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Jordan: A Partner for Peace, Stability, and Prosperity



Jordan, a pivotal U.S. ally in the Middle East with strong ties to Minnesota, has played a leading role in addressing the many challenges facing the region, both political and economic. A strong advocate for a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace between Israel and the Palestinians and a critical partner in combatting terrorism and addressing the conflict in neighboring Syria, Jordan has also promoted closer commercial ties through the U.S.-Jordan Free Trade Agreement and has been a model of inclusion and compassion to more than 700,000 refugees. Join us as we welcome Ambassador of Jordan Dina Kawar for an update on her country's relationship as a key United States partner, and its critical role as a

force of moderation, peace, and prosperity in the region.

Making history as the first Arab woman to preside over the United Nations Security Council, Ambassador Kawar's career has seen success at the highest levels of diplomacy. In 2016, she was appointed by the President of the United Nations General Assembly as a co-facilitator for the critical General Assembly meeting on the large movement of refugees and migrants. Previously, Ambassador Kawar served as the Ambassador to France.

NEW MEMBER SPECIAL!

Become a new Global Minnesota member at the \$75 level and attend the event with Ambassador Kawar for FREE! Learn more at globalminnesota.org or call 612.625.1662.

New membership tax deductibility will be impacted by the benefits received through this special.

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WHEN & WHERE

Thursday, April 19
Minneapolis Club
729 2nd Ave. S,
Minneapolis

MORE INFO

Visit globalminnesota.org for event details, including timing and pricing.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Building Momentum



Spring has arrived, at last! As winter melts away, we've been gearing up for several exciting months of programs and events. This issue highlights just a few examples of our forward momentum.

First, we're taking our free Global Conversations series to the next level by featuring national speakers, including Brookings Institution Senior Fellow Jonathan Stromseth on China's geopolitics and the return of former CNN Moscow Bureau Chief and Correspondent Jill Dougherty on relations with Russia. These popular public forums bring communities together to foster dialogue on important international issues.

Second, we're committed to covering a variety of topics and regions of the world. April brings us the Ambassador of Jordan Dina Kawar for a presentation on the critical role her country plays as a force of moderation, peace, and prosperity in the region. And in May, we'll tackle the tough issue of human trafficking with an evening seminar focused on global efforts to fight modern-day slavery.

Finally, our yearlong exploration of China will come to a close with our annual gala in June. This summer garden party is our **largest** and **most important** fundraising event of the year. Join us for Chinese-inspired cuisine, musical entertainment, and the chance to bid on unique and international auction items, all while raising funds for programs that connect Minnesotans to the world.

We are doing great things, and we continue to build upon our core strengths to accomplish even more. However, none of this work would be possible without the tremendous support of members, who are at the heart of our mission. Thank you for the countless ways you help make Minnesota global.

Carol Engebretson Byrne

GET YOUR TICKET TO THE

Year of China Gala

Tickets are now available for our annual summer gala — a fun, must-attend fundraiser for the international enthusiast. This June, we'll explore the many facets of Chinese culture while raising funds that support ALL Global Minnesota programs. And, we are excited to introduce mobile bidding for our silent auction!

Get more when you give more! Become a gala sponsor and enjoy exclusive benefits. Visit globalminnesota.org to buy tickets or contact Individual Giving Officer, Kristi Pogatchnik at 612.625.0620.

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events

Former CNN Foreign Affairs Correspondent Jill Dougherty Returns to Minnesota

Last year, former CNN Moscow Bureau Chief and Correspondent Jill Dougherty made Minnesota a stop along the Kennan Conversations tour. A whirlwind trip of only 48 hours, Jill's time included appointments that raised the state's national profile and engaged Minnesotans such as a meeting with



Highland Park Senior High students studying international affairs, a briefing with corporate members, a tour of The Museum of Russian Art with Ambassador Ross Wilson, a media appointment with the *Star Tribune*, a reception with Great Decisions group lead-

ers and speakers, and a sold-out public lecture for nearly 200 people.

