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ANNUAL REPORT

2022-2023



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to each of you for making our 2022-2023 PCFR season a brilliant success! We hosted over 3,100 people at programs where 63 speakers covered a range of issues, regions and hot spots around the globe, featuring ambassadors, foreign officials, scholars, and Arizona leaders. PCFR continues to deliver on our mission by bringing the world to Arizona by providing access to top foreign policy minds to discuss issues facing our world.



This year, we were pleased to partner with the Office of the Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives to provide legislators and state leaders with opportunities to interact with a number of foreign delegations for the betterment of Arizona. Hosting foreign officials and exposing them to the many opportunities available in Arizona resulted in benefits for policymakers, community leaders, and PCFR members.

We celebrate a banner year, we are focused on our mission, and the future of PCFR is bright. Enjoy your summer! Wishing you health, happiness and a chance to relax and enjoy friends and family. We look forward to welcoming you back to PCFR in the fall for another season of relevant and informative international programs!

Best Regards,

Claire Sechler Merkel
2021-2023 PCFR President





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“ Reflecting on this past year, I am so proud of what we’ve accomplished, together. From the quality of speakers, to the depth of conversations, to the enduring international connections that have sprouted through PCFR, we have continued our mission of growing Arizona’s footprint on the global stage and bringing the world a little closer to home. As PCFR’s Vice President, I am incredibly grateful to PCFR’s membership, partners, and staff, and look forward to the continued growth and success that lies ahead.

LUKE WENZ
PCFR VICE PRESIDENT



MEET THE PCFR TEAM

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Tina Waddington

"Over the past year, PCFR brought on new employees to support our growth. The entire team on this page has been involved with PCFR for many years in different capacities and it's been a tremendous joy to grow the organization with supportive and talented individuals. My proudest moment this past year was opening up our annual report and reflecting on the impactful programming, but more importantly, feeling immense gratitude towards all of our members, board and volunteers who make our mission possible."



PROGRAM MANAGER

Sam Richardson

"Working with incredible staff, fellows, interns, and volunteers to put on over 58 PCFR events this year has been one of my proudest moments. Many times there would be hiccups in planning or an immense amount of work that needed to be done, but our PCFR team banded together to meet every challenge."



BOOKKEEPER

Marie Kennedy

"Working with this PCFR Team has been a challenging and inspiring experience with their schedule of powerful new programs, speakers and events! The result has been renewed interest, membership growth and increased activity year round!"



MARKETING COORDINATOR

Caitlin King Khoury

"I work with many nonprofit organizations, but PCFR stands out as one of my favorites. We have a positive, ambitious team and work well together -- it is truly a joy to be a part of it. My proudest moment of the year was seeing my designs on display at the International State of the State with Governor Katie Hobbs."





VOLUNTEERS

143

VOLUNTEER HOURS
ACROSS 25 EVENTS

19

VOLUNTEERS

\$4,300

IN ECONOMIC
IMPACT



“ Volunteering for PCFR has provided extreme value to me as a student. I have learned exemplary leadership skills as well as task delegation not only from the staff of PCFR but from the other volunteers as well. Working events as a volunteer has allowed me to learn from the best, while being surrounded by intelligent and esteemed community members. Being able to network with the staff of PCFR as well as the volunteers and the attendees has allowed for many connections as well as learning moments. I look forward to continuing my journey as a volunteer and highly recommend other students to do so as well, to gain the value and knowledge that I have from PCFR.

BRIANNA BONNELL, PCFR MEMBER & VOLUNTEER



“ As a PCFR volunteer, I appreciate the diverse content and speakers, ranging from academics, to ambassadors, to former national security advisors. Volunteering for PCFR does not feel like work, because I have been able to make great professional connections with subject matter experts, and build relationships with other members who share similar interests and passions, in the process. I love that PCFR offers both in-person events and virtual programming, like the monthly Great Decisions discussion group. I have found those conversations to be informative and useful, both personally and professionally. With PCFR, I get to help bring the world to Phoenix, and Phoenix to the world.

