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A Century of Hope & Promise

In 1919, IIE'S founders could not have imagined the advances in technology and knowledge that connect us globally in all aspects of our lives. This connectivity affords us our best shot ever at building mutual understanding across the globe.

As the world struggles to cope with a growing pandemic, wars in several regions, and an uncertain economic outlook, the work of IIE is needed more than ever. We face new and increasing waves of displaced and threatened scholars and students; we received more applications for help in 2019 than in any previous year. Founded on the belief that education makes the world more just and productive, and promotes peace, IIE remains dedicated to that belief today, as we begin our second century of work.

During our Centennial year, IIE organized numerous activities that were designed to raise awareness of our vision, to celebrate our first century of work, and to plan for the future. We also received many special tributes, including a unanimous U.S. Senate Resolution recognizing IIE's Centennial, recognition as a "Treasure of New York" by PBS, and a commemorative citation from Governor Andrew Cuomo.

We are very grateful to our forebears, to our foundation partners, and to our individual donors whose support is so vital to our mission. We know that our work is impactful by virtue of the transformed lives of our grantee students and scholars, and by virtue of the multiplier effect that it has on all our lives and on the lives of others as our grantees continue their work in communities all over the world — sharing their knowledge, experiences, and passion.

This year marks the 100th year of IIE's first scholar rescue undertaking, during the Bolshevik Revolution, when IIE supported more than 600 university students and professors in the pursuit of their academic work in safety in the U.S. and Europe. Your continued generosity will help expand access to education and to create pathways not only to individual growth and opportunity, but also to development, stability, and sustainable peace.

Yours very sincerely,



Mark A. Angelson

Chair, IIE Centennial Committee

Chair, IIE Scholar Rescue Fund and Selection Committee

Commemorating the Centennial



Throughout 2019, from the IIE Summit 2019 in New York to celebrations at all 18 IIE offices around the world, Centennial events brought IIE's global community together to reflect on its past and envision the future.

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ELIZABETH ALEXANDER

ABOVE: Elizabeth Alexander, President of The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, received a Centennial Medal from Allan Goodman, IIE President and CEO.

EMPIRE STATE BUILDING LIGHTING

RIGHT: On February 19, the Empire State Building in New York was illuminated in IIE colors. The lighting was graciously donated to honor IIE's 100th anniversary.



Centennial Year Activities



IIE Centennial Gala

On October 30, over 350 of IIE's most renowned supporters, partners, advisors, and grantees attended IIE's Centennial Gala. At this memorable event, the Stephen P. Duggan Award was presented to Martin Lipton, Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Trustees of NYU and founding partner of the law firm of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, for his role in transforming NYU into a prominent global university.

IIE CENTENNIAL GALA

ABOVE: Attendees at the Centennial Gala celebrating IIE's 100 years of transforming lives.

In the Media

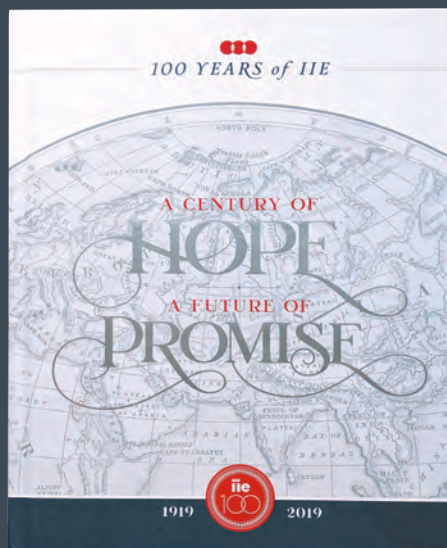
FULL PAGE AD IN THE NEW YORK TIMES

On February 17, the late Marian Sulzberger Heiskell graciously donated a full-page ad in the newspaper commemorating IIE's 100th anniversary.



PBS DOCUMENTARY FEATURES IIE

A new documentary, *Treasures of New York: Institute of International Education*, aired on PBS stations in the spring of 2019. Telling the story of IIE – how it has kept the door open for educational exchange since the aftermath of WWII, continuing uninterrupted through the rise of fascism, WWII, the Cold War, 9/11, and beyond – the documentary shows the breadth and depth of IIE's contribution to the world.



Centennial Book

With the publication of *A Century of Hope; A Future of Promise*, we commemorate 100 years of championing international education and promoting the peaceful exchange of ideas. We are grateful to the many partners and supporters who make our mission a reality.



