FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It has been my honor and pleasure to continue to work throughout 2018 with GlobalPittsburgh’s two dedicated employees – Gail Shrott, our Executive Director, and Nadya Kessler, our Director of Development and Membership – they are to be commended for their enthusiastic support of the organization, of its visitors from around the world, of our volunteers and members, and our Board of Directors. I consider myself blessed that GlobalPittsburgh provides me a venue and activities through which to be connected with our organization’s new and long-time supporters.

Matthew Kelly, author of The Rhythm of Life: Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose, wrote: “How do you see the world? The great danger is to fall into the trap of believing that the whole world is like the city we live in. The temptation is to fall into the subconscious lethargy of thinking the whole world is like the street we live on.”

Over the course of the year, I have watched GlobalPittsburgh make a difference on so many levels on how people see the world through its various programs. I have watched people of different nationalities, races, cultures, religions, political views, socio-economic levels, etc., come together, strike up respectful, meaningful dialogues, and form new and enduring relationships and friendships. At our events, I have watched tears form in the eyes of newfound friends when it came time to say goodbye, and have come away knowing that I am fortunate to be a part of something as special as GlobalPittsburgh.

So my question to you… my challenge to you… and my belief in you… comes down to these two questions: How do YOU see the world? And, more importantly, what are YOU going to do about it?

Consider taking part in something as special as GlobalPittsburgh. Whether as a member, volunteer, or simply an attendee at our annual GlobalBBQ, First Thursdays, or Immigrant Entrepreneur Celebration and Awards Ceremony, GlobalPittsburgh provides you the opportunity to connect with the world.

Together WE are GlobalPittsburgh! Connected, Everywhere!

John W. Hindman, Board Chair
GlobalPittsburgh is the U.S. Department of State’s designated regional service provider for its International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), arranging itineraries for emerging leaders from Harrisburg west to Pennsylvania’s border with Ohio and in the Morgantown area of West Virginia in collaboration with West Virginia University. Through the International Leaders Program, the organization also arranged itineraries and training programs for other federally-funded delegations and for individuals sponsored by regional companies or institutions. Each year, GlobalPittsburgh connects distinguished international visitors with professional resources, cultural organizations, and a network of over 350 host families.

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- **311 international leaders** participated in 37 itineraries designed and implemented by GlobalPittsburgh’s staff and its volunteer citizen diplomats.
- **Visitors came from 87 different countries**.
- **29 itineraries** were designed for 202 participants in the Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership Program.
- **597 professionals and community members** met with emerging international leaders during 230 meetings in their offices, for tours, and in classrooms in the region.
- **896 meals** were enjoyed during 206 occasions in the homes of GlobalPittsburgh host families.
- **1,371 room nights** were arranged in regional hotels, generating more than $24,600 in local taxes.
- **More than $100,000** in per diem funds were spent in the Pittsburgh economy on food and incidentals by international leaders.
- **More than $1,700 (at $4.50 per person)** in taxes went to support the Greater Pittsburgh International Airport from all of our visitors arriving in or departing from Pittsburgh during their programming.
- **8 interns, volunteers, and a work study-funded Program Assistant from 4 different countries** collectively donated 2,042 hours of work on programming and special projects. Our student volunteers were affiliated with Carnegie Mellon University, Duquesne University, University of Pittsburgh, and West Liberty University.

### University resources used in programming
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Chatham University
- Duquesne University
- Point Park University
- Robert Morris University
- University of Pittsburgh
- West Virginia University

### Resources that met the most visitors
- Allegheny County
- Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh
- City of Pittsburgh
- Cohen & Grigsby, PC
- Homewood Children’s Village
- Idea Foundry
- Innovation Works
- Islamic Center of Pittsburgh
- KDKA-TV
- Manchester Craftsmen’s Guild
- National Cyber-Forensics and Training Alliance (NCFTA)
- New Sun Rising
- Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
- PublicSource
- UPMC

Representative Mike Doyle met with the Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative (YLAI) group on October 19, 2018
GlobalPittsburgh membership programming encompasses a year-round series of events to acculturate and welcome international students, professionals, and their families to the Greater Pittsburgh region. Local globally-minded individuals, companies and organizations may join GlobalPittsburgh as members who enjoy invitations to a variety of networking activities, complimentary tickets to theatrical performances in the Cultural District, hosting opportunities, and other benefits. GlobalPittsburgh is known for its excellence in arranging homestays, as well.