RICHARD BEITMAN, PCFR MEMBER & VOLUNTEER





MISSION IN ACTION

58 TOTAL PROGRAMS



3,100 PROGRAM ATTENDEES

\$1,200 IN PROGRAMMING VALUE FOR OUR MEMBERS

530 ATTENDEES IN THE LARGEST INTERNATIONAL STATE OF THE STATE TO DATE

COLLABORATIVE ORGANIZATIONS

- Alliance for Securing Democracy
- Arizona Commerce Authority
- Arizona Defense and Industry Coalition
- Arizona Governor's Office
- Arizona House of Representatives
- Arizona Lodging and Tourism Association
- Arizona Public Service
- Arizona Swiss Society
- Arizona Tech Council
- ASU Center for Constitutional Design
- ASU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- ASU Melikian Center for Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies
- ASU Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
- ASU School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership
- ASU School of Politics and Global Studies
- ASU Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication
- ASU Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions
- City of Phoenix
- Consulate General of Mexico in Phoenix
- Diplomatic Corps of Arizona
- Global Ties Arizona
- Irish Cultural Center and McClelland Library
- Maricopa Community Colleges
- The McCain Institute at ASU
- Phoenix Community Alliance
- Salt River Project
- Thunderbird School of Global Management
- Town of Gilbert
- Treffpunkt
- University of Arizona

OUR PROGRAMS

Speaker Series

International State of the State

Worldly Perspectives

Great Decisions | Foreign Policy Association

New Look Book Club

Annual Holiday Party





MISSION IN ACTION

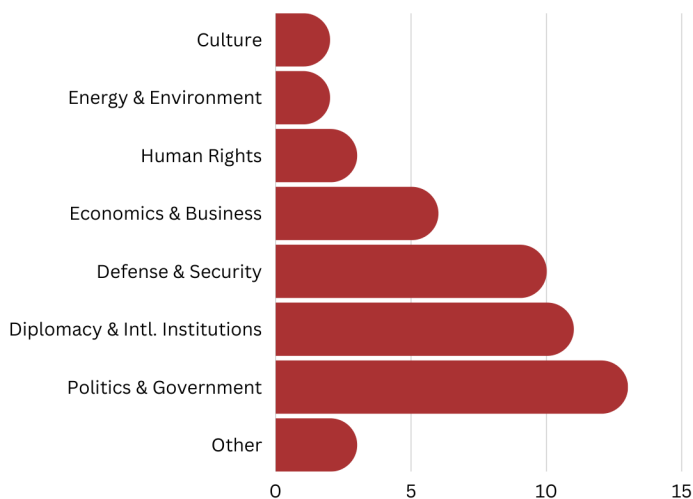
PROGRAMMING BY COUNTRY

U.S. 28	SAUDI ARABIA 2	GHANA 1	KOSOVO 1	PERU 1
CHINA 11	AFGHANISTAN 1	GUAM 1	MEXICO 1	SOUTH AFRICA 1
UKRAINE 6	CAMBODIA 1	INDIA 1	MYANMAR 1	SWITZERLAND 1
RUSSIA 4	CHILE 1	ITALY 1	NIGERIA 1	
IRAN 3	D.R. CONGO 1	IRELAND 1	N. IRELAND 1	

PROGRAMS BY REGION



PROGRAMS BY TOPIC



SPEAKERS INCLUDED

27 Thought Leaders

24 Government Leaders

5 Ambassadors

3 Business Leaders

3 Military



2022-2023 SEASON

SEPTEMBER

AMERICA'S GREAT-POWER OPPORTUNITY: REVITALIZING U.S. FOREIGN POLICY TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF STRATEGIC COMPETITION
Ali Wyne

CELEBRATION OF THE 212TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF MEXICO
Jorge Mendoza Yescas

GREAT DECISIONS: MYANMAR AND ASEAN
Dr. Sopal Ear

FOOD INSECURITY AND ITS RISING THREAT
Dr. Miguel Rodrigues

BEYOND THE HEADLINES: AFGHANISTAN'S PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE
Ambassador Javid Qaem, Honorable Rangina Hamidi, Jack McCain

SEPTEMBER READING GROUP
America's Great-Power Opportunity: Revitalizing U.S. Foreign Policy to Meet the Challenges of Strategic Competition by Ali Wyne

NAVIGATING STRATEGIC COMPETITION
Congressman Mark Kennedy

NEW MEMBER MIXER / WORLDLY PERSPECTIVES
Glen Loveland, Erika Neuberger, Adelaida Severson, Jacob Weinberg

