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2019 WACNH ANNUAL REPORT

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

The year 2019 seems to be far from our minds as we all deal with the challenges of the COVID-19 crisis. Now, more than ever, it is important that we stay in touch as we navigate through these confusing times. I do hope that those reading this find themselves in good health and that they have avoided the worst of the COVID-19 crisis. So much has changed from last year, it seems difficult to remember the positive year the Council had in 2019, but this report endeavors to highlight these many successes.

Last year was a big year for the Council, which brought continued growth and change. The 20% increase in membership, the over 1,675 audience attendees, and the hundreds of people who volunteered their time to meet with our international visitors, all show the strength of our organization and the high level of interest in our work. This also highlights the importance of our global community here in the state, as the Council could not survive without its wonderful supporters.

Without a doubt, the base of the World Affairs Council of New Hampshire is strong and it is exciting to see the potential for sustained growth. While a number of challenges face us in the years ahead, it is heartening to know that so many people look to understand and engage with the world. It is important that everyone does their part to build the world we want to see around us. Thank you all for the part you play in making this work possible.

- Tim Horgan
Executive Director

A YEAR OF FIRSTS

New Programs Launched in 2019

- Global in the Granite State Podcast
- 4 Presidential Primary Candidates
- Crossroads Film Series held in Portsmouth
- Global Pop Trivia Nights
- Student Advisory Council

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WACNH GLOBAL FORUMS



NY Times Correspondent, David Sanger,
Headlines Global Forum on Cyberwarfare.

The Perfect Weapon: War, Sabotage, and Fear in the Cyber Age

American Foreign Policy in the Trump Era



Amb Nicholas Burns speaks at WACNH Fall
Forum on global issues facing America.

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SPEAKER EVENTS

2019 saw an impressive lineup of expert speakers coming to New Hampshire to provide insight and understanding on some of the most complex global issues. Amb Nicholas Burns, General Wesley Clark, and David Sanger are just a few of the people who joined the Council in their mission of creating a more globally aware community in New Hampshire.

Over the past year, the Council hosted twenty-six speaker events on a wide range of international topics. From cyber warfare, to nuclear weapons, to China's Belt and Road Initiative, these events helped to increase the global knowledge of the membership and community. Through these discussions, New Hampshire is contributing to future growth and stability around the world.



General Wesley Clark (ret.) Speaks on Future Security Threats.

Global understanding and engagement are cornerstones of a vibrant civil society. It is important that people understand global issues and how they can affect local communities. Also, it helps to ensure voters can keep the government accountable in their actions overseas. This is why these programs are so important.

As the organization continues to provide engaging programming on top international issues, it is important to reach out to as many people as possible. In 2019 the Council had over 1,675 attendees at their thirty-one programs, seeing an almost 30% increase over the previous year.

Tackling important issues, these events provided attendees with expert insights into the global challenges that face the nation. This allows for a more educated and engaged citizenry that is more ready than ever to promote peace through understanding. The Council thanks all of its members and supporters for helping to make these important programs possible.



Lisbeth Gronlund, co-Director Global Security, of the Union of Concerned Scientists, Lays Out the Nuclear Threat to the World.

2019 Events in Review

THE YEAR THAT WAS

"Congratulations on an outstanding event. 5 outstanding guest speakers. If I were to rate the event from 1 to 10, I would call it a 12. Thanks for the good work." - Dave Schroeder on the Global Forum with David Sanger

"Many thanks for including me in your exceptional program. It was an exciting evening that provoked terrific conversations. We do look forward to further partnerships with World Affairs Council." - John Bader, Executive Director Fulbright Association on the Fall Forum with Amb. Nicholas Burns

"Very artistic, thoughtful, thought-provoking film! Thank you for this attention-getting series!" - Peter Bowman on Crossroads Film Series



Katherine Brown, CEO of Global Ties US, Speaks on her Research on the War in Afghanistan.



Chase Sova, Senior Director of Public Policy and Research at the World Food Program USA, Speaks on Global Hunger.

WACNH SPEAKERS

Building Global Understanding



31 TOTAL EVENTS

Over the course of the year, the Council hosted speakers on a wide range of topics. These included nuclear non-proliferation, foreign policy, cyber conflict, and other international issues. These events helped audiences to better understand these complex problems and what to do for it.



