



2018-2019

Annual Report

United Nations Association
of the National Capital Area



UNA-NCA STRATEGIC GOALS

Goal 1

Build support for the work of the United Nations and connect the National Capital Area's residents and organizations to the work of the United Nations

 **3,700+** Facebook Followers


 **2,400+** Twitter Followers

 **10+** Events on the UN and the SDGs

Goal 2

Enhance membership and inter-generational engagement

 **853** Total Active Members 

 **350** Active GenUN Members (25 & Under)

41% of Members are 25 & under

61% of Members are 40 & under

Goal 3

Build a comprehensive **partnership network**

Over **30+** partners

Including government agencies, UN agencies, civil society, local and international nonprofits, universities, and businesses of all sizes



Goal 4

Create an increasingly efficient, integrated, and financially **stable organization**

Strengthened Committee **leadership** and **engagement** 

Expanded **professional development** and **mentorship opportunities**

Strengthened **accounting** and **investment** practices

In 2018, UNA-NCA's Board of Directors renewed its new strategic plan to guide the organization's activities in carrying out its mission and vision through 2020. A new business plan was developed for effective implementation of the strategic goals.

A Letter From Our LEADERSHIP



We have had the honor to work closely as a team serving UNA-NCA for the past two years as your President and Executive Director. The U.S.-UN partnership has come under increasing strain by the current Administration in both policy and in the President's budget this year and last, which proposed deep cuts in all of the UN programs, agencies and special commissions. Fortunately, the U.S. Congress overcame these challenges last year by securing and stabilizing most of FY 2019 funding.



However, there are still significant funding gaps for important programs, which can undermine peace initiatives, critical humanitarian relief, human rights support and the long-term progress in implementing the sustainable development goals. At the same time, the lack of U.S. diplomats with long experience in many of the missions and embassies abroad undermines the U.S. ongoing roles in UN programs and U.S. representation around the world.

Still, there is confirmation from key polls, most recently Gallop, that more than 65% of the American public highly value the full partnership and engagement of the U.S. in the UN, and support the U.S. share of the funding for UN programs and its peacekeeping missions.

UNA-NCA's mission continues to be even more important to inform our citizens and policy leaders about the work and progress of the UN. Full funding is necessary for the UN and its many agencies to address the significant needs for peacebuilding and conflict prevention methods, examine human rights abuses, and mitigate the consequences of poor governance regimes, climate change, forced migration, new health pandemics, and more.

We must continue to strengthen the relationship between the U.S., its citizens, and the family of UN agencies through emphasizing the common values shared by all Member States historically since the founding of the UN nearly 75 years ago in 1945. UNA-NCA is part of the network of organizations that extol the virtues of the UN by both contributing to its support with policy leaders, and lending ideas and experience to improve UN operations and effectiveness.

The UN has gained more visibility and active support thanks to the vigorous leadership of UN Secretary-General António Guterres and his circle of key officers, comprised of more than 50% women for the first time in UN history. We are hopeful that a U.S. nominee will soon fill the post for Permanent Representative to the UN, as it has remained vacant since January 2019. This role is critical to U.S. constructive engagement with the UN and for advocating for a more effective system.

These turbulent times are all the more reason for UNA-NCA to maintain its mission to help our members build concrete, factual knowledge about the UN's work and programs, and to foster non-partisan dialogue with policy leaders in our area, with Congress, and with the Administration.

UNA-NCA has had an active program year, reaching public audiences and advocating with national policy leaders on the Hill to define and discuss areas to strengthen the UN, and where U.S. investments can be strategic to make the UN's relevance and progress on peace, development, and human rights better understood. Our members are attending programs in greater numbers across all ages. We are fortunate that there remains strong cross-generational collaboration within UNA-NCA, including our long-term leaders who give generously their time, expertise, and financial support.

This annual report describes the programs from June 2018 to May 2019 including the annual Human Rights Awards reception, the Graduate Fellows program, and the Global Classrooms DC Model UN year-round program, which serves over 1,000 middle and high school students from DC area schools, and our semi-annual Young Professional Career Dinners. Our Advocacy program saw increased visibility through regular congressional visits, training sessions, and a new web page, along with other digital tools. Our special UN Day program featured an address by the executive director of UNICEF at the Italian Embassy. Our program committees for Sustainable Development, Human Rights, Peace and Security, African Affairs and International Law led many other events throughout the year.

We are pleased to salute the extraordinary volunteers from our membership who serve on our Board of Directors, our Advisory Council and committee leaders. We especially want to recognize the wonderful staff team of Andrew Doll, Nicole Bohannon, Bonnie Worstell, and their excellent team of Program Assistants who have served UNA-NCA all year.

Our committed members and supporters, including individual donors, foundations, businesses, and partners make it possible for UNA-NCA to sustain and expand its educational programs and advocacy efforts for a strong U.S.-UN partnership.

We thank you all for your continued commitment and support.

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2018 UNA-NCA Human Rights Awards: Celebrating 70 Years of Universal Human Rights



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Perdita Huston Human Rights Award

Karen Mulhauser

UNA-NCA Past President and UNA-USA Past National Council Chair



Community Human Rights Award

Empower DC

Accepted by its Executive Director, Parisa Norouzi



On December 6, 2018 UNA-NCA hosted its annual Human Rights Awards Reception at the National Education Association (NEA) along with over 150 guests. This event commemorated the 70th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

UN Day Celebration: Children in the Digital World

On October 29th UNA-NCA, the Embassy of Italy's Digital Diplomacy Series, and the UN Information Center celebrated the 73rd anniversary of the United Nations with a special program featuring the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) Executive Director Henrietta H. Fore. Joining Ms. Fore was Dr. Robert C. Orr, Dean of the University of Maryland School of Public Policy, for a discussion moderated by Suzanne Kianpour, BBC Foreign Affairs Correspondent. We were also honored to be joined by the Ambassador of Italy to the U.S., Armando Varricchio.



