

#### Past Honorees & Speakers at the WITA / WITF Annual Dinner

#### 2023

Congressman Adrian Smith, Congressional Leadership Award Senator Tom Carper, American Leadership Award Deputy Director-General Angela

Ellard, Lifetime Achievement Award

Monica H. Whaley, Lighthouse Award Masters of Ceremonies: Stacy J. Ettinger & Vanessa Sciarra

Congressman Ron Kind, Distinguished Service Award Senator Pat Toomey, Distinguished Service Award Ambassador Carla Hills, Lifetime Achievement Award Jennifer A. Hillman, Lighthouse Award Master of Ceremonies:

#### Ambassador Rufus Yerxa

Congressman Richard Neal, Congressional Leadership Award Congressman Kevin Brady, Lifetime Achievement Award Ambassador Rufus Yerxa. Florizelle Liser, Lighthouse

Master of Ceremonies: Ambassador Susan Schwab

#### 2019

Senator Chuck Grassley, American Leadership Award Congresswoman Suzan DelBene, Congressional Leadership Award Congresswoman Jackie Walorski, Congressional Leadership Award (WIIT), Lighthouse Award Master of Ceremonies: John Veroneau

#### 2018

Senator Ben Cardin, Congressional Leadership Award Senator Pat Roberts, Congressional Leadership Award Secretary Sonny Perdue American Leadership Award Laura Baughman, Lighthouse Master of Ceremonies: Nicole Bivens Collinson

#### 2017

Congressman Rick Larsen, Congressional Leadership Award Senator Jeff Flake, Congressional Leadership Award Meredith Broadbent, Lighthouse Award

Master of Ceremonies: Kellie Meiman Hock

#### 2016

Secretary Penny Pritzker, Global

Leadership Award Congressman Earl Blumenauer, Congressional Leadership Award Congressman David Reichert, Congressional Leadership Award Bill Lane, Lighthouse Award William Reinsch, Lighthouse Award Master of Ceremonies: Nicole Venable

#### 2015

Congressman Paul Ryan, Congressional Leadership Award Senator Orrin Hatch, Congressional Leadership Award Senator Ron Wyden, Congressional Leadership Award Ambassador Mike Moore, Lifetime Achievement Award **Award** Master of Ceremonies: Nicole Venable

#### 2014

Boustany Jr. MD, Congressional Leadership Award Congressman Ron Kind, Congressional Leadership Award Ambassador Michael Punke, Distinguished Service Award Ambassador Clayton Yeutter, Lifetime Achievement Award Wendy Cutler, Lighthouse Award Master of Ceremonies: Ambassador Peter Allgeier

#### 2013

Distinguished Leadership in International Trade United States Trade Representative Michael Froman, Distinguished Leadership in International Trade Congressman Gregory Meeks, Distinguished Leadership in International Trade Ed Gresser, Lighthouse Award Master of Ceremonies: Ambassador Peter Allgeier

United States Trade Representative Ron Kirk, Distinguished Service Award Congressman David Drier, Lifetime Achievement Award Aldonas

Senator Rob Portman. Distinguished Service Award Senator John Kerry, Distinguished Service Award Angela Ellard and Viii Rangaswami, Lighthouse Award Keynote address by United

States Trade Representative Master of Ceremonies: Frusina

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#### 2010

Senator Max Baucus, Lifetime Achievement Award Ambassador Jon Huntsman, Distinguished Service Award R. Scott Miller, Lighthouse Award Keynote address by former United States Trade Representative Susan Schwah Master of Ceremonies: Dan Glickman

#### 2009

Congressman Kevin Brady, Distinguished Service Award Congressman Joe Crowley, Distinguished Service Award Frank and Regina Vargo, Lighthouse Award Keynote address by Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke Master of Ceremonies: Jim

#### 2008

United States Trade Representative Susan Schwab. Distinguished Service Award R.K. "Judge" Morris, Lighthouse Keynote address by former United States Trade Representative Rob Portman Master of Ceremonies: Cal Dooley

WITA's 25th Anniversary: Celebrating a Quarter Century of Trade Leadership Keynote address by Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez Master of Ceremonies: John Castellani

#### 2006

Congressman Charles Rangel. Distinguished Service Award Congressman Jim Kolbe. Lifetime Achievement Award Keynote address by Senator Hillary Clinton Master of Ceremonies: Bill Lane

