

OUR MISSION

The World Affairs Council of Charleston is dedicated to encouraging our community to engage globally and locally through timely, nonpartisan programs that increase our understanding of the world.

Founded in the early 1980s as a nonprofit, nonpartisan civic organization to represent a cross-section of people from business, government, education, and civil society.

Thought-provoking presentations and discussions challenge members to broaden and enhance their understanding of the world and our place in it.

We welcome new members at any time during the year.

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OUR PROGRAMS

EVENING SPEAKER SERIES

We host evening speaker events with experts from international think tanks, government service, nonprofits, academia, and the business community. A meet-and-greet reception opens the evening and is followed by a presentation and Q&A on a current international topic. These events are free for members and open to the public for a nominal fee.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LUNCHESES

We organize business lunches each year with speakers that represent international businesses or industries of interest to our state or the greater Charleston community.

SPEAKERS BUREAU

As part of our educational outreach, our members will come to your class, civic club, or organization to share their expertise in topics related to their careers in foreign affairs. These members have distinguished careers in diplomacy, international development, the military, academia, or international business.

PODCASTS AND WEBINARS

We maintain a library of podcasts and webinars featuring conversations with international experts, as well as recordings of previous speaker events and international business lunches.



ACADEMIC WORLDQUEST

Academic WorldQuest™ is the flagship youth education program of the World Affairs Councils of America. It is a fun, fast-paced team competition for high school students in communities across the U.S. to test their knowledge of global issues, world geography and cultures, and international politics. We coordinate with Charleston-area high schools each year to enter teams for the local competition in late winter. The winning team travels to Washington, DC, all expenses paid, to vie for the national championship in April.



GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions is America's largest grassroots discussion program on world affairs. Each year, the Foreign Policy Association publishes a collection of articles analyzing the most critical global issues for U.S. policymakers. In communities around the country, groups meet informally to discuss and learn about the issues. We organize interested members into small groups that meet twice monthly from February to May.

Please visit our website to learn more about our programs.

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