WACNH TO WELCOME AMB NICHOLAS BURNS TO SPEAK ON U.S. FOREIGN RELATIONS

The World Affairs Council of New Hampshire is excited to bring Former Ambassador Nicholas Burns to Manchester to explore the current state of American Foreign Policy. Having worked in the Foreign Service from 1983 until 2008, Ambassador Burns has served in various countries, working for Presidents George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, as well as George W Bush, amassing a strong background in the field. He is currently the Roy and Barbara Goodman Family Professor of the Practice of Diplomacy and International Relations at the Harvard Kennedy School, is the founder and Faculty Chair of the Future of Diplomacy Project, and the Faculty Chair of the Project on Europe and the Transatlantic Relationship. Without a doubt, Ambassador Burns is a preeminent scholar of international affairs and a well respected expert on these pressing issues.

Ambassador Burns will provide an outline of the current state of US Foreign Affairs and his assessment of the challenges and opportunities the country is faced with. From a nuclear armed North Korea, to heightened tensions with Iraq, and various protest movements around the world, there is no shortage of issues to be aware of. The Ambassador's remarks will be followed by a question and answer session to allow audience members to dive deeper into the discussion and focus on issues of specific interest.

This event will be held at Southern New Hampshire University in the Dining Center. Doors will open at 5:00 pm for a reception and the event itself will start at 6:00 pm. Please do join us for this special event to benefit from the Ambassador’s deep understanding of these issues. Conversations like this are more important than ever, particularly with the Presidential election around the corner.

Tickets are $25 for Members and $35 for Not-yet-Members.
Global in the Granite State - The WACNH Podcast

In January of 2019, the World Affairs Council of New Hampshire launched its first episode of the Global in the Granite State Podcast. This interview-style podcast works to bring its listeners insights into what is going on in the world. It also looks at local companies and organizations doing impressive international work. This is a great opportunity to engage new audiences and build awareness about the global community in New Hampshire. Listen to recent episodes here: wacnh.org/Global-in-the-Granite-State

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It seems like every day there is a new global issue that needs attention. We are seeing protests of unprecedented scale in Hong Kong, Gulf tensions on the rise, a mercurial relationship with North Korea, strained relations with China, and that is only the tip of the iceberg. One can’t help but to feel overwhelmed by all of this and want to shut it out. However, the 2020 elections are approaching quickly and, whether you are a Republican, Democrat, or Independent, it is your civic duty to understand the challenges facing the nation and to make an informed decision at the ballot box. Whatever your decision is, we here at the World Affairs Council of New Hampshire are dedicated to providing you with the access to expert speakers and engaging programs for you to learn about these important international issues. Already this year we have hosted talks on nuclear warfare, cyber conflict, the war in Afghanistan, and a variety of other topics.

We are looking forward to a strong set of fall programs this year as well, highlighted by our Fall Forum with Ambassador Nicholas Burns. We will also continue to work to bring Presidential Candidates to the state to talk about their own Foreign Policy platforms. Former Governor Bill Weld, Author Marianne Williamson, and Representative John Delaney have all already accepted our invitations. WACNH looks forward to the opportunity to host all candidates and have reached out to the various campaigns. We look forward to having you at these events and continuing to be your non-partisan source for global information.

-TIM HORGAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MILFORD HIGH AWQ TEAM TRAVELS TO CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND FOR MODEL G20 SUMMIT

How do countries around the world come together to fight global pandemics? This is what a team of four high school students from Milford, NH traveled to Cambridge University in England to discuss. Attending Knowva Academy’s Model G20 Summit, these students had the chance to meet with peers from around the world and learn skills that will make them globally competent citizens. “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. I hung out with people from Canada, Turkey, Japan and Mexico. My roommate was from Greece, and I worked in a group with people from China and Turkey so there was no shortage of interesting conversation,” said Kat R., a senior. The team traveled to this summit through a Knowva Academy sponsorship of WACNH’s Academic WorldQuest.

Jordan K., a junior, said of the experience “I am so thankful I had the opportunity to attend the model G-20 summit in Cambridge. It was an incredible opportunity. Not only did I get to meet people from around the world and have the opportunity to expand my world view, but I also learned a lot about the topic and my assigned position: global health, Germany, and trade. In addition, I learned how to negotiate with others and better my public speaking. The experience was enriching in so many ways and I was very lucky to be able to go! Thank you for the amazing opportunity!”
IVLP GROUP MEETS WITH GOVERNOR SUNUNU

On July 16th, a group of government officials from Papua New Guinea took the time to sit down with Governor Chris Sununu to talk about accountable governance. Over the course of this meeting, both sides shared about the overall functions of their government and how they work to keep it open and transparent. “This meeting benefited all directly” said Tim Horgan, WACNH Executive Director. “It is amazing when our visitors have the chance to meet with their counterparts and share best practices.”

As a part of the US State Department’s International Visitor Leadership Program, the group traveled to NH to learn about accountable governance. They will take what they heard back home with them to improve their own systems.

WACNH TO HOST GLOBAL TRIVIA NIGHTS

This fall, the World Affairs Council of New Hampshire will host a series of four global trivia nights on the campus of Southern New Hampshire University. These tests of global knowledge will pit teams of 4-8 people against each other for the opportunity to win great prizes. Questions will range from general knowledge, to current events, pop culture, history, and international affairs. These events, held on September 17th, October 15th, November 19th, and December 9th, are free and open to the public. Free snacks will be provided and a cash bar will be available, including a selection of globally themed drinks. Join us for this fun night of trivia and show us your skills! For those who want a leg up on the competition, take some time to engage with the other World Affairs Council of New Hampshire’s events and programs. You never know what hints and knowledge you may pick up from the Global in the Granite State Podcast.

“IT doesn’t take the whole country or world to start up something. This was evidenced when I interacted with the founders of different non profit organizations in Concord.”

- International Visitor on Meetings in New Hampshire
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