Congressman William Thomas, Distinguished Service Award Congressman Robert Matsui, Lifetime Achievement Award Keynote address by Congressman Jim Kolbe

Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade Grant Aldonas, Distinguished Service Award

Deputy United States Trade Representative Peter Allgeier, Distinguished Service Award Keynote address by Congressman Cal Dooley Master of Ceremonies: Bill Lane

United States Trade Representative Robert Zoellick, Distinguished Service Award

Congressman Amo Houghton, Lifetime Achievement Award Congressman William Jefferson, Distinguished Service Award Congressman John Tanner, Distinguished Service Award

#### 2001

Congressman Phil Crane, Lifetime Achievement Award Senator Charles Grassley, Distinguished Service Award Congressman Sander Levin Distinguished Service Award

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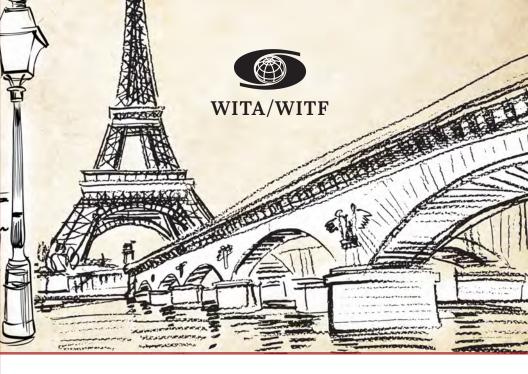
#### 1997

Representative Charlene Barshefsky, Distinguished Service Award Congressman William Archer, Distinguished Service Award

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Congressman Sam Gibbons. Lifetime Achievement Award Undersecretary of Commerce for International Trade Stuart Eizenstat, Distinguished Service

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## WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL TRADE ASSOCIATION WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL TRADE FOUNDATION

welcome you to the

### 2024 WITA/WITF Annual Dinner

Each year we honor individuals who have provided leadership and vision in the advancement of international trade and economic policy.

Thank you for joining us this evening as we honor

**Senator Chris Coons** 

**United States Congress** 

**Congressman Darin LaHood** 

**United States Congress** 

#### Welcome to the Washington International Trade Association and Foundation Dinner!

On behalf of the Boards of the Washington International Trade Association and Foundation, welcome! We are delighted you are able to join us this evening.

With help and support from all of you, the Trade Community, WITA continues to grow and expand, both in terms of sheer numbers and impact. Today, we have nearly 6,000 members, nearly double the number we had in 2020. We continue to expand our national and global reach, and in September, we will be hosting our first international trade reception and a panel discussion at the WTO Public Forum in Geneval

Central to WITA's growth is the work of the WITA Academy™, whose mission is to make trade education and careers in international trade more accessible to diverse communities in the United States and around the world.

Since we launched the WITA Academy in the fall of 2022, we have hosted 524 students from 45 different colleges and universities for career development seminars, as part of our Pathways program. Many of you are part of the "faculty" of this unique and inspiring program. We are grateful to you, the global trade professionals who have shared your stories to help bring the next generation of trade professionals into our community, and to make our community itself more diverse and inclusive. We have also expanded our trade education and capacity building programs. 640 government officials from 76 different countries have taken part in our Intensive Trade Seminars - including 412 from 27 different U.S. government agencies.

Tonight, we come together to be reunited with old friends and to celebrate the achievements of trade leaders. We honor two Members of the U.S. Congress who have worked to advance America's global leadership and to promote the interests of their constituents through trade. They are Congressman Darin LaHood, a senior Member of the House Ways & Means Trade Subcommittee, and Senator Chis Coons, the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, and a Member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. Both are committed to bringing people together across party lines to advance the interests of America and global trade.

We are also pleased to host a former winner of WITA's Congressional Leadership Award, and a friend to many of us, Congressman Earl Blumenauer, the Ranking Member and past Chairman of the House Ways & Means Trade Subcommittee. We congratulate Congressman Blumenauer on a remarkable career of public service, and are grateful he is giving his valedictory remarks on trade at tonight's dinner.

Tonight's honorees and speakers embody WITA's vision that we can come together to debate and discuss international trade as a means to strengthen the U.S. and global economies, and to support workers, farmers, and firms around the world.

Thank you for being here to celebrate our honorees and our phenomenal trade family.

