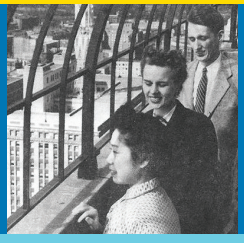
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CELEBRATING 75 YEARS








DIALOGUE, DIPLOMACY, AND DISCOVERY








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2025-2026 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends of Global Minnesota,

As we reflect on the past year, I am struck by both how much has changed in our world and how enduring the need is for Global Minnesota's work.

For 75 years, **Global Minnesota has helped Minnesotans better understand and engage with our world** while also helping people from around the world discover Minnesota. This past year reminded us why that mission matters. At a time when international relationships can feel increasingly complicated, when the system is under strain, and when misunderstanding can too easily become division, Global Minnesota provides something essential: a place where people can come together to listen, learn, ask difficult questions, and build relationships across differences.



Uri Camarena-Michel, 2025–2027 Board Chair

This year brought many successes. We expanded opportunities for Minnesotans to engage with international leaders, experts, educators, students, and visitors. We strengthened relationships across Minnesota's business, education, civic, and diplomatic networks. We welcomed new participants to our programs and continued to create meaningful opportunities for citizen diplomacy—often through something as simple and powerful as bringing people together around a dinner table.

We also celebrated an extraordinary milestone: Global Minnesota's 75th anniversary. Looking back at three-quarters of a century of programs, partnerships, and relationships, we are reminded that **this organization has always evolved to meet the moment**. The world has changed dramatically since 1951, but the need for global understanding, engagement, and dialogue has only grown.

That recognition also brings a responsibility to look ahead.

We want Global Minnesota to be an even stronger statewide resource—a convener, connector, and trusted source of global understanding. We want to continue to reach more people in and beyond the Twin Cities, deepen our partnerships with Minnesota's business and civic communities, engage a new generation, and create more opportunities for Minnesotans to participate personally in citizen diplomacy.

None of this happens without the dedication of our staff, volunteers, partners, members, and donors. On behalf of the Board of Directors, **thank you for believing that Minnesota is stronger when it is connected to the world**—and that our world is stronger when people have opportunities to understand one another.

As we begin our next 75 years, we do so with gratitude for those who built Global Minnesota, confidence in the people carrying its mission forward, and a deep sense of possibility about what comes next.

Thank you for being part of the Global Minnesota community.

Uri Camarena-Michel
2025-2027 Board Chair



GLOBAL MINNESOTA CONNECTIONS

"While Global Minnesota has been successful for 75 years I suspect the best is yet to come because of your leadership and current staff. You bring new meaning to what a mission-driven organization can be." *—Karen, member*

In 2025–26, Global Minnesota hosted nearly 525 activities, which connected 23,000 participants to 135 countries.

GEOGRAPHIC HIGHLIGHTS



"I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute and was truly encouraged by the strong interest and engagement from the audience." *—Consul General of Lithuania*













LATIN AMERICA
K-12 Education programs, like our Classroom Connection visit featuring Nanda from Brazil, inspired school children to learn more about the world around them.

EUROPE
Transatlantic relations and nuclear proliferation took center stage at the 2026 Great Decisions Conference featuring former Deputy Secretary General of NATO Rose Gottemoeller.

AFRICA
Through our Professional Exchanges program, leaders in finance, academia, music, and theater from countries across Africa visited the town of Lanesboro to discuss how arts and culture can drive economic vitality.

MIDDLE EAST
In a sold-out World Affairs Events program, Dr. Vali Nasr provided insight into the geopolitical forces shaping regional security and global affairs in Iran and the wider Middle East.

ASIA-PACIFIC
International students from dozens of countries, including China, Japan, and South Korea, experienced Minnesota hospitality through cultural adventures and professional development.

NORTH AMERICA
Our Corporate Engagement program helped businesses navigate complex international trade and tariff rules through corporate roundtable events with the Head Consul of Mexico in Saint Paul and a senior leader at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ›

In a time of rapid change for international students, Global Minnesota continued our founding tradition by welcoming over 1,200 visiting students from 82 countries in 2025-26. Students experienced iconic Minnesota adventures from local hiking to a beach day, and from visits to the State Capitol to a local apple orchard. While professional development opportunities prepare these international students for career success, dinner hosting in our members' homes creates a warm, welcoming environment that builds lasting global friendships.





PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGES ›

Global Minnesota's Professional Exchanges have created connections across cultures and welcomed visiting delegations since our founding. This past year, nearly 300 Minnesota professionals met with international delegations from 87 countries to exchange best practices in fields such as cybersecurity, arts and culture, polytrauma healthcare, and advancing STEM education. In partnership with the U.S. State Department's International Visitor Leadership Program and other exchange programs, these experiences create ongoing opportunities for professional exchange for citizen diplomats in Minnesota's public, private, and nongovernmental sectors.





