Citizen Diplomacy International of Philadelphia

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

My internship responsibilities included writing IVLP proposals; conducting independent research for the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP); and contributing to IVLP meetings by writing and delivering opening speeches, taking notes, and writing meeting summaries. I also created a run of show for our interview series (Diplomacy & Dialogue); assisted with outreach for Citizen Diplomacy International events; updated our databases with information on organizations, speakers, and guests, and created posts for social media channels.



ABOUT YONI

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Degree

BA in Tourism Management/Global Studies

Hometown

Philadelphia, PA

Fun Facts

I play guitar, sing, and write music and love discovering new artists from all genres and countries!

My family moved to Bologna, Italy when I was 14. It was sometimes difficult but it was also an amazing, life changing year as well!

"Coming from a multi-cultural household myself, international relations has always been a passion of mine. Growing up I developed a curiosity for language, culture, music, food, activism and how all of these topics intertwined."

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

A special highlight from my CBM experience was being a part of an in-person international exchange. A group of police officers and nonprofit leaders from Berlin came to Philadelphia to meet with other police officers as well as nonprofit leaders. Not only was it amazing to help on an in-person project but the topic was especially relevant. Another highlight from working at a CBM was helping with all of the logistics of an exchange and then getting to see that program come to life!



Nominating CBM Supervisor: Anna Schneider

Title: Senior Program Officer

“ Yoni has excelled in assisting with the planning stages of projects and supporting the follow-up of projects. Her cultural competency and sensitivity to visitors are particularly admirable. Yoni is not afraid to ask good questions and apply her critical thinking skills which has been valuable as we have navigated the return to in-person programming. I feel comfortable giving her higher-level tasks, knowing that she would complete them with an eye for perfection. ”



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ABOUT BEKAH

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Degree

Pursuing BA in International Studies and a BA in Spanish

Hometown

New Albany, IN

Fun Facts

I am currently studying Modern Standard Arabic.

I have worked as a Barista for almost 5 years.

"By working in my community and globally, I will meet individuals who have the ability to influence their communities for better and promote interconnectedness. Individuals like this will inspire and encourage me in my own work as a global citizen."

Rebekah Amy Smith

World Affairs Council of Kentucky and Southern Indiana

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

As an intern, I worked to develop the marketing and social media for our specific region. I developed content for several weeks and also helped promote fundraisers for our organization. I also worked with the International Visitors Program. This program was primarily virtual during my internship, therefore a lot of what I did was logistics and helping in the Zoom programming. I also wrote grants to apply for these programs on behalf of our organization and our city. I learned a great deal about research for grant writing and the in's and outs of IVLP work.



SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

I was able to attend several Global Speaker events that we hosted in our city!

Nominating CBM Supervisor: Andi Dahmer
Title: Exchange Program Manager

“ *Bekah has served as an intern since August 2021. During this period, we experienced turnover among staff as well as expansion as an organization. Bekah has been there every step of the way and goes above and beyond expectations. She has been instrumental in expanding our social media presence and is exceptional at assisting with IVLP programs. She happily and skillfully assisted with education, marketing, and programming.* ”



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ABOUT PATRICK

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Degree

Pursuing a BA in Political Science

Hometown

South Saint Paul, MN

Fun Facts

I was born on a leap day.

I have played cymbals in the Cornhusker Marching Band Drumline since 2018.

"As someone who aspires to work as foreign service officer, I enjoy any opportunity to learn from professionals in the field.

The opportunity to ask challenging questions would allow me to think about how I can tackle difficult problems and accomplish positive steps towards a better world in my own career."

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Patrick Schmidt

World Learning

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

During my time at World Learning, I worked on the International Visitors Leadership Team. I helped create virtual programming for visitors during the pandemic, who were unable to travel to the United States. I also facilitated online meetings between World Learning, CBMs, U.S. Department of State IVLP officers, and participants, kept track of budgeting and finances in Microsoft Excel and other platforms to make sure costs of programs were covered, and had the opportunity to meet up with some of my colleagues in-person in Washington, DC to learn more about what their work looks like in non-pandemic times.



SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

One of my favorite experiences was on a program with IVLP participants from French-speaking West Africa. As a student of French, being able to apply what I've learned in my nearly 7 years of studies to understand participants, panelists, and the topics covered, and be able to communicate with those individuals was very special for me.