Have a great evening,

Steve Lamar

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Chairman of the Board Washington International Trade Foundation

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WITA is a non-partisan, non-profit membership organization providing a neutral forum for the open and robust discussion of international trade and economic policy. WITF is the 501(c)(3) organization that supports the educational mission of WITA through the WITA Academy, coordination of the Annual Dinner, WITA's Young Trade Professionals (YTP) program, and WITA's affiliates: the Association of USTR Alumni (AUSTRA), Congressional Trade Alumni Association, and the Embassy and Ministry Network.

# Evening Schedule

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Registration & Cocktails Atrium

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Dinner & Awards Program Atrium Hall

9:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Post Dinner Reception

Atrium

You are invited to pick up a gift bag as you exit tonight's event.

Floral centerpieces may also be taken as souvenirs.



Welcome

#### **Kenneth I. Levinson**

WITA Chief Executive Officer

#### **Antonin Aviat**

Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs, Embassy of France

#### **Stephanie Lester**

WITA Board Vice President, Gap, Inc.

### **AWARDS PROGRAM**

#### **Kaitlin Sighinolfi and Nasim Fussell**

Masters of Ceremonies

Featured Remarks by

**Congressman Earl Blumenauer** 

#### Former Congressman Kevin Brady

Presenting Award to

#### **Congressman Darin LaHood**

Congressional Leadership Award

#### **Former Senator Rob Portman**

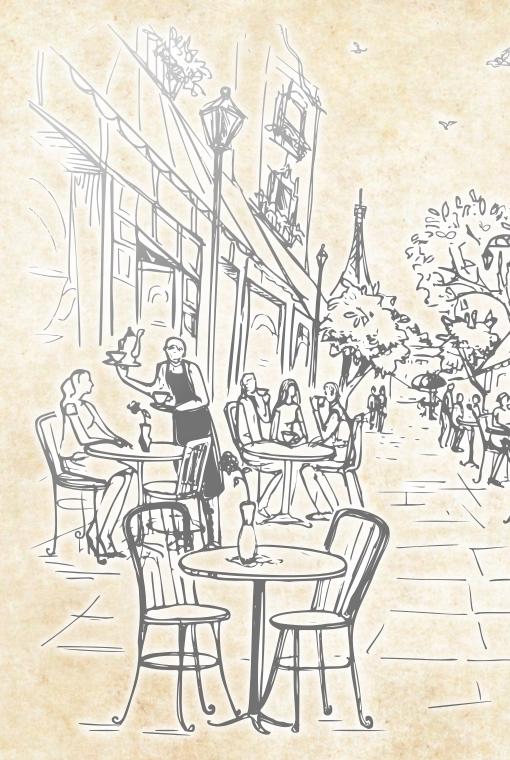
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#### **Senator Chris Coons**

Congressional Leadership Award

Presentation of 2024 Lighthouse Award by

**Stephanie Lester and Sarah Thorn** 





#### **Passed Hors d'Oeuvres**

**Vegetarian Samosa** 

Raita Sauce

Smoked Salmon Deviled Egg
Dill and Caviar

Mini Beef Wellington Mushroom Duxelles

**Beet Salmon Gravlax**Pumpernickel Toast

#### **First Course**

Watermelon and Arugula Salad

Red Endive, Radish, Chevre, Lemon Thyme Vinaigrette

#### **Entrée**

**Roasted Muscovy Duck Breast** 

Braised Chard Florentine, Dauphinoise Potato, Citrus Beurre Blanc

#### **Dessert**

Espresso Pot de Crème

Vanilla Bean Chantilly Cream, Salted Chocolate Crumble, Chocolate Covered Coffee Beans

#### **Post-Dinner Delights**

Assortment of Macarons

If you requested the vegetarian, vegan, or gluten-free options, please notify your server.

### **BEVERAGES**

The Boards of WITA and WITF thank the Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S. for providing tonight's spirits for the Annual Dinner receptions.



The Boards of WITA and WITF gratefully acknowledge the generous donations of wine, beer, spirits, and refreshments from the following embassies and organizations:

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Assortment of wines from the Yalumba Y Series The Chook Sparkling Shiraz Jansz Premium Brut Cuyée

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#### Embassy of New Zealand

Eva Pemper Sauvignon Blanc 2021

#### **Embassy of Switzerland**

Amprô 2014, Domaine des Trois Étoiles Humagne Rouge AOC Valais 2022





### **2024 Paris Olympics Champagne Fountain**

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#### **Embassy of France**

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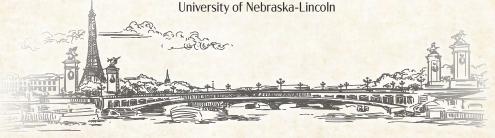
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#### **Senator Chris Coons**

As a U.S. Senator for more than a decade, Chris Coons has worked hard to find bipartisan solutions to the issues facing Delaware, the nation, and the world.