1,679 AUDIENCE MEMBERS

Throughout the year, the World Affairs Council of New Hampshire saw 1,679 audience members attend their events. These people came from across southern New Hampshire, including Manchester, Nashua, Concord, Portsmouth, New London, Plymouth, Windham, and other locations throughout the state.



4 PRESIDENTIAL EVENTS

In the lead up to the New Hampshire Primary, the Council hosted four different Presidential Campaigns to talk about US Foreign Policy. This included Gov. Bill Weld, Rep. John Delaney, Marianne Williamson, and the Biden Campaign. More campaigns engaged with the Council in 2020.



23 SPONSORS AND PARTNERS

The Council amplifies its efforts here in the state through various sponsors and partners that support its work. By engaging with these various groups, the organization's message reaches hundreds more people and helps to continue to build a global community here in the state. Partnering makes us all stronger.



34% INCREASE IN EVENT PARTICIPATION

2019 saw an overall increase in the number of people that the World Affairs Council of New Hampshire engaged. This turned into a 20% increase in membership over the course of the year. Continued growth is needed in order to maintain the expanded programs of the Council.

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INTERNATIONAL VISITOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



Visitor from Kazakhstan Learns About Civil Aviation Safety in NH.

The ability to meet with up and coming leaders from around the world is a special experience that the World Affairs Council of New Hampshire provides to the community. Not only do these visitors learn best practices from their meetings, the volunteer hosts also learn a lot from the visitors. In addition, it is a great opportunity to build lifelong connections that can shape the world.

Whether it is the home host who visits an alumni, or a meeting host who creates an international network, these interactions continue to bring the world closer together. With a small investment from the Federal Government, the Council is able to bring in around 250 visitors each and every year. These program participants represent the best and brightest of their countries; well positioned to create change within their communities. Global progress, in this case, starts with local face to face discussions.

Over the course of the year, the Council hosted 224 meetings, for 238 visitors. People from 68 different countries came to New Hampshire over the course of the year.

Each of these visits provides New Hampshire with the opportunity to engage directly with the world, with one particular connection standing out. The Freedom Cafe had the opportunity to meet anti-trafficking activists from India and built a strong relationship with a woman from an organization called Granthi. This visitor was so impressed with their model to create awareness, that a partnership blossomed. From August to December two members of Granthi volunteered at the Freedom Cafe to gain experience to take back home. They are now looking at ways to start their own Freedom Cafe in India.

Without these wonderful connections, the world would continue to be a big place. By bringing the world to NH's doorstep this program builds the relationships of a peaceful world.



International Visitors from India Learn About Human Rights.

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INTERNATIONAL VISITORS TO THE STATE

IVLP BY THE NUMBERS

2019

OPENING BUSINESS CONNECTIONS

448 people in New Hampshire donated over 500 hours of time to meet with international visitors and share best practices.



People from 68 different countries (highlighted in blue) visited NH in 2019 through the US Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program.



OPENING HOMES TO CULTURE

39 people broke bread with international visitors, providing the opportunity to share cultures and understanding.

OPENING ECONOMIC CONNECTIONS

Visitors spent over \$300,000 in the New Hampshire economy, through hotels, restaurants, and shopping.



OPENING HEARTS

More than 60 international visitors had the opportunity to volunteer over 120 hours with local direct service organizations. For many, this was the first time they had volunteered in their life.

WE ARE ALL GLOBAL CITIZENS AND ARE
CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER.

Find out more at
wacnh.org/internationalvisitors

Quotes from IVLP Visitors

"Out of all stops, New Hampshire became the most productive and useful, combining professional appointments with thoughtful cultural activities." - Dmitry Zolotov, Russia

"I liked Manchester and Concord, as well as Portsmouth, with nature and friendly people." - Yermek Dautbayev, Kazakhstan

"The World Affairs Council of New Hampshire arranged an eclectic but highly effective program for the visitors from Uganda." - Ramona Harper, State Department Interpreter

"Anise made our NH experience! Rounded us up and guided us. So helpful and wonderful. Also arranged a cultural outing to a Vineyard - and because of her connection, we had free admission!" - Mrinalini Sen, India

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ACADEMIC WORLDQUEST



Students from Pinkerton Academy Compete in 2019 AWQ.