Nominating CBM Supervisor: Klaudia Gates

Title: Program Officer

“ Patrick's motivation to learn about public diplomacy, his unwavering enthusiasm, and dedication to deliver quality support to our team made it very clear that he has the potential to become a leader in his community and to contribute to the field of public diplomacy. During his internship Patrick supported 9 IVLP projects by conducting research, creating asynchronous program content, supporting Zoom needs, and offering creative solutions. ”





ABOUT ANNIE

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Degree

Pursuing MA in International Studies at University of Denver

Hometown

Albuquerque, NM

Fun Facts

I speak Korean and Japanese and want to learn ASL next.

I play Dungeons & Dragons every weekend!

"My goal is to walk away from the Emerging Leaders program with continued optimism, drive, and the insistence that we will change the world for the better, even if it's one person at a time."

Annie Edwards

WorldDenver

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

I worked with WorldDenver's international exchange programs, from making connections for Uzbekistan Business Leaders to helping host Youth Ambassadors Program for Canada. I had the opportunity to sit in on incredible programs with the Youth Ambassadors and help lead bonding activities with my WorldDenver mentor. I also developed and edited programming content for the World Affairs Challenge Virtual Exchange, putting together guides for facilitators and activities for participants. In addition to programming, I also helped other WorldDenver interns and team members audit and organize two decades of IVLP data.



SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Youth Ambassadors Canada Program, where participants engaged in a poetry workshop with a local organization in Denver. I felt honored to help facilitate and catch a glimpse of the creativity and passion the next generation of leaders displayed.

Nominating CBM Supervisor: Matt Britton
Title: Director of Programs



Annie's flexibility, reliability, and dedication to WorldDenver's mission consistently impressed our entire team. Annie supported several projects during her time with WorldDenver, and her consideration and attention to detail stood out clearly. Annie brought a sincere kindness and sense of fun to WorldDenver and was always a pleasure to be around.



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Shanice Gitau

Cleveland Council on World Affairs

ABOUT SHANICE

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Degree

Pursuing BA in International Studies

Hometown

Ft. Worth, TX

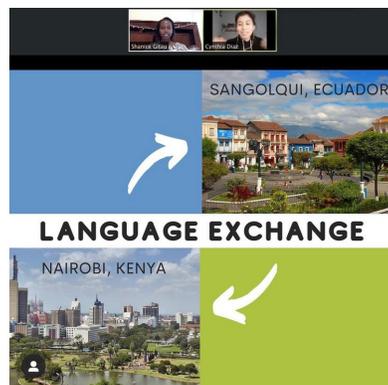
Fun Facts

I love to salsa dance and painting portraits

"A career in public diplomacy has always been an aspiration. This summer I will be serving as an intern for the United States Embassy in Ecuador. Informational sessions with ambassadors offers unparalleled insight into the field and will help me succeed in this internship position."

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

I drafted successful proposals for Cleveland to host global IVLP participants and conducted current events research for CCWA's USAID partners. I also compiled event agendas, maintained an online database of logistical records, and tracked newsletter engagements.



SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Attending and hosting my first virtual IVLP program with a group from Honduras!

Nominating CBM Supervisor: Carina Van Vliet Title: CEO

“*Shanice Gitau was one of the most talented and dedicated interns we ever hosted. Born in Nairobi, Kenya, Shanice had a profound and mature understanding of and interest in cultural diversity. She had spent time studying in China, and Taiwan, and had also interned with nonprofits providing resources to low-income communities in Ecuador. Shanice demonstrated the seriousness of her interest in international affairs and performed great work as an intern in the field.*”



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Eden Davenport

Gulf Coast Diplomacy

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

During my time at Gulf Coast Diplomacy, my first role was to work as a group facilitator and intern for an IVLP program in 2019 where we hosted attorneys from Ukraine studying veterans' legal representation in the United States. I have intermittently worked as a freelance writer for the group's website to cover local exchanges via Zoom and in person. The majority of my work in the past year has mostly focused on youth programming and intercultural facilitation. As a former Youth Diplomat, I have had the honor to work as an exchange facilitator for our Youth Ambassadors Program, the Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program (IYLEP), and our annual Camp Global summer exchange program.



SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

One of my favorite experiences from my time with Gulf Coast Diplomacy, was as a Youth Ambassador for our annual trip to Washington DC. in 2019. I was able to connect to many young professionals in the field of IR and meet with other Youth Ambassadors from World Chicago. I actually met one of my best friend's through this program, and felt it truly solidified my love for youth programming and international affairs.