As a member of the Foreign Relations, Judiciary, Appropriations, and Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committees, and as Co-Chair of the bipartisan Senate Select Committee

on Ethics, Senator Coons is uniquely positioned to nurture American innovation and make the United States more competitive in the global market.

Senator Coons is Chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, where he focuses on strengthening U.S. alliances, supporting displaced and vulnerable people, and bolstering public health infrastructure around the world. He is also Co-Chair of the Senate Human Rights Caucus.

In these roles, Senator Coons is working for the interests of Delaware and the United States abroad while shaping a more stable, secure, and prosperous world. This includes advocating for peace and stability in regions plagued by conflict, supporting American partners and allies, and advancing U.S. international trade interests.

A longtime New Castle County resident, he lives in Wilmington with his wife, Annie. They have three children: Michael, Jack, and Margaret.



### **Congressman Earl Blumenauer**

A lifelong resident of Portland, Oregon, Congressman Earl Blumenauer is one of Oregon's innovative leaders. Raised in SE Portland, Earl attended Centennial High School. While still a college student at Lewis and Clark College, he led the campaign in Oregon to lower the voting age. He was a key player just two years later as one of the youngest legislators

in Oregon's history in a landmark session for school funding, ethics reform and Oregon's groundbreaking land use laws.

As a Multnomah County Commissioner and member of the Portland City Council, Earl's innovative accomplishments in transportation with light rail, bicycles and the street car, planning and environmental programs and public participation helped Portland earn an international reputation as one of America's most livable cities.

Elected to the US House of Representatives in 1996, Earl has been a tireless advocate for the 3rd Congressional District. He's recognized for his creative, innovative policies and accomplishments, and also his political leadership in Oregon and nationwide. He tackles controversial issues and finds ways to break ideological and partisan gridlock with a unique approach to problem solving that brings people together.

He is currently a member of the Ways and Means Committee, Ranking Member of the subcommittee on Trade and a member of the subcommittee on Health. Earl is also serving as a senior member on the Budget Committee. Earl has been a champion for rebuilding and renewing our nation's infrastructure, economic security for families, protection of public lands, stopping gun violence, ending the prohibition of marijuana, and criminal justice reform.



### **Congressman Darin LaHood**

Congressman Darin LaHood is serving his fourth full term in Congress, representing the 16th Congressional District of Illinois, which spans 21 counties across central and northwestern Illinois, including Peoria, Bloomington-Normal, Rockford, and Galena. He serves on the House Ways and Means Committee, the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,

and the House Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party. LaHood is the Chairman of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Work and Welfare and the Intelligence Committee's National Security Agency and Cyber Subcommittee. During his time in Congress, LaHood has had a strong record of leadership for his constituents in Illinois, promoting economic development, fiscal responsibility, and supporting America's national security interests. LaHood has been an outspoken advocate for creating a better business climate, reducing our federal deficit, and advocating for better international market access for the U.S. farmers. He believes strengthening America's economic and security interests are essential to effectively compete with countries like China and Russia. LaHood also serves on the House Democracy Partnership and currently co-chairs the bipartisan US-China Working Group, Digital Trade Caucus, US-Lebanon Friendship Caucus, and the Congressional Soccer Caucus. LaHood, a third generation Peorian, graduated from Spalding High School. He earned a B.A. from Loras College and holds a J.D. from the University of Illinois-Chicago John Marshall Law School. Congressman LaHood and his wife Kristen currently reside in Peoria and are the proud parents of three sons, McKay, Lucas, and Teddy.



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Akin proudly supports Trade Prom and warmly congratulates this year's esteemed honorees.



The Boeing Company salutes Congressman Darin LaHood and Senator Chris Coons for their exemplary leadership in the advancement of international trade.



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America should lead the way in working with our partners and allies to establish new high-standard trade agreements, especially in the Indo-Pacific region.

## **CATERPILLAR®**

The Road to progress begins with a road. Caterpillar thanks tonight's honorees for paving the way through their leadership on trade.

