

WACDFW
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JWAC Guidebook

WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCILS OF AMERICA

The World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth is a member of the World Affairs Council of America (WACA) network, which traces its earliest roots to 1918, when the League of Free Nations Association was formed to support President Wilson's efforts to achieve peace. At the end of World War I, the Association's founders were concerned that Americans would choose isolationism over a foreign policy based on international engagement. They worked to promote and nurture public awareness of critical international issues affecting the U.S., and in 1923 reconstituted the organization as the Foreign Policy Association. John Foster Dulles and Eleanor Roosevelt were among the FPA's incorporators.

Today, there are roughly 90 World Affairs Councils throughout the United States with a shared mission. In an age of globalization and a rapidly shifting international order, we believe that our mission – engaging the public and leaders to better understand global affairs and America's role in the world – is more vital than ever.



WACDFW HISTORY

A nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, the Council was founded in 1951 by some of the city's most prominent citizens to engage residents in global issues and position North Texas as a player on the world stage.

Founders included famed merchandiser Stanley Marcus, Dallas Mayor J. Woodall Rodgers and industrialist H. Neil Mallon for whom our annual award is named.

BACKGROUND

The goal of the nonprofit, nonpartisan World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth (WACDFW) is to promote international awareness, understanding and connections to enhance the region's global stature and to prepare North Texans to thrive in our complex world.

WACDFW is a dynamic organization that brings international awareness and cross-cultural understanding to the North Texas community and presents distinguished international figures year-round for in-depth interpretations of global events. Today, it serves as a gateway to the world for the region, offering an impressive range of programs and events for the public and its members.

Learn more at www.dfwworld.org

GLOBAL YOUNG LEADERS

Global Young Leaders is an education program of the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth that creates an intelligent pathway for North Texas high school students to achieve ambitions in international careers. The GYL program is facilitated through clubs on high school campuses called Junior World Affairs Councils (JWACs), which are available to public, private, charter, and home school.



To provide North Texas students with the tools and skills to make positive change in the North Texas community, effectively interact with people from different backgrounds and compete for jobs in the global workforce.

GYL MISSION

GLOBAL YOUNG LEADERS

GYL believes that in order to prepare the next generation of North Texas residents to compete in the global economy, they need global competence skills to solve complex problems, create opportunities for all and advance a shared respect for human dignity.

GYL VALUES

Students are transformed from observers into informed international participants by gaining global competence skills through educational programs focused on diplomatic leadership, civic engagement, problem-solving, and cultural intelligence.

GYL VISION

ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR SUCCESS

BE CULTURALLY INTELLIGENT

Adapt to and successfully perform in diverse environments and enhance personal, business, and community interactions through cross-cultural communication & understanding.

BE A DIPLOMATIC LEADER

Lead with courage, vision, and tact to inspire cooperation and achieve goals.

BE A PROBLEM SOLVER

Exercise creative, critical thinking to develop and execute ethical, effective, and sustainable responses to complex challenges.

BE CIVICALLY ENGAGED

Steward one's local, national, and global communities to advance the common good through informed participation in the democratic process and public service.

JUNIOR WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCILS

Our JWAC program has been linking students to the world since 2004. With more than 60 chapters in North Texas, JWAC is a great way for high school students to learn about international issues and become more globally aware. JWAC chapters can be started at any high school with students in grades 9-12 with the support of one of the school's teachers.

The Council will help you create a JWAC club for your campus. You and your students will travel beyond the classroom walls and pages in textbooks to real-time, firsthand sessions with diplomats, dignitaries, leaders, authors, and others who understand global issues and opportunities in business and education.
All at no cost!



HOW TO START A JWAC

1. Recruit a group of interested high school students. Any size is fine! Get school approval.
2. Elect JWAC officers. If needed, information is provided online.
3. Complete the single JWAC Agreement Form online.



HOW TO START A JWAC

4. Register the sponsor and two officers to attend the annual JWAC Orientation in September.
5. Use our meeting ideas and conduct your JWAC meetings.
6. Attend our free Global Young Leaders events!

JWAC CLUB MEETINGS

Your club should meet at least once a month.

Club meetings will take place on your school campus (or online) at a time that is convenient for your members.

