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2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

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From left to right: Current U.S. Social, Political, and Economic Issues for Young European Leaders Virtual Exchange // United States Senator Amy Klobuchar speaking on foreign policy platform // International Visitor Leadership Program Participant at NH Women's Foundation // Titik Nurhayati from Indonesia with WACNH IVL Program Manager Anise Jasman-Sayers // Burundi Visitor at New Hampshire Public Radio



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Letter from the Executive Director & Board President –

Dear Members,

We hope that you, your friends, and families have come through this extraordinarily difficult year in good health and spirits. It is with a view to a better future that we are eager to return to our in-person programs, while retaining the benefits that digital spaces have created.

Here at WACNH, the restriction resulting from the pandemic inspired creativity and rapid changes, allowing our most critical programs to continue. By quickly pivoting to online delivery, we reached an even wider audience. People from more than 45 countries and 26 states participated in our online programs—a much broader geographic reach than we have ever achieved.

The quality of our programs has remained top-notch. As you'll see in this report, we hosted excellent speakers addressing important topics, honoring our mission to bring the world to New Hampshire and New Hampshire to the world. The responses from our members have been consistently positive and enthusiastic.

We continued the International Leadership Program, hosting up-and-coming leaders from around the world in virtual discussions with our volunteer home hosts and community groups. Our program for High School students resumed in March of 2021, with a virtual format, that included participation by students from nine states.

All of this was possible thanks to generous support from you, our donors, members, sponsors, and our many collaborating community partners. Your support has made a tremendous difference, and we are grateful for all you have done to make it possible for us to engage the citizens of New Hampshire in these vital conversations.

We will return to in-person programming as soon as it is safe to do so, and we will continue to provide excellent opportunities for audiences to learn about global issues and contribute to positive solutions. We will redouble our efforts to improve diversity and inclusion throughout both our programming, and our organization, ensuring that all perspectives are heard and have real impact on the programs we offer.

In this era of misinformation, it is essential that we continue to provide access to reliable, fact-based analyses of critical issues, fostering public dialogue among our fellow citizens here in New Hampshire. We remain committed to providing audiences with the information they need to understand issues, events, and people from all around the world.

On behalf of the WACNH staff and Board, we wish you good health in the year ahead, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

With much gratitude,

Tim Horgan, Executive Director

Ginny Szymanowski, President of the Board

GLOBAL SPEAKER PROGRAMS

Addressing the World's Most Complex Issues

The World Affairs Council of New Hampshire is pleased to report that in spite of the challenges the pandemic posed for our speaker programs—Global Tipping Points, Global Forum, WACNH Live! and the Seacoast Speakers Series—we were still able to successfully host 37 in-person and online events last year.

Highlights included hosting two former U.S. Secretaries of State and two Brigadier Generals, as well as top academics, foreign policy experts, leaders of international NGOs, and several Presidential Candidates. Through these programs, viewers were able to learn about critical global topics such as rising authoritarianism around the world, the convergence of national security and climate change, the challenges posed by nuclear proliferation, and much more.

With the transition to fully online events in March, overall viewership increased by more than 122% over the previous year, more than doubling the impact of our speaker programs. People from across the state, country, and even the world, were able to engage in substantive discussions on these key topics. Through expert insights and analysis, audience members were better equipped to identify misinformation and engage in substantive discussions on these vital issues.

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What an unusually fine experience Tuesday evening. Very unusual to be virtually invited into Secretary Hagel's home and seated around his room for an intimate conversation. It was so personable and he was so relaxed, welcoming and informative.

– ANDY SUPPLEE
North Sutton, NH



Leanne Erdberg Steadman, Director of the U.S. Institute of Peace's Countering Violent Extremism



Ray Mabus, former Secretary of the Navy



Ernest Moniz, former United States Secretary of Energy

45+

COUNTRIES
INTERACTED
WITH OUR
PROGRAMS

2

Brigadier
Generals
Hosted


THREE
US SENATOR

30

Program
Partners

9.38

AVERAGE RATING
FOR EVENTS
LAST YEAR

4

PRESIDENTIAL
CANDIDATES
HOSTED

3,788

VIEWS ACROSS
37 PROGRAMS

FOUR

Former US
Secretaries
Hosted


NINE

Global Trivia
Nights

“

Thank you, that was the most fun I've had in a long time! I had wanted to join your trivia nights in the past, but this was the first one I could attend. Will be on the lookout for others!

– PATRICIA HARRISON
Washington, DC

“

It was an extremely timely and informative session. The admiral's insight was exceptional and I look forward to reading his book.

– SUSAN VON HEMERT
Portsmouth, NH

“

Great event last night! It was an excellently curated panel; each member brought a different set of experiences and expertise to the conversation.

– ALEXANDRA HACKBARTH
Washington, DC

GLOBAL IN THE GRANITE STATE PODCAST

Global Insights



on

A monthly podcast of the World Affairs Council of New Hampshire, this program focuses on top international issues and provides in-depth insights that listeners cannot get anywhere else. Interviews with academics, non-governmental leaders, and researchers provide the opportunity for a thorough analysis of topics in a way a one-minute news story does not. This format provides an easy way for people to engage with the Council's work on their own time, from the comfort of their own home, car, or even the beach.