WHY DO FOREIGN ACTORS WANT TO ERODE U.S. DEMOCRACY?
Bill Gates, Tim Roemer, Laura Thornton, Paul Fagan

INDIA - AN UNCERTAIN BALANCE ABROAD AND AT HOME
Ambassadors Nancy Powell & Douglas Hartwick

GREAT DECISIONS: CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS
Dr. Daniel Nielson

INTERNATIONAL CAREERS SERIES
Matt Jacobs

THE RISE OF GIORGIA MELONI - WHAT IT MEANS FOR ITALY AND THE WORLD
Dr. Lorenzo Catellani, Dr. Pauletter Kurzer

OCTOBER READING GROUP
The Age of the Strongman: How the Cult of the Leader Threatens Democracy Around the World by Gideon Rachman

CAN COURTS SAVE DEMOCRACY?
Jeffery K. Stanton, Larry Diamond, Tom Daly, Stephanie Lindquist

GREAT DECISIONS: CLIMATE CHANGE
Dr. Gregory Collins

THREATS, BLACKMAIL AND NUKES - ARMS CONTROL IN A NEW AGE
Ambassador John Erath, Dr. Luke Perez

AN EVENING WITH ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY, NORTHERN IRELAND
Alderman Stephen Ross, Majella McAlister

AN EVENING WITH THE AMBASSADOR OF SWITZERLAND TO THE UNITED STATES FEATURING AMBASSADOR JACQUES PITTELOUD
Ambassador Jacques Pitteloud, Dr. Amy Hillman

OCTOBER



DECEMBER

CHIP WAR: THE FIGHT FOR THE WORLD'S MOST CRITICAL TECHNOLOGY
Dr. Chris Miller

NOVEMBER READING GROUP
Chip War: The Fight for the World's Most Critical Technology by Dr. Chris Miller

PCFR SECOND ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY + PRESENTATION OF GLOBAL ENVOY AWARD
Speaker Rusty Bowers

GREAT DECISIONS: U.S. & RUSSIA
Heli Hautala

DECEMBER READING GROUP
Four Treasures of the Sky by Jenny Tinghui Zhang

PUTIN'S WAR: RUSSIA AGAINST THE WEST AND WITH THE REST
Dr. Angela Stent

A SACRED OATH: AN EVENING WITH FORMER US SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MARK ESPER
Dr. Mark T. Esper

JANUARY BOOK CLUB
A Sacred Oath: Memoirs of a Secretary of Defense During Extraordinary Times by Dr. Mark T. Esper

RUSSIA'S WAR - WHAT IS THE UNITED STATES' GOAL?
General Philip Breedlove, Robert McConnell

THE STRATEGY OF DENIAL: AMERICAN DEFENSE IN AN AGE OF GREAT POWER CONFLICT
Secretary Elbridge Colby

LUNCH WITH A FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER: RUSSIA'S WAR AGAINST UKRAINE AND CAREERS AT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Thomas Wotka

GREAT DECISIONS: IRAN AT A CROSSROADS

AN EVENING WITH AMBASSADOR MARC GROSSMAN
Ambassadors Marc Grossman & Barbara Barrett

IRAN'S "WOMEN, LIFE, FREEDOM" MOVEMENT: WILL IT LEAD TO CHANGE?
Jasmin Ramsey, Vice Mayor Yassamin Ansari

FEBRUARY BOOK CLUB
The Strategy of Denial: American Defense in an Age of Great Power Conflict by Secretary Elbridge Colby

"THE WORLD IS MIRED IN HISTORY AGAIN": WHAT THE UNITED STATES PAST MEANS FOR ITS FUTURE
Dr. Will Inboden

CIVIL WAR BY OTHER MEANS
Dr. Jeremi Suri

TRAFFICKING DATA: HOW CHINA IS WINNING THE BATTLE FOR DIGITAL SOVEREIGNTY
Dr. Aynne Kokas

GREAT DECISIONS: POLITICS IN LATIN AMERICA

18TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL STATE OF THE STATE
Governor Katie Hobbs, Laura Franco French, Jorge Mendoza Yescas, Stefan Schneider, Dr. Hillel Newman

MEMBER BOOK CLUB
The Peacemaker: Ronald Reagan, the Cold War, and the World on the Brink by Dr. Will Inboden