This spring, we're excited to welcome Jill back to Minnesota in partnership with the Kennan Institute of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars to present her expert opinion on the future of Russian relations. Don't miss the opportunity to hear Jill speak at May's FREE Global Conversations: Putin's Re-election – Stability or Stagnation?

calendar

April 11	FREE	12:00 - 1:00 pm	Global Conversations ST. PAUL: China and America - The New Geopolitical Equation
April 11	FREE	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Global Conversations MINNEAPOLIS: China and America - The New Geopolitical Equation
April 19		5:30 - 8:30 pm	Opportunities and Challenges for the United States in the Western Pacific
April 24	FREE	8:00 - 10:00 am	Doing Business in China
April 30		6:00 - 8:00 pm	Culture Through Cuisine: China
May 7		5:30 - 8:30 pm	Global Cooperation in the Fight Against Human Trafficking
May 9	FREE	12:00 - 1:00 pm	Global Conversations ST. PAUL: Putin's Re-election - Stability or Stagnation?
May 9	FREE	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Global Conversations MINNEAPOLIS: Putin's Re-election - Stability or Stagnation?
June 27	FREE	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Global Conversations: Losing an Enemy - Obama, Iran, and the Triumph of Diplomacy

Global Conversations is based on Great Decisions, a citizen education and discussion program sponsored nationally by the Foreign Policy Association and brought to you in partnership with the Friends of the Minneapolis Central Library and Landmark Center.

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An International Visit to the Bold North

Every year, hundreds of leading international visitors come to Minnesota through our Professional Exchanges program. Visits are short but impactful. So, you may wonder: what **exactly** do they do while they're here, where do they go, who do they see?

Last spring, a group of professionals from Bangladesh, China, Ethiopia, the Republic of Kosovo, Saudi Arabia, and Zimbabwe traveled to Minnesota to build international cooperation around common global health challenges such as infectious diseases, HIV illnesses, and maternal and child health.

Here's a snapshot of their Minnesota experience.

Start Here

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Arrive in Minnesota



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Meet with the Minnesota Department of Health, Refugee and International Health Program to discuss effective public health outreach to new refugees and underserved individuals

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Dinner in the homes of Global Minnesota members Brad Kohl, and Leanne Engfer and David Yaffee. Dinner hosting is an exclusive member benefit!

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Meet with Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and Minnesota Board of Animal Health

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Lunch with University of Minnesota School of Public Health Dean John R. Finnegan Jr.

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Sights and scenes at the Stone Arch Bridge



7

Meet with the Masonic Children's Hospital at the University of Minnesota to discuss improving patient experience

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Meet with University of Minnesota School of Public, Health Rural Health Research Center

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Travel to Alexandria! Meet with Alexandria Clinic to discuss rural health care access

10

Return to Minneapolis for a cultural evening in the Twin Cities

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Depart Minnesota



At the end of their travels, visitors return home with new ideas for their communities and connected to a network of friends and professional counterparts in Minnesota.

Find Your Global Connection

In challenging times like these, there may be one thing we can agree on: Human connections across the globe — sharing ideas and learning from each other — bring hope. Hope for understanding, hope for peace, hope for a brighter future.



ATTENDING
EVENTS



DINNER
HOSTING

GLOBAL
MINNESOTA
MEMBERS
CONNECT
THROUGH:



LEARNING
ABOUT THE
WORLD



WHERE
WILL YOU FIND
YOUR GLOBAL
CONNECTION?

PICK YOUR PERK

Become a new member before April 25 and choose your extra perk: one free ticket to the event with the Ambassador of Jordan OR one free ticket to Culture Through Cuisine: China.

A portion of your membership will not be tax deductible based on benefits received.

Join us and be part of a network of globally-minded individuals acting locally to make Minnesota, and the world, a place of hope. And your tax-deductible contribution as a member supports all the work we do at Global Minnesota. From broadening the worldview of teens to fostering dialogue on important international issues, Global Minnesota is a vital community resource. We need, and we appreciate, your support. To join, please visit globalminnesota.org/membership or call 612.625.1662. **Thank you to our members.**



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High School Students on a Quest...a WorldQuest!

Now in its 13th year, Academic World-Quest once again offered high school students from across the state the opportunity to show off their global skills. This past February, nearly 40 teams matched wits on international topics including NAFTA, climate change, cybersecurity, Saudi Arabia, and America's diplomats in a tight race to the top. Next up, the winning team from Breck School will represent Minnesota in Washington, D.C. at the national competition in April.

Special thanks to this year's emcee KARE 11 News reporter Karla Hult, and to corporate member Ecolab and the University of Minnesota's Institute for Global Studies for their sponsorship support.



1ST PLACE	Breck School A
2ND PLACE	Edina A
3RD PLACE	Rochester Mayo A
4TH PLACE	Como Park A
5TH PLACE	Highland Park B, Rochester Mayo B

Visit globalminnesota.org for more photos and complete team standings.



**SEVERAL SCHOOLS
JOINED THE COMPETITION FOR
THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR,
INCLUDING TWO TEAMS FROM
ROCHESTER MAYO.**