JWAC Presidents and VPs are typically responsible for facilitating the meetings.

Meetings can be formatted as information sessions, presentations, discussions, study periods for AWQ, planning period for service projects, or simulations.



STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- JWAC Orientation
- JWAC Monthly Discussions
- JWAC Leadership Trainings
- Service Projects
- JWAC Socials
- International Career Days
- Academic WorldQuest
- 20 Under 20 Program
- Global Leadership Certificates/Grad cords
- End of Year Celebration/TOP TEN JWAC
- Speakers off-campus
- Speakers on-campus
- Club meetings and activities
- Summer Contests



EDUCATOR OPPORTUNITIES

- Study Abroad tours
- Teacher Workshops for PD
- International Educator of the Year Award
- Speakers on- and off- campus



JWAC SERVICE PROJECTS

In September, JWACs are asked to select a cause their members are passionate about on a local and global level. Such issues could include human rights, social entrepreneurship, environmental conservation, etc.

The Council will also provide 2+ Service Projects per year if a JWAC chooses that option.

JWAC sponsors and presidents should also update WACDFW on the service projects completed throughout the year, including photos.





SUGGESTED ORGANIZATIONS YOUR JWAC CAN SUPPORT



20 UNDER 20

Each spring, the Council accepts nominations for our 20 Under 20 Award which recognizes the 20 top JWAC students around DFW. Nominated students submit their application and those chosen are given an award plus a three-day private leadership training in June.



SIX JWAC LEADERSHIP TRAININGS & MONTHLY JWAC DISCUSSIONS

Trainings take place over 2-3 hours on weekday evenings or Saturday morning/early afternoon. There is not a registration fee & all JWAC students are welcome to attend.

Sessions are hosted by local experts who can impart knowledge on the subject to JWAC students through presentations and hands-on activities.

JWAC Discussions are led monthly by TOP TEN JWAC groups from the prior year. Space for each training is limited so participants MUST pre-register.

ACADEMIC WORLDQUEST

Annual competition in February, testing students' knowledge of world affairs. Winning team goes to the national Academic WorldQuest in Washington, DC (paid by WAC) in April to compete against teams from around the U.S. Prizes are awarded.

INTERNATIONAL CAREER DAY

Students attend annual event in fall to learn about volunteering and global careers around the world including: Human Rights, Business, Finance, Technology, Defense, Foreign Service, Education, Journalism, Advertising, Health, Transportation, Energy, etc.



Council Speaker Programs (off-campus)

The Council presents around 60 programs annually.

View upcoming programs at www.dfwword.org/events

WACDFW reserves a limited number of in-person seats at each program for teachers and students to attend AT NO COST!

If a program is listed as member only, let me know if your JWAC group would like to attend and we will check.

SPEAKERS TO SCHOOLS

GYL can provide your school with speakers covering over 100 topics. We ask that at least 50 people are present for in-person and at least 30 for online.

**Request a speaker today:
vtolar@dfwworld.org**



BUS SCHOLARSHIPS

Each JWAC may submit one School Bus Reimbursement Application Form per academic year, which reimburses the club \$250 toward transportation to a WACDFW/GYL program.

Contact: JBowden@dfwworld.org for information.



GLOBAL LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE AND GRADUATION CORD

Those JWAC students that meet 5 of our participation requirements are able to earn a Global Leadership Certificate in May and seniors can earn a graduation cord.

(It is your school choice to allow at graduation.) Sponsors submit names in late April.

JWACS MUST pre-register for any GYL program.

Register at:
**[https://support.dfwworld.org/
GYL-Events](https://support.dfwworld.org/GYL-Events)**

Please contact Jbowden@dfwworld.org for help.

We ask that each JWAC have some form of social media presence.

Please share your JWAC sites with us and tag the Council in photos of your events.

We love to share your accomplishments with our members base, in media, etc.

EVALUATIONS

Please ensure that your students complete an online program evaluation after every GYL event. The link will be provided to you by a WACDFW staff member at each program.

This is very helpful and important information that we pass along to our funders, as they subsidize the cost for student groups to attend programs.



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Please update WACDFW on your JWAC's accomplishments
throughout the school year!