Centennial Medals

Throughout the Centennial Year, IIE conferred 120 Centennial Medals upon those who have made significant contributions to the field of international education.



IIE Summit 2019

On February 17–19, the IIE Summit brought together more than 600 leaders and practitioners from education, government, business, philanthropy, and media for discussions to envision the next 50 years of international education.



GORDON BROWN

ABOVE LEFT: At the IIE Summit 2019, John Sexton, Henry Kaufman, and Allan Goodman present the Kaufman Prize to Gordon Brown, United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education and former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

IIE SUMMIT ATTENDEES

ABOVE RIGHT: IIE Summit 2019 attendees gather to discuss the future of international education.

Centennial Year Activities

Senate Resolution and Governor's Proclamation

FAR RIGHT: On April 4, by unanimous consent, the U.S. Senate passed Resolution 146 recognizing IIE's Centennial and its contribution to educational exchange, scholar rescue, and programs to promote mutual understanding.



ABOVE LEFT: On February 1, Governor Andrew Cuomo issued a special citation to IIE for its Centennial as an institution that has enriched the lives of citizens and strengthened the fabric of New York.

IIE Volunteer Initiative

As part of IIE's Centennial volunteer initiative, IIE-D.C. team members worked together on a community service project to support Central Union Mission, a local organization that helps homeless people living in the area. IIE teams worldwide have contributed time and effort in support of the volunteer initiative.

PEER Forum

The IIE PEER Forum on April 4 highlighted IIE's university advising programs and provided sessions on building ethical scholarship programs, creating successful partnerships, and addressing the growing accessibility gap in education in emergencies. The Forum brought together over 100 participants from universities, institutions, and non-profit organizations.



PEER DISCUSSION

Participants at the IIE Peer Forum discuss best practices for empowering displaced students through higher education.



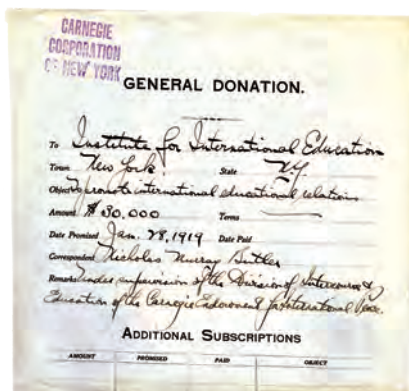
2019 Goldberg Award Winners

In 2019, IIE celebrated the 15th anniversary of the Victor Goldberg Award, which recognizes and supports continued work towards peace. This year it was awarded to Yuval Roth and Naeem Al-Baeda, an Israeli and Palestinian who jointly lead Road to Recovery (RtR), an organization of volunteers who drive Palestinians from their homes in the West Bank or Gaza to hospital appointments in Israel for urgent medical treatments. Pictured here are Victor Goldberg, Naeem Al-Baeda, Yuval Roth, and Allan Goodman at the award ceremony in Israel on June 12.

Transforming Lives: 100 Years and Counting

IIE was founded in 1919 with a grant from Carnegie Corporation of New York. Since then, the continuing support of our trustees, donors, and other contributing organizations has enabled IIE to reach its historic Centennial year, poised to realize the promise of a new century.

Much has changed since 1919, but IIE's vision and guiding principles remain the same. IIE thrives because of the generosity of donors who share our founders' conviction that international education can lead to greater peace and understanding in an increasingly interconnected world.



A FOUNDING GRANT

A 1919 grant from Carnegie Corporation of New York helped launch IIE.

IIE offers transformative opportunities to individuals across the United States and in more than 185 countries. We educate future leaders, rescue scholars and artists in peril, aid international students during emergencies, and help U.S. college students study abroad.

Current world events render these programs all the more necessary. Together, we can make a difference — one life, one voice, one idea at a time.



ANGELA RODRIGUEZ

Forced to leave the crisis in her native Venezuela, Angela Rodriguez found support from IIE's Student Emergency Initiatives and achieved her dream of attending college in the United States.



INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

The Storm King Conference, organized by IIE and held at the Storm King School in Cornwall, New York, was one of the first international conferences for exchange students. It brought together students from nine countries on two continents, including Argentina, Italy, France, Brazil, and many other nations.