Nominating CBM Supervisor: Jena Melancon Title: Founder & Executive Director

“Eden is curious, kind, and talented. She's precisely the kind of person who will do well in public diplomacy. As a participant in our Youth Diplomats program, she was a leader for younger teens, modeling how to engage with IVLP and other international exchange participants respectfully. Eden regularly attended our virtual Small World Cafe series. Eden participated as a virtual intern with the U.S. Department of State's 80 Faces of Exchange initiative. She's motivated and a good candidate for mentorship.”



ABOUT EDEN

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Degree

Pursuing BA in Global Studies

Hometown

Navarre, FL

Fun Facts

I lived in Bordeaux, France for six months as an Au Pair. My dad's side of the family is from Okinawa, Japan, and I am currently pursuing research on Okinawan land rights.

"I hope to gain the opportunity to give back to a community that has given me so much through my project and gain connections with other young leaders who are similar in their passion for global affairs."

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The logo for Emerging Leaders consists of three stylized human figures in purple, green, and orange, each with arms raised in a 'V' shape. Below the figures, the words "EMERGING LEADERS" are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.
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Nicholas David Merrill

Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy

ABOUT NICHOLAS

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Degree
BA in International Relations

Hometown
Tomball, TX

Fun Facts
I taught myself how to weld and I build bicycles for fun in my free time.

I really enjoy 3D design/printing.

"My fellowship at the Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy has been a revelation. When I was an intern at the U.S. Embassy in Prague, I longed for more opportunities to engage with those involved in our programs."

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

I assist our program officers with IVLP and "fee-for-service" programs like Open World and Jovenes en Accion. I work on securing meetings with professional resources for our program participants. If there is a home hospitality component for any program, I help manage our relations with local hosts. Otherwise, I conduct research, update Salesforce, and seek for ways to help others in the office.



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SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

I loved working on a program for Mexican high schoolers (Jovenes en Accion/Youth in Action). That project required creativity, flexibility, and lots of interpersonal interaction.

Nominating CBM Supervisor: Ahmad Afzali
Title: International Exchange Program Director

“ Nicholas is a talented young individual who is passionate about citizen diplomacy, international relations, and global affairs. He has exceeded all our expectations in terms of job performance and professionalism, and has been a great team member. While he was hired to help with programming, in his first few weeks he proved that he would be able to take charge of an exchange program and complete it independently. I am proud of nominating him to be an Emerging Leader and I know he will be outstanding. ”



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Kimberly Ann Jimenez

WorldChicago

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

During my time at WorldChicago, I worked as a program assistant for International Youth Programs. Alongside assisting the office with organizational tasks, conducting candidate placement research for our U.S. Department of State-sponsored Russian Business Leaders Program, and day-to-day operations. I, in addition, worked closely with the U.S. Department of State-sponsored programs like the Youth Diplomats program.



I assisted the Program Manager with background operations like building virtual applications, forms, and outreach. After the initial round of applications, I also helped conduct interviews for prospective candidates for the program.

ABOUT KIMBERLY

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Degree
BA in Political Science

Hometown
Chicago, IL

Fun Facts
I am a four-time National medalist in Speech and Debate.

I am Certified in Spanish as Second Language.

"Leadership is a dynamic role because it requires constant upkeep. I actively search for new knowledge, whether that means helping to advocate for the displaced, providing social tools to first-generation households, or assisting leaders in diplomatic efforts."

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS



WorldChicago opened avenues of opportunities for me professionally but also raised my morale. Diplomacy turned into something attainable through a direct approach to diplomacy, like working with the youth or young adult professionals.

The internship helped me gain a different perspective of international politics and better appreciate cultural differences through a direct conversation rather than secondary sources.

Nominating CBM Supervisor: Jabari Smith
Title: Program Manager

“ I continue to be as impressed with her diligent work ethic as I am with her sincere character. Kimberly is a thoughtful leader with a genuine passion for promoting cross-cultural exchange and cooperation, which has been reflected in every aspect of her work with WorldChicago. As a Mexican-American and self-identifying Afro-Latina, Kimberly's unique perspectives are a testament to the true diversity of culture, experience, and thought in the United States. ”



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Sarah Pratt

Northern Nevada International Center (NNIC)

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

During my time as an intern at NNIC, I provided support for a number of programs by looking into background information on topics including climate change in South Korea, supply chains in Japan, and security challenges in the United States and Europe. I also conducted research on speakers such as professors, governmental agencies, or organizations.