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Covington congratulates this year's WITA honorees, Senator Chris Coons and Congressman Darin LaHood, and applauds their leadership on international trade.



FGS Global congratulates Senator Chris Coons, Congressman Darin LaHood, and Congressman Earl Blumenauer for their well-deserved recognition in the global trade field. Thank you WITA for acknowledging their achievements!







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Congratulations to Congressman Darin LaHood and Senator Chris Coons! Your tireless efforts in advancing international trade have bolstered American economic growth and fostered stronger global partnerships. Thank you for your dedication!

## King & Spalding

King & Spalding sends its best wishes and many thanks to this year's deserving honorees.



Expanding global markets strengthens American dairy farming and manufacturing. The National Milk Producers Federation and the U.S. Dairy Export Council congratulate this year's winners for their contributions to the world of trade.



Cheers to another successful year for WITA and the trade community!



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We are proud sponsors of the Washington International Trade Association / Washington International Trade Foundation Annual Dinner. Congratulations to the 2024 Honorees.



Bravo to all awardees! Congratulations from the Trade Data Monitor team!



Moving our world forward by delivering what matters. Congratulations to this year's award winners for their vision, leadership and purpose.



#### U.S. Chamber of Commerce

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce congratulates Senator Chris Coons and Congressman Darin LaHood for their tireless leadership on trade.



Congratulations to Senator Chris Coons and Congressman Darin LaHood for their outstanding contributions to advancing international trade.







Our sincere congratulations to the distinguished honorees for their continuous commitment and dedication to the advancement of international trade.







The American Apparel & Footwear Association congratulates this year's WITA honorees. We are proud to show our support for Senator Chris Coons and Congressman Darin LaHood and are grateful for their leadership!

Chevron is a proud sponsor of the 2024 WITA/WITF Annual Dinner.
Congratulations to this year's honorees for their commitment to advancing a proactive trade agenda.



We understand what it takes to deliver when it counts. We are proud to show our support for this year's award winners. Congratulations!



Congratulations to another successful year for WITA and the International Trade community!





As a proud supporter of international trade as a path to economic growth and prosperity, MetLife congratulates all the winners of WITA's prestigious award.

McLarty Associates congratulates
Senator Coons, Congressman LaHood,
and Congressman Blumenauer for the
recognition of their leadership and significant
contributions to US trade policy.





Congratulations to tonight's honorees!

Polsinelli is proud to celebrate your
accomplishments!

Congratulations to the honorees for their service and dedication to advancing international trade and to WITA for offering timely and informative programming on trade policy.





Skadden congratulates Congressman
Darin LaHood and Senator Chris
Coons for their achievements within
international trade.

Congratulations to this year's award winners and honorees!





As a global mobility company exporting to over 60 countries from the U.S., we are excited to be a part of this celebration. Toyota congratulates this year's deserving honorees.

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Congratulations to the WITA honorees! White & Case applauds your commitment to progress in international trade. We are delighted to celebrate your achievements.

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The 2025 Washington International Trade Conference will be held on **February 10, 2025 and February 11, 2025.** 

If you're interested in supporting the 2025 International Trade Conference, please contact **Diego Añez at danez@wita.org or call 202-312-1600.** 

# Sponsorship Opportunities

We are incredibly grateful for the support WITA receives throughout the year, through the record attendance at our online events, sponsorship of our event series, and of course through WITA's Annual Dinner – the TRADE PROM - the biggest annual gathering of the international trade community. We're also incredibly grateful to the WITA Academy sponsors, whose support has enabled us to bring this vital initiative to an even wider audience across the U.S. and around the world.

WITA is widely considered Washington's premier trade forum, and we are very grateful for your support of our efforts to promote trade-related dialogue around the world. In addition to the Annual Dinner, WITA and WITF (a 501(c)(3) a non-profit which supports the educational mission of WITA), offer various ways to support our trade education mission, including event sponsorships and series sponsorship.