“Through the support of IIE’s Student Emergency Initiatives, I found new hope in the hands of generous and caring people I had never met.”

— ANGELA RODRIGUEZ

IIE Centennial Fellowships

In 2019, private contributions, including an endowment named in memory of former IIE Trustee Rodman C. Rockefeller, established the IIE Centennial Fellowships to honor IIE's Centennial and its long-standing association with the Fulbright Program.

In seeking to help enhance Fulbright as a life-long experience, each year the IIE Centennial Fellowships competition will be open to all Fulbright Program alumni and will recognize projects that embody the underlying Fulbright values of mutual understanding and leadership, and that help solve the world's most pressing problems. The program also encourages projects that promote continued collaboration and institutional linkages established during applicants' Fulbright grant periods.

2019 IIE Centennial Fellows



PAIGE BALCOM
IIE Rodman C. Rockefeller
Centennial Fellow

Paige is a Ph.D. student in mechanical engineering at the University of California, Berkeley focusing on heat transfer and development engineering. She is working with Takataka Plastics to transform plastic waste in Uganda into construction materials, create jobs, and improve the environment and public health. Paige was a 2016-2017 Fulbright U.S. Student to Uganda, and her ultimate goals are to teach engineering at Ugandan and U.S. universities, start social ventures to empower Ugandans, and promote international cooperation among students.



ISHTIAQUE AHMED
IIE Centennial Fellow

Ishtiaque is an Assistant Professor of Computer Science at the University of Toronto, Canada. He works on building technologies in Bangladesh to save the environment from electronic waste and improve the working conditions of e-waste workers. He is hoping that the innovations that will come out of his project will benefit thousands of e-waste workers in Bangladesh, and later, many more workers in other countries. Ishtiaque was a 2013-2014 Fulbright Foreign Student from Bangladesh.



SABRINA VERLEYESEN
IIE Rodman C. Rockefeller
Centennial Fellow

Sabrina is a research intern at The Cohen Group, based in Washington, D.C. She is the co-founder of Project Buku Buku, a global campaign to tackle literacy in rural regions of Indonesia, which she began during her 2018-2019 Fulbright Fellowship to Java Indonesia. She is working with corporate sponsors, universities, and non-profits in the United States to create life changing opportunities for students, and most importantly, to empower girls in those regions to reach their full potential.

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KRIZIA LOPEZ
IIE Centennial Fellow

Krizia works with Puentes Community Translators in Queens, New York, to build pathways to careers in professional translation for bilingual young adults from immigrant communities. She hopes to increase the supply of community-rooted translators to reduce language barriers while helping young immigrant adults increase their economic capital and earning power. She first became interested in the power of language as a 2013-2014 U.S. Fulbright Student to Nicaragua where she researched how expanding access to sign language impacts the daily lives and human rights of deaf Nicaraguans.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

RIGHT: Krizia Lopez connects with community members in Queens, New York.

“I believe that communities hold the key to their own development: leveraging a community’s existing strengths to address their needs is the key to creating authentic, integrated solutions that really do work to unlock better outcomes in today’s increasingly globalized world.”

— KRIZIA LOPEZ



IIE Scholar Rescue Fund

The IIE Scholar Rescue Fund (IIE-SRF) is the only global program that arranges and funds fellowships for threatened and displaced scholars at partnering higher education institutions. IIE-SRF is funded solely by private contributions, and over the past year, assisted close to 200 scholars from 29 countries. IIE-SRF ensures that immediate assistance and academic support will always be available to scholars whenever and wherever they may be threatened.



BINALAKSHMI NEPRAM

A scholar spearheading work on women-led peace, security, and disarmament

Bina grew up under martial law in Manipur, India. A witness to violence and repression, she has dedicated her research to issues of human rights, women's empowerment, and disarmament. Her work led her to form the Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network, putting herself at risk to help others. IIE-SRF provided Bina with a fellowship and academic placement at Connecticut College. From this safe haven, based on 15 years of her work in Manipur in Indo-Burma region, she conceptualized and taught a course on "Women, War and Peace" and continued her research and work to reduce armed violence worldwide.



NABHAN KHAYATA

A former academic dean whose research focuses on thermodynamics and renewable energy resources

Nabhan is a former dean of the faculty of mechanical engineering at the University of Aleppo in Syria. Because of repeated physical threats and the increasingly dire and dangerous situation in Syria, he sought refuge with his family in Germany. IIE-SRF provided Nabhan with a fellowship and placement at the University of Bristol and most recently at the Ruhr University Bochum in Germany. Nabhan has been able to learn the German language and to continue his research and teaching in thermodynamics and renewable energy resources.