I drafted proposals for the IVLP program and helped with clarifying program themes and goals. Additionally, I worked as a point of contact for the Algerian Youth Leadership Program and the Study of U.S. Institutes program over the summer, which involved virtual meetings, acting as a cultural and informational liaison.

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS



Last fall, I was working on a proposal for the U.S. Embassy Seoul for a program involving young climate change activists. I worked on the background research for the preliminary draft. After our proposal was approved, we learned that the success was a direct result of the May 2021 summit between President Biden and South Korean President Moon Jae-In. I was so thrilled to be part of such a significant project. I am excited and ready to be involved in such an interesting project!

Nominating CBM Supervisor: Natalie Valenzuela
Title: Program Specialist

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Sarah displayed a high analytical capacity to set clear goals and achieve outstanding outcomes. She frequently demonstrated an interest in not only wanting to support our international exchange programs, but developing a better understanding of the Global Ties network as a whole.

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ABOUT SARAH

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Degree
BS in International Business and Management, BA in Anthropology

Hometown
Las Vegas, NV

Fun Facts
The Martha Graham Dance Company is performing in Reno in early March, and my fellow dancers and I are opening the show for them!

I have a spunky kitten named Gouda.

"My goal as a Global Ties U.S. Emerging Leader is to gain a better understanding of all of my career options and the various pathways to getting there. It will be amazing to see what I can realistically do in a field spanning global policy and women's studies."

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Rose Priebe

Global Ties KC

ABOUT ROSE

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Degree
BA in Political Science

Hometown
Overland Park, KS

Fun Facts
My creative outlet is sewing.

I have gone skiing every winter for almost a decade.

"After beginning my summer 2021 internship with Global Ties KC, I began seeing so much value in how to be a leader with communicating effectively, networking, and the importance of public diplomacy. I have just begun learning how to engage in a global community."

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

As a Youth Programs Intern, I supported the Youth Programs team by conducting outreach and coordination across diverse communities. I attended and supported virtual meetings and the facilitation of various youth programs. Through the Youth Diplomat Education Fellowship, I facilitated and planned presentations to my own cohort of Kansas high school students in international affairs, diplomacy, and design-based thinking programs. Obtained trainings on virtual meetings, social awareness, and diplomatic education for students.



SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Getting to virtually host the mentors in our Caribbean group with my mom. I got to show her what I do with Global Ties KC as an intern and be a participant with an amazing group of women.

Nominating CBM Supervisor: Courtney Brooks
Title: Executive Director

“ Rose Priebe is an exceptional young leader, with a plan for a long career in the international field. She is hardworking, and has a big heart for exchanges and youth leadership. Of our 8 summer interns, she is the one that we invited to stay on as an Education Fellow, working with our Youth leaders throughout the last year. She would be a great addition to the Emerging Leaders program and community, and a strong participant throughout the program. ”





Bushra Saida Elfarissi

Global Ties ABQ

ABOUT BUSHRA

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Degree
BA in Political Science,
Statistics Minor

Hometown
Redondo Beach, CA

Fun Facts
Is a first-generation Moroccan-American.

Loves to lift weights and is currently preparing to take the NASM Certified Personal Training Exam in June.

"We live in a time of increasing uncertainty in the world, and by joining the Emerging Leaders Program, I would be in a better, more prepared position to contribute effectively to solving problems and overall conflict resolution."

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

As the Event Coordinator and Fundraising Intern for Global Ties ABQ, my role is to create and plan events for member outreach, fundraising, and International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) programming in Albuquerque, New Mexico. From hosting small, intimate events to showcase our appreciation to our loyal and supportive members and donors to planning large, sophisticated networking events for incoming global leaders, I am involved in creating, planning, and implementing events that set the tone for connecting Albuquerque to the world.



SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

My internship experience at Global Ties ABQ has opened doors for me to meet and network with some of New Mexico's most notable people including the New Mexico State Auditor and candidate for Attorney General, the honorable Brian Colón alongside New Mexico State Representative Pamela Herndon.



Furthermore, working alongside and learning from my Executive Director and Program Manager, Yuriria Morales and Sila Avcil, respectively, served as a major turning point in my professional career. Through their endless support and guidance, I am more confident in my ability to gain significant momentum as I transition from student to working professional.