LAND POWERS, SEA POWERS, AND FALLING SKIES
Walter Russell Mead

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

GREAT POWER COMPETITION SERIES: THE U.S.-CHINA RIVALRY
Richard Fontaine

FRAMING UKRAINE: CLOSE-UP TAKES FROM ARMENIA, BELARUS, LATVIA AND RUSSIA
Katerina Barushka, Hakob Karapetyan, Nellija Locmele, Regina Revazova

GREAT DECISIONS: WAR CRIMES
Andrea Cayley

RISING POWERS OF THE PACIFIC
Dr. Mary Therese Perez Hattori

SECURING AMERICA'S SUPPLY CHAIN: A FIRESIDE CHAT WITH SENATOR KYRSTEN SINEMA
Senator Kyrsten Sinema

APRIL BOOK CLUB
Trafficking Data: How China is Winning the Battle for Digital Sovereignty by Dr. Aynne Kokas

SAUDI ARABIA, IRAN, AND CHINA: WHAT BROKERED PEACE MEANS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND THE GREATER MIDDLE EAST
Dr. Robert Satloff

THE EVOLVING MIDDLE EAST
Dr. Gregory Gause

AN AFTERNOON WITH SENATOR MARK KELLY
Senator Mark Kelly

GREAT DECISIONS: CHINA AND THE U.S.
Dr. Doug Guthrie

MAY BOOK CLUB
Leadership: Six Studies in World Strategy by Henry Kissinger

SUDAN IN TURMOIL
Joshua Meservey

25 YEARS LATER: EXAMINING THE IMPACT OF THE GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT ON NORTHERN IRELAND
Consul General Marcella Smyth

THE SOURCES OF PUTIN'S CONDUCT AND THE WAR ON UKRAINE
Ambassador Larry C. Napper

JUNE BOOK CLUB
Isolationism: A History of America's Efforts to Shield Itself from the World by Dr. Charles A. Kupchan

MAY

JUNE



SPEAKERS



Vice Mayor
Yassamin Ansari
City of Phoenix



Ambassador
Barbara Barrett
Former 25th Secretary
of the Air Force



Katerina Barushka
Humphrey Fellow



General
Philip Breedlove
Former Supreme Allied
Commander Europe



Dr. Lorenzo Catellani
LUISS



Andrea Cayley
ASU Sandra Day
O'Connor College of Law



Secretary
Elbridge Colby
The Marathon Initiative



Dr. Gregory Collins
University of Arizona



Dr. Tom Daly
Melbourne School of
Government



Dr. Larry Diamond
Stanford University



Dr. Sophal Ear
Thunderbird School of
Global Management



Ambassador
John Erath
Center for Arms Control
and Non-Proliferation



Secretary Mark Esper
Former Secretary of
Defense



Paul Fagan
McCain Institute



Richard Fontaine
Center for a New
American Security



Laura Franco French
TSMC



Supervisor Bill Gates
Maricopa County
Board of Supervisors



Dr. Gregory Gause
Bush School
Texas A&M University



Ambassador
Marc Grossman
The Cohen Group



Dr. Doug Guthrie
Thunderbird School of
Global Management



Hon. Rangina Hamidi
Former Afghan Minister
of Education



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Center for a New
American Security



Governor Katie Hobbs
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Dr. Will Inboden
The Clements Center
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Senator Mark Kelly
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Hon. Mark Kennedy
Former U.S.
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Dr. Aynne Kokas
The Miller Center



Dr. Paulette Kurzer
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Majella McAlister
Antrim & Newtownabbey
Borough Council



Jack McCain
American Airlines



Robert McConnell
U.S.-Ukraine Foundation



Walter Russell Mead
The Wall Street Journal



CG Jorge Mendoza Yescas
Consul General of Mexico
in Phoenix



Joshua Meservey
Hudson Institute



Dr. Chris Miller
Tufts University



Ambassador
Larry C. Napper
Bush School
Texas A&M University



CG Dr. Hillel Newman
Consul General of Israel
to the Pacific Southwest



Dr. Daniel Nielson
University of Texas
at Austin



Dr. Luke Perez
Arizona State University



Dr. Mary Therese
Perez Hattori
East-West Center



Ambassador
Jacques Pitteloud
Swiss Ambassador to
the United States



Ambassador
Nancy Powell
U.S. Foreign Service,
Retired



Ambassador
Javid Qaem
Former Afghan
Ambassador to China



Jasmin Ramsey
Center for Human
Rights in Iran



Dr. Miguel Rodrigues
University College
London



Director Tim Roemer
Arizona Department of
Homeland Security



Alderman Stephen Ross
Antrim & Newtownabbey
Borough Council



Dr. Robert Satloff
The Washington
Institute for Near East
Policy



CG Stefan Schneider
German Consul General
in Los Angeles



Senator
Kyrsten Sinema
State of Arizona



Samantha Sloan
First Solar



CG Marcella Smyth
Consul General of
Ireland to the South
Western U.S.