"IIE gave me a lifeline I didn't know I had."

— BINALAKSHMI NEPRAM

IIE Student Emergency Initiatives

Through IIE's privately-funded Student Emergency Initiatives (IIE-SEI), IIE provides students impacted by armed conflict or natural disaster with an opportunity to start or carry on their higher education to foster economic development, improve public health, and build safer communities in crisis-ridden countries. IIE-SEI includes IIE's Platform for Education in Emergencies Response (PEER), the IIE Syria Consortium for Higher Education in Crisis, and the IIE Emergency Student Fund (ESF).

"There's nothing more you can do to change someone's life than depositing knowledge in them — it's priceless."

— ABEER PAMUK



ABEER PAMUK

A 2018-2019 IIE Student Emergency Initiatives grantee from Aleppo, Syria

Abeer's hometown of Aleppo, Syria has been virtually destroyed by war. After being displaced to Lebanon, Abeer received word that her university had been bombed, and that she had lost four friends. Despite the risks, Abeer returned to Syria and worked with humanitarian aid organizations and earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Aleppo. With aid from IIE's Emergency Student Fund, Abeer is now pursuing a master's degree in conflict resolution and coexistence at Brandeis University.

Study Abroad

IIE's Generation Study Abroad is a privately-funded initiative to mobilize resources and commitments with the goal of increasing and diversifying the U.S. students studying abroad. Over 800 commitment partners worldwide have pledged to expand study abroad opportunities and participation through their institution, school, organization, or government.

"I wouldn't have been able to study abroad if it weren't for IIE."

— CESAR GUERRERO



CESAR GUERRERO

A 2018 Santander Bank Generation Study Abroad grantee from Wenatchee, Washington

For Cesar, a first-generation college student, who grew up in a low-income household, going abroad always seemed out of reach. He achieved his goal when he was awarded IIE's Generation Study Abroad Travel Grant. He studied abroad in Thailand and experienced first-hand how business operates in a different country. He also credits studying abroad with improving his interpersonal skills and increasing his global network. Cesar graduated from Washington State University and is currently a cloud consultant for Oracle Corporation.

Scholarship for Refugee Students

The Julia Stasch Fund – IIE Scholarship for Refugee Students was established in 2019 by eight prominent foundations to honor Julia Stasch, the immediate past President of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. The IIE Julia Stasch Scholarships support students who have come to the United States as refugees or have been granted asylum to complete their studies at a community college in the Greater Chicago area.

“The scholarship helped me focus on studies and tremendously lessened my stress and improved my college performance.”

— MARZIYE RAJABI



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2019 IIE Julia Stasch Scholarship recipient from Afghanistan

Marziye was born in Afghanistan and lived in Turkey before arriving in the United States in 2016. She is pursuing an associate's degree in engineering science and has been guaranteed admission to Illinois Institute of Technology for the fall 2020. Without the scholarship, Marziye would have had to register for less credits and work full time to help pay for her expenses, taking much longer to complete her associate's degree.

Supporting Graduate Studies

The Kriesberg family established the IIE Martin Kriesberg Fellowship in honor and memory of the life and public service of Martin Kriesberg. Martin Kriesberg was a pioneer in the field of international development, who worked for the Department of Agriculture and twice helped to establish schools of public administration. The Martin Kriesberg Fellowship will annually support a Fulbright U.S. Student who will be returning after his/her Fulbright year to pursue a graduate degree in the United States.



SAMUEL POWERS

Inaugural recipient of the Martin Kriesberg Fellowship, in Kigali, Rwanda

Samuel is pursuing a master's degree in public health at the University of Virginia. His research focuses on at-risk populations in Rwanda who were left out by the improvements in health infrastructure in response to the sustainable development goals. He plans to continue to work on issues of health equity and access to quality healthcare and to apply statistical analysis techniques to direct national policy efforts.



The Power of Giving

By supporting our work, you are providing life-changing opportunities for students and scholars. Your funds help advance our mission to improve access to education around the world. This work includes innovative initiatives to support higher education in countries in crisis, to rescue displaced scholars and artists, and to enable more Americans to study abroad.

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