Nominating CBM Supervisor: Sila Avcil
Title: Program Manager

“*Bushra is a dedicated, professional, and passionate intern who understands the importance of international affairs, especially on a personal and intimate level. She practices the importance of cultural awareness and approaches everyone with kindness and respect. She is extremely focused and detail-oriented as she supports the operations and fundraising efforts of Global Ties ABQ.*”



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Fabiola Aydee Melendez

Global Ties ABQ

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

I have the privilege of being with Global Ties ABQ for two school semesters. The first semester I was their Communication and Marketing Intern. I was able to promote all the wonderful programs that we had. I also was able to reach out to many local leaders and highlighted them for our biweekly newsletters. In my second semester I am their Program Intern. I am able to serve as a liaison with office administration. I am able to do some more local level outreach to make networks for Global Ties ABQ.



SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

With having the privilege of reaching out to local leaders I am able to talk to many amazing people. I am able to hear about their past experiences that have helped them get to the position they are right now. I get inspired everyday by someone new.

Nominating CBM Supervisor: Yuriria Morales Title: Executive Director

“ Fabiola came as an intern to Global Ties ABQ last fall. Her passion about giving back to our community here in Albuquerque is the first thing that caught my attention about her. She is a very kind and unique individual with a great career ahead of her. She took her time to learn not just about Global Ties ABQ but also about Global Ties U.S., IVLP, and the Network. She is absolutely an emerging leader!



ABOUT FABIOLA

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Degree

BA in International Studies and Spanish, and minor in German at the University of New Mexico

Hometown

Moriarty, NM

Fun Facts

I studied abroad in Salamanca, Spain. I am a proud immigrant from Mexico. I love to Hula Hoop.

"I have never had the opportunity to speak with professionals and ask them about their careers, and I believe this program can give me the exposure needed to better understand which career path I want to take."



Emma Hantgan

Global Ties Miami

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

I am working to build the Global Ties Miami Alumni network. In this role, I have created and drafted the Alumni Network Survey, conducted outreach to over 200 English speaking alumni, and began highlighting identified Alumni. With the team's help, I have also conducted alumni outreach in Spanish.

Currently, I am working on a few IVLP program proposals. When I started my internship at Global Ties Miami I was primarily a programing intern. In this role I drafted and edited IVLP programs. Additionally, I connected affinity organizations from past internship outreach to the Global Ties Miami resource network.

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SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

I am excited to have the experience of reconnecting with IVLP alumni. Through reading the Alumni Survey responses, I have heard from visitors who would like to reconnect with our network. Building Alumni programs has been a very special experience that confirms the IVLP programs make a difference.



ABOUT EMMA

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Degree

Pursing BA in Chinese Studies and International Studies

Hometown

Scarsdale, NY

Fun Facts

I have studied abroad in Tel Aviv and Shanghai.

I was a netflix extra in The Good Cop!

"I believe a good leader is effective, has strong problem-solving skills, and communicates skillfully. Joining a cohort will help me identify and develop skills that I believe are important to become a future leader."

Nominating CBM Supervisor: Annette Alvarez
Title: Executive Director

“ Emma is now on her second internship with Global Ties Miami. Her work and commitment spoke for itself so we were thrilled to welcome her back! She'd already completed a virtual internship with the South FL Diplomat in Residence, seeking out diverse community and professional groups for speaking engagements for the DIR. Emma is determined to find a role for herself in the expansive field of International Relations, and is actively seeking avenues to pursue in Policy and/or Public Diplomacy. ”



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EMERGING LEADERS

Leah MacArt

Northern Nevada International Center

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

Throughout my internship, I worked with the Refugee Reception and Placement Program. My responsibilities focused on assisting with preparations for refugees arriving from Afghanistan and supporting their successful resettlement after arriving. This primarily involved communicating with the case managers to anticipate the needs of the refugees and organize necessities such as food, personal items, and household items. Over the course of my internship, I supported the resettlement of over 100 Afghan evacuees. I worked closely with both volunteers and donors to effectively fulfill the needs of every case we received.



SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

One of the biggest highlights of my time at the NNIC was when we hosted the 22nd annual Global Gala. I had such an amazing time working this event and it was truly incredible to see how many people understand the importance of international exchange programs to promoting peace and building a better world for everyone. I am so grateful for the countless opportunities that those at the International Center have given me to learn not only about international issues but also about those from different cultures around the world.