Dr. Jeffrey Staton
Emory University



Dr. Angela Stent
Georgetown University



Dr. Jeremi Suri
University of Texas
at Austin



Laura Thornton
Alliance for
Securing Democracy



Thomas Wotka
U.S. Department of
State



Ali Wyne
Eurasia Group



BRINGING THE WORLD TO ARIZONA

PCFR works hand in hand with community and government partners to assist delegations whenever foreign governments aim to strengthen diplomatic and economic ties with Arizona. This has led to increased program options for both PCFR members and the community. In the previous year, PCFR and its collaborative organizations have worked together in supporting foreign delegations from various nations.

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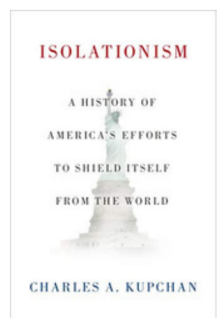
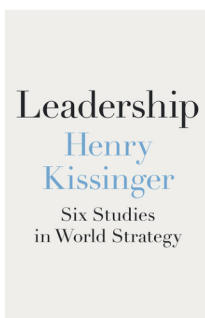
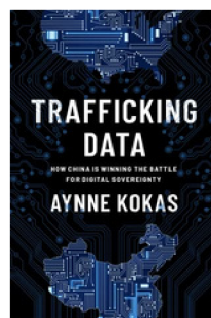
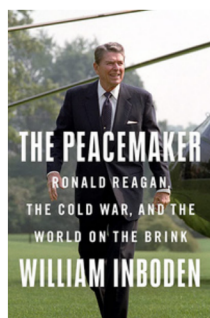
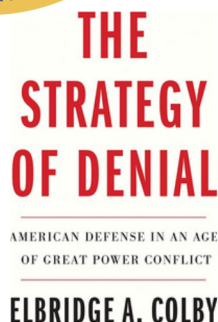
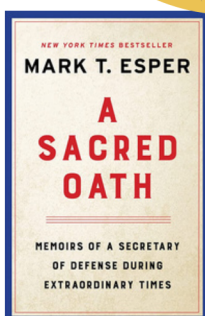
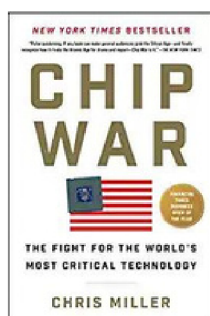
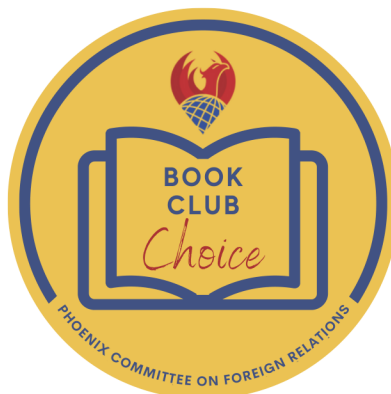
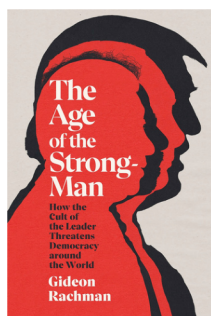
- Canada
- Germany
- Italy
- Mexico
- Northern Ireland (UK)
- Romania
- Switzerland
- Ukraine





NEW LOOK BOOK CLUB

This season's featured books included:



“ I love PCFR because it provides a broader perspective about what's happening in the world. There's a lack of understanding about global affairs and their repercussions which affect us locally. PCFR helps close that knowledge gap through the excellent programs and events it holds. I think in today's ever evolving and shrinking world, it is important to remain knowledgeable and understand the effects of global on local. It also helps me connect with a community of like-minded people who are interested in what happens both inside and outside the valley.