For the 5th consecutive year, the World Affairs Council of New Hampshire offered high school students from across the state the chance to compete in National Academic Worldquest. Produced by the World Affairs Council of America, this program fosters the development of students' knowledge and understanding of global affairs through an annual College Bowl style competition, with the winners from each state going to Washington, DC for the finals.

In March 2019, thirteen teams from across the state met at SNHU for the half-day state competition. The team from Saint Thomas Aquinas won the day, with Milford High a close second. Each member of the St. Thomas Aquinas team received a \$2,500 scholarship from CIEE to be used toward any high school study program held outside of the U.S. Each Milford team member won a full academic scholarship from Knovva Academy to attend one of its Model G-20 summits; and traveled to Cambridge, England where they participated in a symposium on crucial world affairs with other students from around the world.

In May 2019 the Saint Thomas Aquinas team went to Washington, DC for the national competition. Meeting with 45 other teams from across the country, the New Hampshire students had the experience of a lifetime. Visits to the U.S. Institute of Peace, the State Department, and several foreign embassies rounded out their trip.

"It was fun and exciting," remarked Alexandria Hodson, a student from Pinkerton Academy, about the day. She also enjoyed the lunchtime presentation by Philip Beekman, US Ambassador in Residence; "The talk was interesting and opened up our ideas for jobs."

The 2019 Academic Worldquest was made possible by McLane Middleton, CCA Global, The School for International Training, and several other great sponsors. We thank them and the many event volunteers for making this program possible, inspiring New Hampshire's students to develop their understanding of critical issues affecting the world.



St. Thomas Aquinas 2019 Academic WorldQuest Winning Team.

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EDUCATION



Students Discuss Answers in 2019 Academic WorldQuest.

Student Experiences in their Own Words.

"I participated both to challenge myself and learn more about my topics, the AWQ was a place to meet new people and inspire me to pursue global affairs at any level." - Lucas Gendron

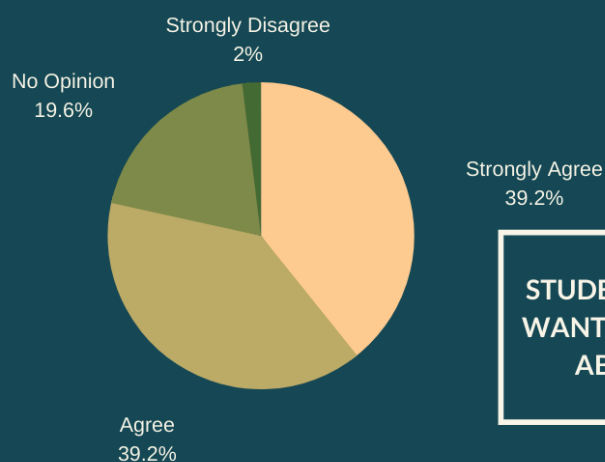
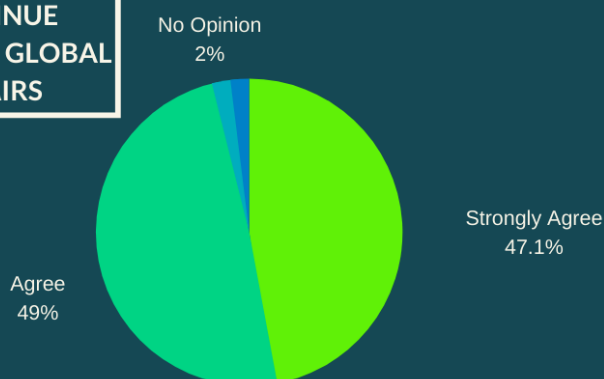
"The experience was enriching in so many ways and I was very lucky to be able to go! Thank you for the amazing opportunity!" - Jordan K., Milford HS

"Traveling to a foreign country to learn about globalization with people from around the world was an amazing experience. It was great because at home, we learn about how different cultures interact and how the world is changing because of it. But to actually be in a group of people who live the events we read about was very cool to say the least." -Kat R. on her team's trip to Model G-20 Summit in Cambridge, UK.