Nominating CBM Supervisor: Natalie Valenzuela
Title: Program Specialist

“ Leah had done a superb job supporting NNIC's resettlement team in their work to welcome and resettle new refugee clients in the Reno community, and had consistently demonstrated a willingness to learn and undertake new tasks each day. With every client she interacted with, she maintained a high level of professionalism and positivity. During her time with NNIC, Leah had expressed interest in learning more about the Global Ties Network.”



ABOUT LEAH

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Degree
BA in International Affairs, Minor in Economic Policy

Hometown
San Jose, CA

Fun Facts
My goal is to live and work in as many countries as I can.

One of my favorite pastimes is to binge-watch Jeopardy!.

"The most important thing I hope to gain from the Emerging Leaders Program is to become part of this global community so that I can develop a deeper understanding of citizen diplomacy. This program will allow me to better navigate the field of foreign affairs and to begin the exciting journey of making a global impact."

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Tremayne Booker

International House - Citizen Diplomacy Program

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

My role and responsibilities in the Citizen Diplomacy Program at international House varied between the multitude of things that needed to be done. I was responsible for drafting proposals for possible regional and multi-regional project delegations. These projects brought together young leaders to learn about topics in law, media, foreign and domestic government, and differing cultures. I also created marketing materials for delegations and Young Professionals events such as the IVLP NGO leadership delegation poster and IVLP Alumni Perspective presentation. I also worked on weekly newsletters through MailChimp, which helped spread information on upcoming events and highlighted previous successful events.



ABOUT TREMAYNE

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Degree
Masters in Business Administration

Hometown
Gastonia, NC

Fun Facts
I've been on a sports team every year of my life since I was five.

Disney World is my go-to vacation destination.

"Getting to meet and engage with business professionals and entrepreneurs from all over the world through the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) inspired me to broaden my horizons and incorporate diversity and inclusion in all aspects of my life."



SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

A highlight was definitely the Young Professionals events and the different members of the group who had a wealth of knowledge in so many diverse areas. Spending my time in the Young Professionals group really helped establish my interest in discussing and solving social issues practically on a smaller scale such as locally or statewide, or internationally on a grander scale.

Nominating CBM Supervisor: Johnelle Causwell
Title: Citizen Diplomacy Director

“ Tremayne has been an outstanding citizen diplomat along with being an exceptional team member. Tremayne is a natural leader and very enthusiastic about building relationships among people from different cultures, nationalities, races and religions. Tremayne has a tremendous work ethic. He is one of the very few interns I have had the pleasure of working with who can apply knowledge on one topic to a multitude of situations. ”



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Hannah Huisman

Council for International Visitors to Iowa Cities (CIVIC)

ABOUT HANNAH

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Degree

BA in International Studies and Japanese Studies

Hometown

Dyersville, IA

Fun Facts

I am a former Rotary Youth Exchange student and attended high school in Japan.

I am conversational in Japanese and am currently studying Korean.

"As a person who lives in the Midwest, it can be difficult to find a network of people interested in global diplomacy and international studies, and I believe this program is a great opportunity to connect with these people."

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

As a Membership and Programming Intern, I developed membership projects, such as maintaining member contact information, developing membership drives, and coordinating volunteers for our programs. I also coordinated member functions such as meet and greets with delegations and virtual dinners during the pandemic. I also helped to develop fundraising projects to partner with local businesses. As Program Coordinator, I oversee all activities related to IVLP programming, including securing and arranging visits and providing strategic direction to our interns. I frequently query the U.S. Department of State online database in search of new programs and sponsored visits to Eastern Iowa.



SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Working in various roles at CIVIC has been incredibly rewarding. Though my experiences have all been virtual, I have had incredible opportunities to strengthen my professional and intercultural communication skills. I am passionate about bridging the gaps between international communities in my personal life. I am exceedingly grateful to CIVIC for helping me to achieve this goal and allowing me to help achieve their mission of strengthening our community's participation in cross-cultural exchanges.



Nominating CBM Supervisor: Ebonique Boyd
Title: Former Executive Director

“ *Hannah Huisman's volunteer efforts directly led to me having a greater understanding of what young unpaid volunteers interested in foreign policy are going through in Iowa. Her outsized passion for learning about what was outside of her rural upbringing has been a constant flame in the office. Her passion led me to apply and win the Rural Leadership grant from the Iowa Governor's office.* ”



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