We are so grateful to each of you for making our 2021-2022 season a resounding success! With over 50 unique programs and 3000 people attending throughout the year, it's been our biggest year yet. Our organization has weathered the challenges of COVID with increased programming, exponential growth in membership and many new sponsors!

As you are well aware, international challenges continue worldwide, the unprovoked attacks on Ukraine continue and our February speaker, Vladimir Kara-Murza, remains unjustly imprisoned in Russia. PCFR remains steadfastly committed to meeting the needs of Arizonans by providing timely and relevant information on all things international. Our mission has never been more important.

Wishing you a rejuvenating and joyful summer as we look forward to welcoming you in the Fall for another season of timely, informative and interesting international programs!

Best Regards,

Claire Sechler Merkel
2021-2023 PCFR President
2021-2022
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As a member of the PCFR Board, it is an honor to serve alongside such a dynamic and dedicated group of volunteers who are committed to bringing substantive international programming and community engagement to the Valley of the Sun.

CAROLINE LYCH
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3,000+
ATTENDED PCFR PROGRAMS
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TOPICS COVERED

13 Defense and Security
10 Diplomacy and Global Institutions
9 Politics and Government
5 Other
3 Energy and Environment
2 Human Rights
2 Culture
2 Economics and Business
I first joined Phoenix Committee on Foreign Relations in 2017 as a sophomore in college. Since then the programs and events thrown by Tina and Claire have been knowledgeable, relatable, and have served as great networking opportunities. The PCFR has truly become a jewel of knowledge and community in this valley we call home.

SIMON ANTHONY LEE  
U.S. MARINE CORPS
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• Member portal with past program recordings

I joined the Phoenix Committee on Foreign Relations a little over a year ago as a member of the PCFR Young Professionals and have been very impressed with their virtual programs during the pandemic. It was such a pleasure to attend my first in-person event at the Phoenix Art Museum this evening!

TYSON SMITH
SENIOR EXPORT COMPLIANCE, HONEYWELL AEROSPACE
2021-2022 STUDENT PROGRAMS

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.

I learned through my PCFR fellowship what individuals and organizations in the Phoenix area are interested and active in international affairs and had great opportunities to meet and learn from them. I especially enjoyed helping out at events where we got to meet and hear from a variety of high-profile and interesting speakers.

TREVOR COOK
2021-2022 STUDENT FELLOW

Through PCFR, I was able to build digital marketing skills while interacting with elected officials and leading foreign policy minds. As a fellow, I built social skills that will benefit me wherever my career takes me.

DIANA SALAS DIAZ
2021-2022 STUDENT FELLOW

As a fellow, I had access to exclusive opportunities to gain more knowledge about the region and establish a network here. I attended diverse events and forums exploring critical policy issues with a variety of high-profile and interesting ambassadors, national policy makers, global affairs experts, and high-profile journalists. Everything I learned and all the people I met during my journey at PCFR will always be part of my professional development in the US.

CONNOR MCANDREW
2021-2022 STUDENT FELLOW

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Interning for this amazing organization has given me so many opportunities to grow as a student and as a professional. I have attended dinners and lectures with ambassadors, celebrated the successes of PCFR at the annual holiday party, sat at amazing storytelling events, worked on challenging and engaging projects, which directly impacted the organization, and participated alongside a wonderful cohort of fellows. My experiences here at PCFR have enabled me to meet new people from all parts of the world, engage in new activities, and learn new skills which will carry me through my professional career.

KAYLYNNE BURLESON
FALL 2021 / SPRING 2022 INTERN

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“The PCFR’s work is a testament to the power of informed and sustained dialogue. During the past year, they’ve kept their spotlight trained on critical, timely issues from the international stage that have real implications for Arizona, including the responsible and secure sourcing of metals. Convening thought leaders, business leaders, and policymakers in Washington, D.C., this past June to discuss how Arizona can lead in securing the clean energy supply chain was just one way PCFR has demonstrated that they are serious about connecting the dots and connecting people for eyes-wide-open policymaking around some of the most critical issues of our time.”

PAT RISNER
PRESIDENT, HERMOSA PROJECT, SOUTH32

“PCFR has been instrumental in introducing CPLC to potential partners and influential leaders who have facilitated opportunity and growth. We know strong networks set organizations up for success, and PCFR has positioned CPLC as a leader internationally by providing access to Ambassadors, thought leaders, and influential business leaders.”

DAVID ADAME
PRESIDENT AND CEO, CHICANOS POR LA CAUSA

“There’s a terrific alliance between PCFR and the University of Arizona. PCFR has become the leading organization in the state of Arizona that brings together international leaders and policymakers for important forums, roundtables and discussions. As the UA continues to expand across the globe, our growing partnership with PCFR is as important as ever.”

STEVE VOELLER
VP, GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS, UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
2021 GLOBAL ENVOY AWARD
SECRETARY BARBARA BARRETT

The Phoenix Committee on Foreign Relations was proud to award the first Global Envoy Award to Ambassador Barbara Barrett at the inaugural PCFR Holiday event at the Desert Botanical Garden on December 15, 2021.

This prestigious honor recognizes an Arizonan who is pursuing PCFR’s mission in an extraordinary way. These honorees embody the spirit of the Phoenix Committee on Foreign Relations. They are nominated and selected from the distinguished membership of the organization by the Directors and Executive Committee. Each will have demonstrated the ability to rise above and create meaningful connections across the globe. These honored individuals are leaders, thinkers and diplomats -- but above all, they are intrepid explorers, forging new paths and bridges between cultures, countries and communities.

Submit a nomination for the 2022 Global Envoy Award on our website.
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