JACOB WEINBERG, PCFR MEMBER SINCE 2020





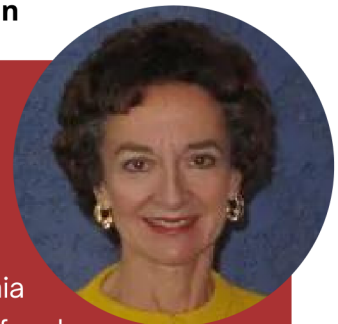
GREAT DECISIONS



For the fourth consecutive year, PCFR partnered with Global Ties AZ to offer our members the opportunity to participate in the 2023 *Great Decisions* sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association. Participating members took a deep dive into eight of the most critical issues facing U.S. foreign policy makers. Members came prepared to each *Great Decisions* virtual session by reading a chapter from the *Great Decisions Briefing Book* and each session featured a subject-matter expert. PCFR and Global Ties Arizona covered the cost of the *Great Decisions Briefing Book* (a \$35 value) for PCFR members and GTAZ participants. This year's featured topics included:

- **Iran at a Crossroads**
- **Politics in Latin America**
- **War Crimes**
- **China and the U.S.**
- **Economic Warfare**
- **Global Famine**
- **Energy Geopolitics**
- **Climate Migration**

“ My husband Mel, a lifelong international geophysical operations manager, and I are now marking 25 years since we moved to Mesa from my diplomatic post in Bulgaria, and I must say, PCFR has been a stimulating part of our lives in the Valley the entire time. We have greatly appreciated hearing directly from so many top-level speakers on foreign policy from the realms of government, business, academia and journalism. What a privilege to meet them personally and to share insights face-to-face! PCFR management has continued to add valuable new features, like the stimulating Great Decisions program from the Foreign Policy Association, and the selection of key articles from the press to keep us up to date on evolving issues. Kudos to the staff and members who make PCFR the marvelous forum it is for all of us world citizens!



SUSAN WEIDNER, PCFR MEMBER SINCE 2001



MEMBERS

PCFR members are inquisitive globe-trotters with a keen interest in the world. Our members have travelled, worked abroad, and collectively share a deep interest in foreign relations. Many of our members are committed to using their voice and their influence to ensure that Arizona can continue to expand and deepen our footprint globally.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

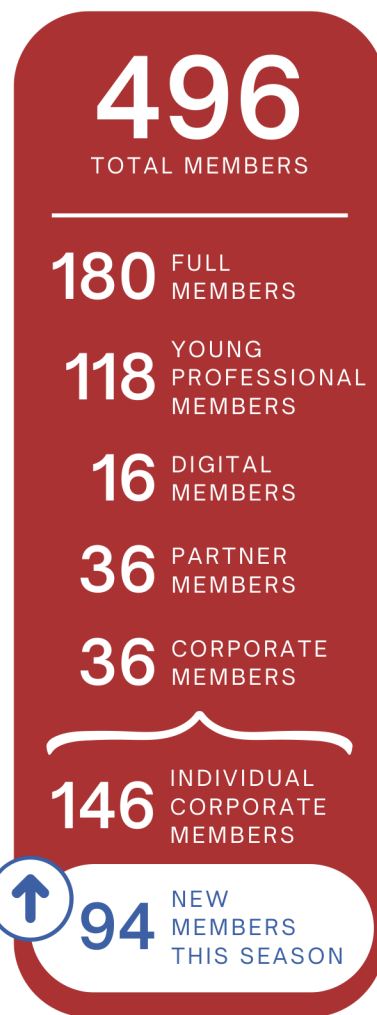
Full Member • \$265 annually

Young Professional Member • \$75 annually

Digital Member • \$50 annually

MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES

- Discounted event pricing
- Invitations to PCFR members-only speaker & networking events
- Access to all virtual programs
- Access to PCFR members for networking and professional development
- Participation in the members-only book club, the PCFR Book Club, Worldly Perspectives series and *Great Decisions* by the Foreign Policy Association
- Member portal with past program recordings
- Access to the full directory of members
- Subscriptions to the *In the News* and *Member Muse* emails





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WHY WE SUPPORT PCFR

“ As an ardent supporter of PCFR, I appreciate the invaluable platform it offers for enriching dialogue, fostering understanding, and enabling strategic collaborations on international issues. At Thrive Services Group, our vision closely aligns with PCFR's ethos. We believe in building resilient communities by providing transformative services. Our approach is grounded in cultivating relationships with community members, investors, and business partners, much like the partnerships PCFR nurtures to promote international discourse. PCFR's commitment to a globally interconnected community mirrors our commitment to creating innovative and effective solutions that have both social and financial impacts. Supporting PCFR not only underscores our belief in the importance of global dialogue but also bolsters our mission at Thrive - to change human lives and create a lasting impact for generations to come. The synergy between our missions makes our support for PCFR not just beneficial but essential.