AWQ BY THE NUMBERS

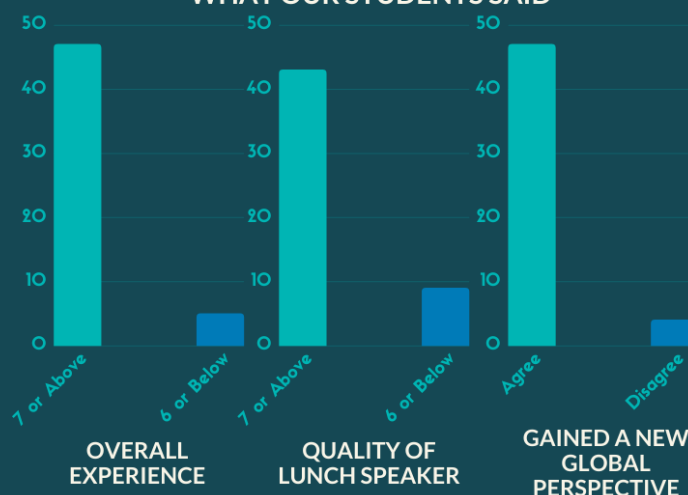
ENGAGING STUDENTS IN GLOBAL STUDIES

STUDENTS WHO WANT TO CONTINUE LEARNING GLOBAL AFFAIRS



STUDENTS WHO WANT TO STUDY ABROAD

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAID



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GLOBAL IN THE GRANITE STATE

Engaging the World in New Ways

In January of 2019 the World Affairs Council of New Hampshire launched its first ever podcast, Global in the Granite State. This NPR style interview podcast looks at both top international issues, as well as how the state connects to the world in various ways. From discussions with international visitors in the state on exchange programs, to top journalists, and leaders, this program allows people to engage with the world on their own terms.

Over the course of the year, these thirteen monthly episodes were heard in over six different countries. Here in the United States, people in at least sixteen states engaged with these programs, dramatically increasing the reach of the Council. These numbers continue to grow in 2020.



**Global in the
Granite State**

These episodes can be found on a number of different platforms for people to engage with WACNH programming. Each episode lasts about thirty minutes and covers specific important international issues.

One special interview was with David Sanger of the New York Times. He joined the program prior to speaking at the Global Forum in 2019 about the realities of cyber conflict. This program allowed the Council to explore this topic further and engage a wider audience, post event.

If you have not yet listened to the previous episodes, you can find them on your smart speaker, the Council website, or where ever you listen to podcasts. It is a wonderful way to stay up-to-date on top issues of the day and how they affect NH.



