

CIP Visits the U.S Global Leadership Coalition State Leaders Summit!

In early June, our executive director, Mark Poeppelman, attended the U.S Global Leadership Coalition State Leaders Summit in Washington, D.C! At the summit, NGO and business leaders from all over the country spoke about the importance of strengthening the United States' moral leadership and diplomatic relations. A few key speakers included Senator Tim Kaine, Secretary of Treasury Jacob Lew, Congressman Don Bacon, Congressman Tom Emmer, and Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal! Within the course of two days, topics such as national security, economic engagement, and third-world development were discussed in great detail.

Key speeches of the summit included discussion over the future of aid and trade in our globalized world, driving development in Africa, and the differing approaches to countering extremism. In addition to this, recent statistics regarding the importance of international connection in Ohio were distributed. Did you know that in Ohio alone, 37,752 international students were enrolled in a college or university? And between 2014 and 2015, 12,868 Ohio students studied abroad? These are just a few numbers that demonstrate the importance of international exchange in Ohio.

Aside from reading data, Mark participated in a multitude of activities. On the last day of the Summit, Mark had the opportunity to visit Capitol Hill. Along with 500 other participants, Mark advocated to maintain the current federal spending level on international affairs—only 1% of the entire federal budget—in an attempt to curb proposed cuts to the International Affairs Budget. As a non-profit that promotes international understanding through intercultural exchange, we encourage our members to follow Mark's example. Contacting local congress men and women is a great way to voice your concerns over the future of our international affairs policy, and can be done through this [website](#).



Senator Tim Kaine



For highlights of the summit, watch this [video](#)!



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Welcome to CIP

Cierra Carafice and Emily Locke have joined us for the summer and are already off to a great start! Read a little bit about them both below!.



Cierra Carafice is from Cincinnati, Ohio. She is currently a junior at The Ohio State University, and is double majoring in International Studies and Political Science. During her stay as an intern at CIP, she hopes to connect with professionals around the world and strengthen her networking skills! She is excited to take part in an organization that encourages international camaraderie, and is looking forward to our Rule of Law exchange program in August. Already, Cierra has traveled to Japan for study abroad, and plans on bringing a fresh perspective to our office!



Emily Locke is from Granville, Ohio. As a junior at The Ohio State University, she is pursuing a major in International Studies and a minor in French. She hopes to strengthen her communication skills, develop cross-cultural relationships, and improve her networking abilities. Emily is excited to spend time with our delegations and international professionals in residence. She has already studied abroad in Western Europe, and is now planning on traveling throughout the rest of the United States after graduation. As she learns more about the CIP, she hopes to become an integral part of the global community here in Columbus.

Happy Fourth of July from the Columbus International Program!

As we strive to foster international understanding, we also want to celebrate our home country's festivities. For our global members, click [here](#) for a brief history of the holiday.

If you are in Columbus during Independence Day, here is a list of a local activities:

- July 3rd: Red, White and Boom
- July 4th: Doo Dah Parade
- July 4th: Concert

Click [here](#) for more details!



Join us for our 43rd Annual International Taste of Columbus!

On August 19th, CIP is hosting our annual fundraiser, but this year, we are switching it up. Our 43rd Annual International Taste of Columbus will be held at The Kitchen, a unique venue that provides a participatory experience for both patron and chef. We will be honoring our current Nepali program participant, Rajaram Joshi, and the over 20,000 Bhutanese-Nepali immigrants who call Columbus home. For a great night of cultural immersion and authentic Nepali cuisine, purchase tickets now! **Seats are limited, and there are less than 100 left.**

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