JOE BARBA
DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS,
THRIVE SERVICES GROUP



“ I was invited to a PCFR event promoted by the Town of Gilbert. After meeting many of the passionate PCFR members and leaders at that event, I was hooked. I knew that my involvement would be a way that I could get involved with international issues that matter to Arizona. I'm now a proud PCFR member and I'm grateful that my company AT&T shares my commitment to our great state through its support of PCFR.



JAMES CHRISTIAN
ARIZONA STATE DIRECTOR
AT&T



“ The Phoenix Committee on Foreign Relations (PCFR) has provided valuable experiential learning and networking opportunities for our Maricopa Community College students. Our Maricopa students have diverse backgrounds and experiences so the exposure to foreign dignitaries and issues only enhances their learning and encourages active civic engagement.



DEANNA VILLANUEVA-SAUCEDO
ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR
MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGES





MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

GLUE UP

In Fall 2022, PCFR switched to a new membership software, Glue Up, to provide an easier and more convenient experience for our members.

PCFR membership includes access to the My Glue app, a tool that allows you to engage, network, and receive important information no matter where you are.

Search for members in the virtual directory, manage your profile and event registrations, and more with the My Glue app.



Download the My Glue app from Glue Up



IN THE NEWS

PCFR members receive the bimonthly *In the News* newsletter chock-full of articles and resources handpicked by our foreign policy experts on the latest on what's happening across the globe.

MEMBER MUSE

PCFR members are subscribed to receive a monthly *Member Muse* newsletter featuring exclusive opportunities, invitations to members-only events, new members features and more.



I first attended a PCFR event as a guest, and I left so impressed that I submitted my membership application that night. As a high school principal, I believe strongly in pursuing knowledge and growth whenever possible, and I find that in PCFR, both through the interesting talks and networking with other members and guests. The opportunity to meet professionals from other industries with a shared interest in learning about international affairs has been a fun, enriching experience, and I look forward to every event.

JAMES WILLIAMS, PCFR MEMBER





2022 GLOBAL ENVOY AWARD

SPEAKER RUSTY BOWERS

The Phoenix Committee on Foreign Relations was proud to honor our second recipient of the Global Envoy Award, Speaker Rusty Bowers, at the second annual PCFR Holiday Party at the Snell & Wilmer offices on December 7th.



From his position of leadership, Speaker Bowers has been instrumental in elevating Arizona's global prominence. In countless meetings with foreign diplomats and business leaders across the globe, Speaker Bowers has represented the best that Arizona has to offer to the world. Through his tireless leadership, he has helped strengthen and expand Arizona's international economic ties and create greater cultural exchange. In all these efforts, Speaker Bowers has embodied the spirit of the PCFR Global Envoy Award.

Submit a nomination for the 2023 Global Envoy Award on our website at pcfraz.org.





2022-2023 STUDENT FELLOWS



Samuel Childerson
Membership Fellow,
2022-2023



Steven R. Marshall
Public Affairs Fellow,
2022-2023



Lilian Taruvinga
Fellow, 2022-2023

2022-2023 STUDENT INTERNS



Lillie Boudreaux
Intern, Spring 2023



Alison Tobin
Intern, Fall 2022

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

PCFR is committed to educating and training the future leaders of Arizona by offering volunteer opportunities, internships and fellowships to accommodate students at different points in their education path. Our goal is to inspire the future workforce to explore career paths from a global perspective to help meet the needs of Arizona's economy and beyond.

STUDENT FELLOWS PROGRAM

The Student Fellows Program is a unique opportunity for graduate students attending Arizona State University or the University of Arizona who have a demonstrated interest and focus on international affairs or related industries. Students can reside anywhere in Arizona to be eligible for this fellowship. The fellowship program is generously funded by PCFR member Jerry Hirsch.



CONNI INGALLINA INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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