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International Woman of Courage Travels to Indy



(Left) Women's Empowerment Luncheon, hosted by The Center, with female community leaders and the guest of honor, Ms. Montaña. (Right) Ms. Montaña with Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann at the Indiana Statehouse.

The International Center was honored to receive Ms. Rosa Julieta Montaña Salvatierra, one of ten women who were recognized by Deputy Secretary of State Heather Higginbottom and First Lady Michelle Obama as the 2015 International Women of Courage. Ms. Montaña was recognized for her exceptional courage and leadership in advocating and advancing women's rights in her home country of Bolivia.

While in Indianapolis, the honoree attended a roundtable convened by the Indiana Commission for Women and a Women's Empowerment Luncheon hosted by The International Center. She was also able to meet with Attorney General Greg Zoeller, Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann and Deputy Attorney General Abigail Kuzma, in addition to holding meetings with Judge Jane Magnus Stinson, leaders from The Julian Center and representatives from the Indiana University McKinney School of Law Program in International Human Rights Law. Visit The Center's [Facebook page](#) for more photos from her visit!

The Center Welcomes Consul General of France

The International Center welcomed the Consul General of France in Chicago, Mr. Vincent Floreani, with a special reception jointly hosted by The Center and the Indiana Pacers at Bankers Life Fieldhouse. There, Mr. Floreani had the opportunity to meet with members of Indiana's French community.

During his stay in Indianapolis, the Consul General met with Secretary of Commerce, Victor Smith, and visited a French delegation at the NTEA Work Truck Show. On the last day of his visit, Mr. Floreani toured the International School of Indiana and met with Mr. David Garner, Head of School.

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International Events in the Community

Holi Dhamaka
India Community Center
April 18

World Trade Day
Indy Chamber
April 23

Italian Film Festival
IUPUI
April 24 - May 3

El Día de los Niños
The Children's Museum
April 26

STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR LEADERSHIP ACROSS CULTURES

It's not too late to register for the upcoming cross-cultural leadership development program, Leadership Across Cultures!

Leadership Across Cultures is a premier training program over the course of three Fridays: April 17, 24 and May 1. **Registration deadline is April 10.**

Learn more or register today!

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(Left) Secretary of Commerce, Victor Smith with Consul General of France in Chicago, Mr. Vincent Floreani. (Right) The Indianapolis Consular Corp with Mr. Floreani and Indiana Pacer, Ian Mahinmi at a special reception at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

The Center Hosts Ball State International Students



Ball State international students at The International Center office as part of their career-based orientation program.

In March, The International Center partnered with Ball State University to host a group of international students for a career-based orientation program. Eighteen students from China, Saudi Arabia, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam participated in the program.

During their visit, the students had the opportunity to learn about The International Center, its programs and services, and internship program. The students also participated in a guided tour at the Indiana Statehouse and visited two local companies, HVM Racing and Global Caravan Technologies, a luxury RV and specialty vehicle innovator. The chairman and president of GCT gave a presentation on how to take advantage of study abroad opportunities to set career goals.

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2015 Workshop Series

For the first time, The Center is offering a cross cultural communication workshop with country-specific discussion on Mexico.

Register now!

Cross Cultural Communications: MEXICO

Date: June 5, 2015

Time: 8:30 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Location: The International Center

Cost: \$95 per person, includes breakfast and materials

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In the News: International Visitor Leadership Program

The International Visitor Leadership Program, a mainstay of The Center's programs and services, was the subject of an article published by *Foreign Policy Magazine* earlier last month.

The article highlights the return on investment brought about by the IMLP as it relates to international relations ([read more here](#)).

The Center is grateful for the supporters and volunteers who make this program so successful in our network throughout Indiana.

Center Staff Member Honored at Rose Awards



International Center Relocation Specialist, Aline Swanson receiving her award from Mayor Ballard at the ROSE Award Ceremony at the Indiana Roof Ballroom.

Aline Swanson, a Relocation Specialist at The International Center, was honored with a ROSE Award, presented by *Visit Indy*, recognizing her contributions to establishing Indianapolis as a welcoming city. As a Relocation Specialist who works in the field to help relocating international professionals and their families as they look to call Indianapolis home, Aline has gone beyond the expectations of her job description to leave lasting impressions that bring true meaning to the phrase "Hoosier Hospitality." Congrats, Aline!

The International Center Blog

The staff at The Center is continuously pursuing a variety of diverse projects, events and initiatives to globalize the Indiana community.

Keep up with what is happening on The Center's blog!

With weekly posts on what we're working on, we hope to keep you informed and connected to our work.

[Read last week's post.](#)

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