

**2023**

# Emerging Leaders Program

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# ABOUT THE EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM

Since 2011, the Global Ties U.S. **Emerging Leaders Program** has helped launch the careers of more than 150 globally-minded young professionals who represent the rich diversity in all corners of our country, including communities traditionally underrepresented in international affairs.

The program develops leaders for **local and global impact** participants engage in year-long professional development and networking activities, as well as service projects to engage their local communities in international affairs.

The centerpiece of their experience is a trip to Washington, DC to meet with leaders in public diplomacy and attend the Global Ties U.S. National Meeting. This year, their visit included a private tour of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's *Americans and the Holocaust* exhibit, offering a profound reminder of the importance of citizen engagement in foreign affairs, and a mentoring session with a former U.S. ambassador.

Alumni have pursued higher education and careers in globally-focused fields, including positions within the U.S. government, nonprofit organizations, the private sector, and even overseas. Many alumni also serve as mentors to new cohorts of Emerging Leaders.

## ALUMNI MENTORING

In 2021, when the Emerging Leaders Program celebrated its tenth year, Global Ties U.S. established the Emerging Leaders **Alumni Mentoring Program** Each Emerging Leader will be matched with alumni mentors from previous cohorts.

The mentors are among the many program alumni who credit the Emerging Leaders Program with having a lasting impact on their overall career trajectories. Mentors, much like the Emerging Leaders themselves, represent the diversity of our Network and come from all corners of the United States. The mentors are eager to share what they have learned in the years since their time as Emerging Leaders and offer guidance and support to their mentees.



# MEET SOME OF THE 2023 EMERGING LEADERS

## AMY BISHOP-SMITH

World Affairs Council of Seattle

Degree: BA in International Studies

Hometown: Seattle, WA

"The Emerging Leaders Program will provide me with the knowledge and experience to transition from classroom projects to more professional, impactful endeavors effectively and confidently."

## COLE CHISM

GlobalAustin

Degree: Master of Global Policy Studies, Security/Law/Diplomacy; Bachelor of Arts with Honors, Government; Bachelor of Business Administration, Marketing

Hometown: Cedar Park, TX

"With the support of the Emerging Leaders Program, I aim to establish the Austin Youth Council for International Visitor Exchanges to make international exchanges more accessible for young Austinites."

## DAVID HARRIS

Global Ties Alabama

Degree: Dual BA in Foreign Language and International Trade, and German

Hometown: Huntsville, AL

"The Emerging Leaders Program presents a unique opportunity that helps young adults be successful in the fields of international relations and public diplomacy. Breaking into the field of international affairs is difficult, and programs similar to Emerging Leaders are few and far between."

## DANIELLE PEARCE

World Trade Center Institute

Degree: Pursuing a BA in International Studies

Hometown: Towson, MD

"As someone who was born into one culture in Liberia and grew up in the American culture, I have a unique dual cultural perspective. The Emerging Leaders Program will give me the opportunity to learn the best communication methods from my peers and industry leaders."

## KELSEY SMITH

Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy

Degree: BA in International, Humanitarian Relations

Hometown: Sandia Park, NM

"Originally being from a very small rural town, I am actively seeking opportunities to meet ambitious, like-minded individuals passionate about international relations and public diplomacy, with a similar gusto for becoming change-makers."

**"The Emerging Leaders Program was a uniquely-valuable professional development opportunity that had a positive impact on my career in Public Diplomacy...I see mentoring as a way to give back to the program that I benefited so much from."**

**–Emerging Leaders Program alum**

# EMERGING LEADERS FUND

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*"There is a special kinship that arises from this commitment to change the world for the better and I am grateful to be a part of it."*

*—Kelsey (Sandia Park, NM)*

The Emerging Leaders program is **100% funded by donors** Global Ties U.S. is seeking to raise \$35,000 to support the next generation of globally-minded young professionals.

Your support helps talented young people like Leah become global citizens and find their path to a meaningful career, with an experience that includes:

- Travel to Washington, DC to attend the Global Ties U.S. National Meeting and participate in networking sessions with leaders at the U.S. Department of State
- Virtual and in-person Q&A sessions with diplomats, policymakers, and business leaders
- Career panels, diplomacy simulations, and skills-building workshops with expert presenters
- Local-to-global service projects in their communities
- One-on-one mentoring from an Emerging Leaders alumni

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