GlobalPittsburgh First Thursdays is a signature networking event for GlobalPittsburgh. These monthly happy hours are both informal social gatherings for globally-minded community members and a valuable means of developing contacts and forging friendships for newcomers to our region. In 2018,

- **six international delegations** attended First Thursdays as special guests, including
  - Labor Relations (Kazakhstan) and Balancing Privacy And Security In The Digital Age (Germany) IVLP groups,
  - Yasuda Women’s University students (Japan) studying a semester abroad at the University of Pittsburgh English Language Institute;
  - Business consultants from Universidad del Pacifico (Peru);
  - 12 Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative Fellows from Latin America and the Caribbean, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State;
  - Palliative Care Open World delegation (Russia).
- **nine partner organizations** supported First Thursdays, including Idea Foundry, Chatham’s Women’s Business Center, the City of Pittsburgh, All for All, AJAPO, the University of Pittsburgh English Language Institute, DigiBooths, CISV Pittsburgh, and Hello Neighbor;
- specialized panel discussion for Inclusive Innovation Week 2018, provided at First Thursdays in April by invited foreign-born entrepreneurs discussing their unique challenges and successes.

We thank GlobalPittsburgh First Thursdays’ 2018 sponsors!

- **85 homestays were arranged totaling over 6,170 nights** (a 9% increase in the number of homestays and a 15% increase in the number of nights) for international students and professionals to immerse them in American culture
- **More than 50 new host families were recruited** to welcome newcomers in their homes
- **Over 270 individual and organizational members** from more than 40 countries benefitted from GlobalPittsburgh’s membership program
- **825 members and friends enjoyed First Thursdays monthly networking happy hours**
- **Nearly 700 members and guests** participated in events and activities, including quarterly intercultural potluck dinners, a cooking class with Mondo Italiano, painting nights with Klin-N-Time, the annual GlobalBBQ, and the Immigrant Entrepreneur Celebration
- **487 tickets** to cultural events **valued at nearly $25,000** were donated for GlobalPittsburgh members and volunteers
- **Eight immigrant entrepreneurs, champions, and community advocates** received awards at the GlobalPittsburgh Immigrant Entrepreneur Celebration at the Rivers Club on December 13. Forty Pittsburgh residents born in 25 different countries were nominated by the community and recognized at this event.

Yasuda student Yuka Takeda with her host sister
GlobalPittsburgh is approaching its 60th anniversary in 2019. We plan to collect stories about hosting and interacting with emerging international leaders’ experiences. We will also reach out to former Board members and former hosts and their children for the stories about visitors who deeply touched their lives.

“Just letting you know the Beyond Washington program in Pittsburgh is great! All meetings provide a wonderful picture of the city, the region and its people. Our group is asking many questions and very much enjoying their time here.” - Steven Washington, Cultural Vistas, referring to September 18-22 itinerary for German Policy advisors, Legislative Aides, Chiefs of Staff and other members of staff for Parliament Members of six different parties in the German Bundestag, funded by the Transatlantic Program of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany through funds of the European Recovery Program of the Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy, as well as by the U.S. Embassy in Berlin.

“Lindsey [Matesic, Global Engagement and Business Development Manager, Idea Foundry] has just finished her visit in Chile and selected her 10 participants that will come here in April [of 2019]. Tomas [Prado, a 2017 Fellow from Chile] has been working for us under this program and doing a great job; it all ties back to YLAI. Rick [Valencia, 2018 Fellow from Mexico] has done some work for our local companies and we continue to include his company on services here in Pittsburgh. The outbound has not been decided yet but we hope it comes through to expand our relationship there.” - Mike Matesic, Idea Foundry.

Idea Foundry has had great success in forging ongoing linkages with participants in the Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative in programs implemented by GlobalPittsburgh in 2017 and 2018.

In October, Robert Morris University senior and former GlobalPittsburgh intern Dillan Gaydos was named one of the U.S. Department of State’s 46 foreign affairs coordinators that will be located across 34 different campuses in the United States. “During my time at GlobalPittsburgh, I became involved with international exchange programs and learned about the benefits these exchanges can bring to the Pittsburgh region. This experience allowed me to interact with over 10 separate U.S. Department of State programs hosted by GlobalPittsburgh, with emphasis on the placement of homestay experiences for the Mandela Washington Fellows administered by Duquesne University,” Dillan said. Following this experience, Dillan was accepted to intern with the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs 2018 Young African Leaders Initiative.

Hosts Sarah Suiter and Rich Engel described their hosting experience: “Our family has been deeply enriched by hosting students. We have been able to form lifelong friendships with several Yasuda students. Our daughter has been taking Japanese for 5 years in high school. Having Japanese speaking students stay with us has helped improve Abby’s language skills and deepened her love of all things Japanese. This past summer, her class went to Japan for two weeks. At the end of that trip, we traveled to Hiroshima where we spent several days with two of the students we hosted. We met their families, stayed in their houses, got personal tours of Hiroshima, went to baseball games, and got to meet some of their teachers at Yasuda. Our trip was made extraordinary because of the connections we have thanks to GlobalPittsburgh.”
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- PNC Asian American EBRG  
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