Not only has the Global in the Granite State been heard in 28 different countries, it has also been listened to in over 30 different states. This has greatly increased awareness of the Council and its efforts, particularly important in a year where speaker events transitioned to the online space.

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We are grateful to you all for keeping us connected to the wider world when even the main stream news is “world affairs lite” day after day but uses their air time luff and stuff. Thank you each and all.

– JOHN AND SANDRA ELLER
Concord, NH



Episode #18 -

May 1st, 2020

The Economy Episode



Episode #20 -

July 1st, 2020

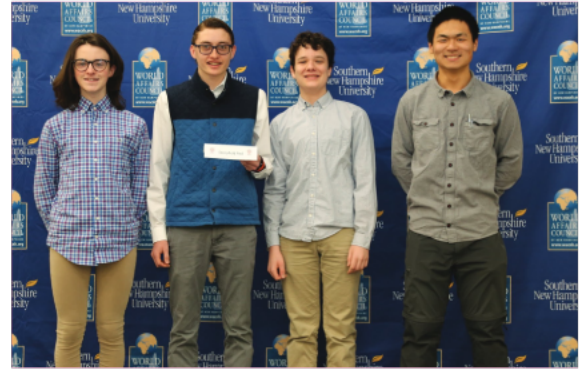
The Equality Episode



Episode #17 -

April 1st, 2020

The Democracy Episode



ACADEMIC WORLDQUEST

Preparing the Next Generation of Global Leaders

Despite both the local and national 2020 Academic WorldQuest competitions being canceled, we are so proud of the students who diligently studied for this global quiz bowl. Starting in the fall of 2019, students spent countless hours studying global issues, expanding their international outlook and interests. We were very disappointed to have to cancel the competition at the last minute, due to the pandemic, but are happy to report 48 students still engaged in international studies.

Over the past five competitions, the Academic WorldQuest has engaged almost 500 New Hampshire students. Not only do students gain global knowledge and understanding, but the program also sparks a lifelong interest in global affairs, as indicated by our 2019 post-program survey. The competition will be held in 2021 and we are so excited about continuing to engage students in this inspiring program.

12
TEAMS
FROM 8 HIGH
SCHOOLS

*(registered and prepared
for the competition, which
was canceled)*

48
STUDENTS
REGISTERED

10
Global
Topics Studied

Photos above from 2019 NH Academic WorldQuest at Southern NH University

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (IVLP)

Citizen Diplomacy in Action

In partnership with the U.S. Department of State, WACNH hosts current and emerging leaders from around the world who come to New Hampshire to learn from their professional counterparts and to exchange ideas. These visitors have the opportunity to learn about the U.S. and build relationships with everyday Granite Staters, helping to promote international understanding and cooperation and increase cross-cultural competency.

As with all programs in 2020, the global pandemic created a number of challenges by preventing visitor groups from traveling to the U.S. starting in April. In a typical year, we host about 275 international visitors for 40-50 programs, creating hundreds of opportunities for the people of New Hampshire to engage directly with the world. By quickly pivoting to online exchanges, WACNH was still able to engage 104 international visitors and 72 local people. From online home hospitality Zoom gatherings, complete with pumpkin carving on Halloween, to in-depth discussions on political polarization in the U.S., and how to deliver quality on-line education during a global pandemic, WACNH ensured that our visitors and local hosts had the opportunity to share and learn from each other.

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The Court staff and I always look forward to hosting judiciary dignitaries through the IVLP program. We enjoy exchanging information on our respective legal systems and learning different perspectives on the role of the judicial branch and the rule of law.

– DANIEL LYNCH

Clerk of Court/U.S. Magistrate Judge,
US Federal District Court



IVLP Group from Indonesia volunteers at Nashua Soup Kitchen





WHERE IN THE WORLD?



International
Visitors from
55
Different
Countries!

Armenia
Bahrain
Bosnia & Herz
Bulgaria
Egypt
El Salvador
Finland
Ghana
Guatemala
Iraq

Jordan
Kenya
Kuwait
Malta
Nepal
Netherlands
Philippines
Serbia
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Slovenia
South