K-12 EDUCATION ›

Global Minnesota's K-12 Education Program fosters global awareness for students of every grade. Through Classroom Connection, nearly 3,000 elementary students met with international volunteers, bringing cross-cultural perspectives to life. Since 2008, Academic WorldQuest has challenged high school students from across the state to apply their skills in a fast-paced global knowledge competition. Together, these programs prepare young people to encourage international understanding, develop global competency, and thrive in an interconnected world.





DISCUSSION GROUPS ›

Global Minnesota supports nearly 30 Great Decisions discussion groups across the state, continuing a long legacy of connecting communities with today's most pressing foreign policy issues. In partnership with the national Foreign Policy Association, discussion groups across Minnesota brought thousands of participants together with local foreign policy experts for informed, civil dialogue on topics including U.S.-China relations, European security, and the global implications of artificial intelligence.







WORLD AFFAIRS EVENTS ›

We bring the world's most vital conversations directly to Minnesota. This past year, our World Affairs events engaged thousands of participants on the definitive global issues of our time, continuing a tradition that began when we brought the University's World Affairs Center under our roof in the 1980s. Key programs included a panel on U.S–South Korea relations, a virtual discussion on the future of Ecuador, and the U.S. Foreign Policy Update with Diplomat-in-Residence Tom Hanson. These events deepened cross-cultural understanding and strengthened connections between Minnesota and the world.





CORPORATE ENGAGEMENT ›

Since the early 1990s, we have helped Minnesota companies expand their international access, gain new insights, and broaden their global brand exposure. In 2025-26, we accelerated this work by hosting specialized business briefings, including a critical discussion on tariff policy that drew over 500 attendees; sustainable development roundtables; and a sold-out Global Business Outlook event analyzing future economic megatrends.





ASSETS

Cash/Cash Equivalents	$252,621
Receivables and Prepaid Expenses	193,642
Equipment (net)	1,477
Other Assets	204,079
Investments	1,122,510
TOTAL ASSETS	**$1,774,329**

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities	$180,538
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	474,427
Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	1,119,364
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	**$1,774,329**

REVENUE

Membership and Individual Contributions	$924,005
Corporate and Foundation Contributions	329,451
Government Grants and Contributions	223,200
Program Income	81,396
Investment Revenue and Other Income	90,933
TOTAL REVENUE	**$1,648,985**

EXPENSES

Program Services	$1,237,814
Management and General	110,234
Development	252,205
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$1,600,253**



Gala

With over 500 friends, citizen diplomats, globally minded leaders, and international visitors in attendance, this year's 75th Anniversary Gala was our largest and most successful celebration yet. While honoring the incredible legacy of Minnesota's global community with international cuisine and world-class entertainment, guests came together to raise nearly $460,000 to fund our mission into the future. We extend our deepest gratitude to the Gala committee for their exceptional creativity and hard work in making this milestone evening a historic success.

The financial generosity of individuals, businesses, organizations, and foundations helps open new program pathways. Your support makes this work possible.

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"The four students [we hosted] were a great deal of fun and adventurous when we made homemade pizza. They all jumped into the experience and later shared a great deal about their personal and professional goals."
—Toni, home dinner host and member

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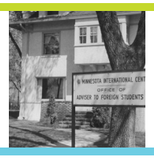
"I always say yes when I'm asked to meet with foreign visitors because it's always a pleasure. I always learn something from them."
—Mike, local professional exchange participant

OUR HISTORY















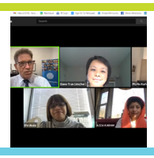














1951
A volunteer committee forms to welcome international students to Minnesota.

1953
The International Center for Students and Visitors (ICSV) is officially established, hosting its first welcome events.

1954
We launch our first international visitor exchanges with delegations from Japan, Germany, and Malaysia.

1964
ICSV rebrands as the Minnesota International Center (MIC) and fully occupies this house on East River Road.

1970s
We launch our first classroom visits through the International Student Speaker's Bureau.

1984
The University of Minnesota World Affairs Center merges with MIC, adding World Affairs Events and Discussion Groups to our core programming.

1990s
We initiate trade-centered events with visiting ambassadors, marking a strategic shift toward a Corporate Member program.

2001
In the wake of the September 11 attacks, our content rapidly shifts to help the community navigate complex new geopolitical concerns.

2006
Tom Hanson delivers first U.S. Foreign Policy Update, beginning a popular annual tradition.

2008
We host our first Academic WorldQuest high school knowledge competition, now in its 19th year.

2014
MIC moves to our current location on University Avenue in Minneapolis, and the Speaker's Bureau is restructured as the Classroom Connection program.

2016
The organization officially rebrands to Global Minnesota, showcasing our statewide reach.

2020-22
We successfully pivot to virtual programming to keep our community connected during the COVID-19 pandemic.

2026
We proudly celebrate our 75th Anniversary and publish our commemorative history book.

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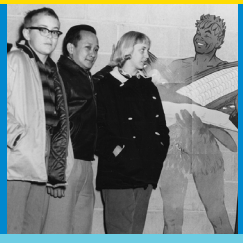
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