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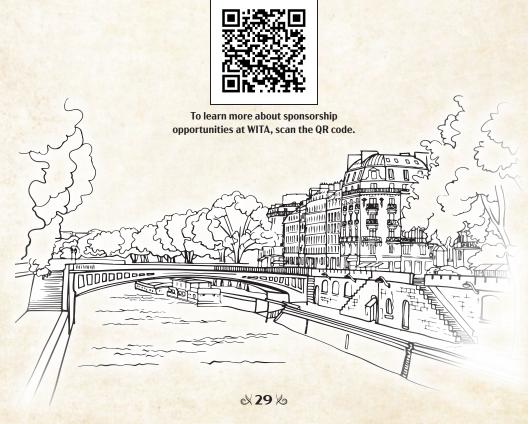
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- WITA's International Trade Reception: On Wednesday, September 11, 2024, WITA and the Foundation will host its first international trade reception at the WTO Public Forum in Geneva, Switzerland.
- ※ WITA Academy™: The WITA Academy makes trade education and career opportunities in international trade accessible to communities in the United States and around the world, making the trade community itself more diverse, equitable and inclusive.
- The WITA Academy's Trade & Law Series: Law students and undergraduates hear from law firms and trade professionals about career opportunities in international trade and law.
- **WITF Academy Fellowship**: Support a post-graduate Fellow to work at WITA and the Foundation for a full year after graduation from college.
- 2025 Washington International Trade Conference: On February 10, 2025 and February 11, 2025, WITA and WITF will host the seventh annual Washington International Trade Conference, with online and in-person events looking at key international trade policy issues in the U.S. and around the world.

- WITA Event Series: Work with WITA to formulate and deliver a series of events on a thematic trade topic. In the coming year, we will launch a new series to look at the renewal of USMCA, and will be continuing our Trade & Environment Series. Sponsorship packages for each of these series are available. We also welcome ideas for new topics if you are interested in sponsoring a new series with WITA.
- Individual WITA Events: We welcome sponsorship for most of our individual events. Sponsors receive high value exposure in event-related communications to over 20,000 trade leaders in DC and around the world.
- Support for WITA/WITF's affiliated groups such as our Alumni Associations, the Embassy and Ministry Network, and Young Trade Professionals.



Please contact Ken Levinson or Diego Añez if you wish to discuss these and other opportunities, at KLevinson@wita.org or DAnez@wita.org





The mission of the WITA Academy™ is to make trade education and career opportunities in international trade accessible to communities in the United States and around the world.

Working with our global network of trade professionals, we are expanding what the term "inclusive" means to WITA and the trade community at large.

The two pillars of the WITA Academy are Career Development and Trade Education.

**Pillar I: Career Development**: Through our Pathways programs, we are working with universities to give students the knowledge they need to access career opportunities in international trade.

Our vast network of trade professionals in the United States and around the world allows the WITA Academy "faculty" to highlight different pathways to future jobs in trade. These Pathways programs empower individuals to overcome obstacles that might otherwise keep them from accessing careers in international trade.

The work of the WITA Academy fosters a sustainable pipeline for the international trade community to bring the best and brightest, next generation workforce into the trade policy community – diversifying its network of professionals with new talent that may not have previously sought careers in international trade.

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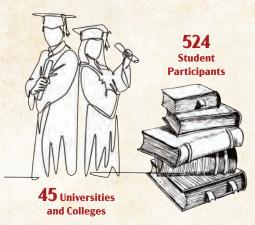
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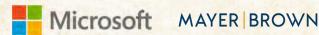
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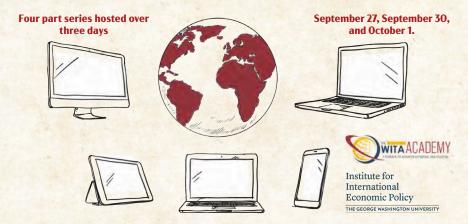
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The four-part Intensive Trade Seminar is geared towards individuals who want to learn how trade policy is made in Washington, DC. Past attendees include those in business, law, academia, NGOs, embassies and the U.S. Government.

The 2024 Intensive Trade Seminar will be held virtually on Zoom over three days, a full day on Sept. 27, a half day on Sept. 30, and a half day on Oct. 1.

Speakers help attendees increase their professional knowledge by learning the nuts and bolts of trade policy directly from career trade policy professionals from across government, industry, and law.



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Wednesday, September 11 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (Central European Time)

The Washington International Trade Foundation is going global with the WITA International Trade Reception, hosted in the Salle des Pas Perdus at the World Trade Organization headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. This prestigious event will connect trade professionals from the WITA community with their international peers attending the 2024 WTO Public Forum.



We are honored to welcome **Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General of the WTO**, who will be presented with the WITA/WITF Global Leadership Award in recognition of her outstanding contributions as Director-General.

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