Spain
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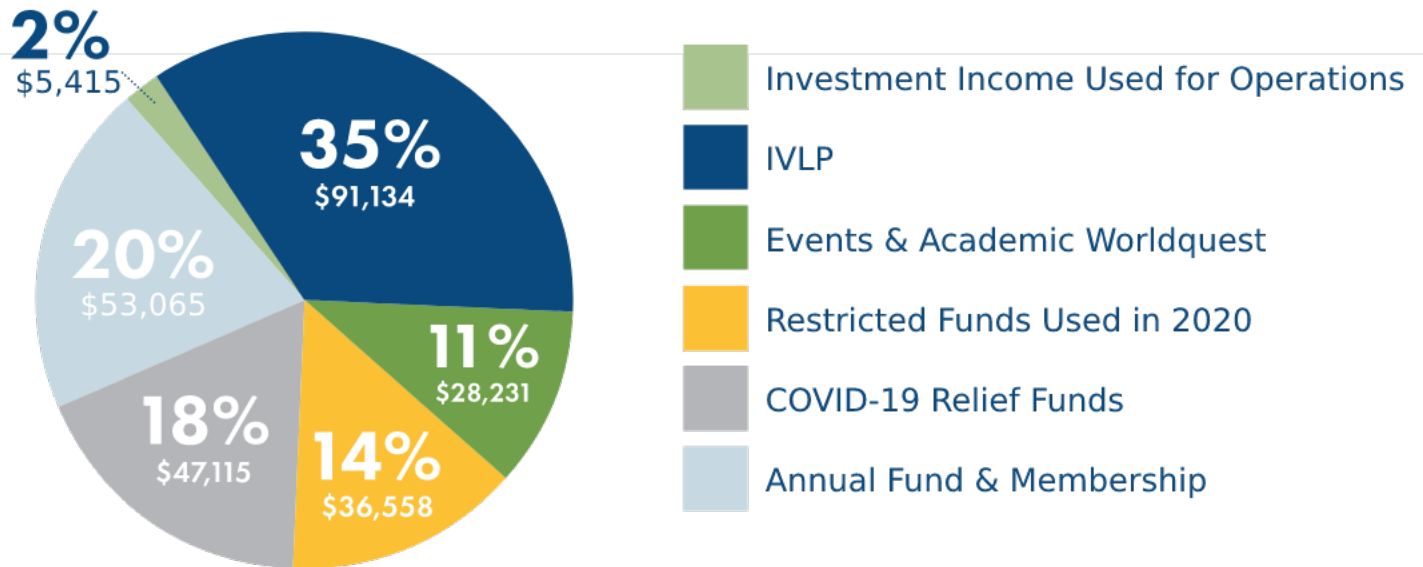
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Breaking Down the Numbers

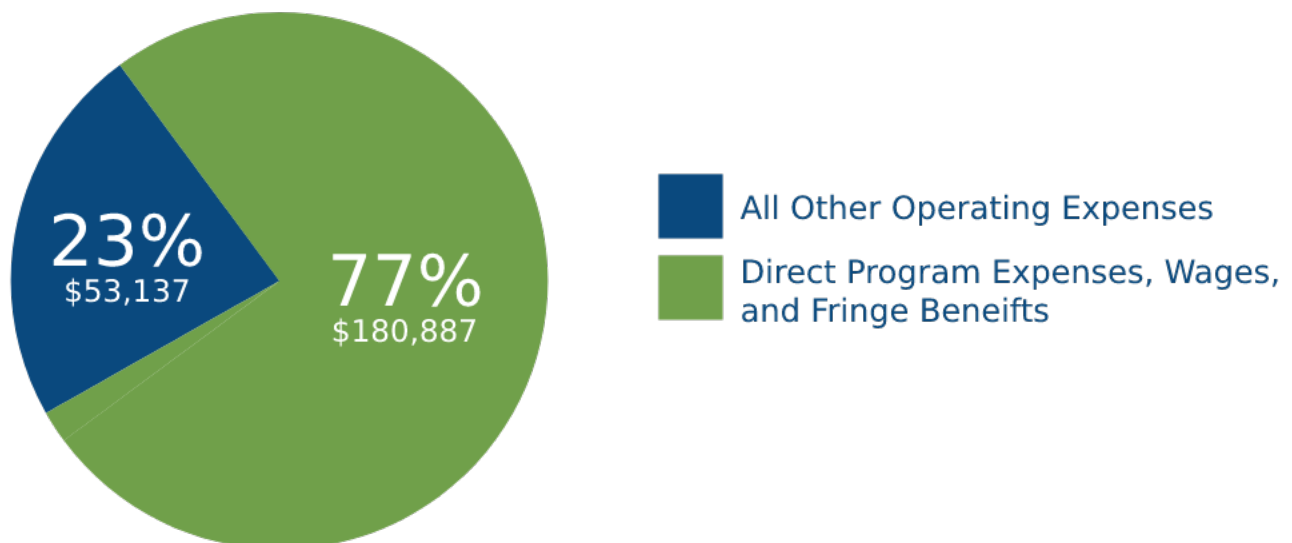
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{TOTAL OPERATING INCOME} \$261,518



EXPENSES

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\$234,024



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Thank you so much for putting on the three excellent programs this fall.

Each event was engaging and highlighted the deep expertise of the speakers. The events themselves were well-run and produced. We have been thrilled to be a part of the series!

– MAURA SULLIVAN

Jackson Foundation - Seattle, WA



IVLP Visitors from Middle East and North Africa meet with NH State Legislators



IVLP Visitor from Chad Meets with New Hampshire Women's Foundation

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