Tim Horgan Records a Podcast Interview with Freedom Cafe

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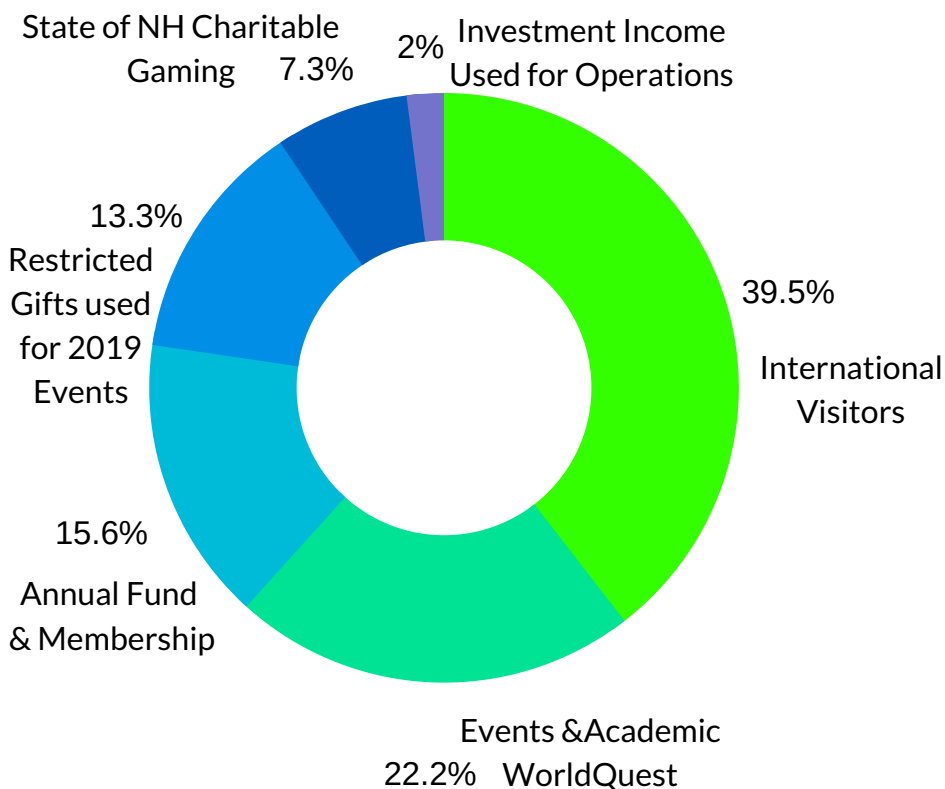
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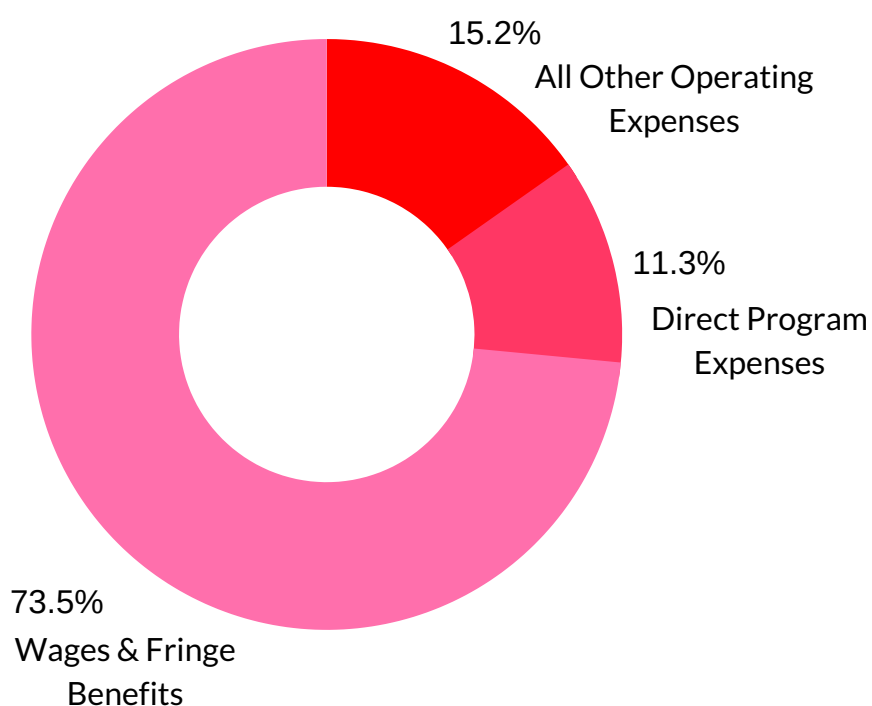


Financial Results of Operations

Year Ended Dec. 31, 2019

Line Item	Income
International Visitors	\$100,063
Events & Academic WorldQuest	\$56,191
Restricted Gifts Used for 2019 Events	\$18,578
Annual Fund & Membership	\$39,585
State of New Hampshire Charitable Gaming	\$33,700
Investment Income used for Operations	\$5,154
Total Operating Revenue	\$253,271
	Expenses
Wages & Fringe Benefits	\$174,654
Direct Program Expenses	\$26,803
All Other Operating Expenses	\$36,216
Total Operating Expenses	\$237,673
Net Operating Surplus	\$15,598

Expenses



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Students Participate at 2019 Academic WorldQuest



International Visitors Meet with Governor Sununu

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AWARD RECIPIENTS

Global Leadership Award



SNHU President, Paul LeBlanc (left), presented Howard Brodsky (right) with the 2019 Global Leadership Award. Howard was selected for his work around the world building cooperatives to create a better world.

President's Award



Ginny Szymanowski, WACNH Board Member, (Second from left) received the 2019 President's Award in recognition of her exemplary service to the Council.



Kathryn Muirhead, former WACNH Board President, received 2019 President's award in recognition of her many years of service to the Council as a Board Member and President of the Council.



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