The speakers discussed the role of children in a digital world. The discussion focused on the online threats facing children and youth online; the challenges children around the world face especially in developing countries in accessing the internet; and the UN's role in expanding access to technology and working with the private sector to use this newfound access in the name of humanitarian assistance, education, and economic opportunity. A reception for guests followed the program.

Graduate FELLOWS Program

The 2019 Spring Semester program included 21 graduate students from nine universities in the national capital area. Ten of the fellows were born and raised outside the United States, and 11 in the U.S. and they received bachelor's degrees from universities in five other nations and the U.S. They ranged in age from 20 to mid-40s, and included three law students, 16 master's degree candidates, and two in five-year combined bachelor's-master's programs. They are eager, energetic change-makers with great ambitions to make a difference in the world through diplomacy, law, government, development, and other modes of service.

The program this year consisted of ten academic sessions that illustrated challenges faced by the community of nations: three sessions on career development (strategy, networking, resume writing, interviewing techniques, etc); a visit to the UN Headquarters in New York for the UNA-USA's Global Engagement Summit, including addresses by the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly; and a mentorship program. The fellows engaged in conversation with 13 world-class subject-matter experts from several institutions on current foreign affairs issues and on the United Nations' approaches to resolve or ameliorate the challenges.

2019 GRADUATE FELLOWS

Habon Ali	Rujjares Hansapiromchok	Alexandra Marksteiner
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Mohamed Almenfi	Allison Johnson	Anthony Orlando
Shelby Colson	Robert Kovacs	Brittany Panetta
Aprajita Divya	Anu Kumar	Kristi Pelzel
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Judith Edstrom	E. Faye Williams
Jordan Hibbs	Fei Yu
George Moose	

Pictured below, 2019 Graduate Fellows at the graduation ceremony celebrating their achievements in the program.



GLOBAL CLASSROOMS DC

FALL MODEL UN TRAINING CONFERENCE

In November, GCDC hosted the first event of the year at the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). Students debated solutions to the global opioid crisis. The conference is designed to support students who have never done Model UN before.

15TH ANNUAL SPRING MODEL UN CONFERENCE

In April 2019, **600+** students, educators, volunteers, and guests attended the culminating event for GCDC. Hundreds of 5th to 12th grade students from 27 groups in DC, Maryland, Virginia, and Lebanon discussed issues ranging from ending modern slavery to creating youth employment opportunities to promoting women in peace and security.



What is GCDC? GCDC is UNA-NCA's flagship education program. GCDC's approach to global education includes students learning about international issues while also strengthening key skills like public speaking, research, negotiation, and writing, which they will need in college and their future careers. Since its creation in 2003, GCDC has successfully reached thousands of DC-area students, and for many has served as their first exposure to the world.



WHERE DOES GCDC WORK?



- 44%** Maryland
- 29%** Washington, DC
- 16%** Virginia
- 11%** Other

WHO DOES GCDC WORK WITH?

- 1,162** Participating Students
- 50** Groups & Schools
- 105** Educators & Teachers
- 70** Volunteers

UNA-NCA COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Young Professionals' Career Dinner Series



The Fall Edition of the Career Dinner Series focused entirely on UN agencies, featuring representatives from the UN High Commission for Refugees, UN Environment Programme, UN Women, and UN

Development Programme. Keynote remarks were delivered by Kevin Cassidy, Director of the International Labour Organization. In the Spring, our guest speaker was Ambassador Keith Harper (ret.) (pictured above, second from left), former U.S. Permanent Representative to the UN Human Rights Council and Partner at Kilpatrick Townsend. This Spring showcased Careers in the United Nations; International Development; Climate Adaptation and Mitigation; Women, Peace, and Security; Refugees and Migration; and International Law.

The Future of UN Mediation, Peacebuilding, Sanctions, and Special Envoys

In partnership with the Stimson Center and the U.S. Institute for Peace, the UNA-NCA Peace and Security Committee developed a three-part event series focused on the future of United Nations led or supported mediation, peacebuilding, sanctions, and special envoys. It highlighted major country/regional engagements, and considered both recent advances and urgent reforms still needed in the UN's conflict management toolbox, as well as the importance of continued close U.S. collaboration. The first in the three part series was hosted in September at the UN Foundation in order to plan the groundwork for a following experts roundtable and public forum. In November, the committee hosted part two with former Under-Secretaries-General for Political Affairs, Ambassador Jeffrey Feltman and Ambassador Lynn Pascoe. This roundtable examined both progress and setbacks over the past decade in the UN's conflict management activities and the importance of having a U.S. citizen lead the Department of Political Affairs. The third and final part of this series is scheduled for Fall 2019 featuring Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, Rosemary DiCarlo.

Russia and Human Rights in the United Nations



The Human Rights Committee authored a four-part background paper on "Russia and Human Rights in the United Nations," which resulted in a panel discussion hosted at the American Jewish Committee. The panel was moderated by UNA-NCA Human Rights Committee Member, Doug Wake, and featured Felice Gaer (Director, Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights), Ted Piccone (Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution), Sarah Mendelson (former U.S. Ambassador to ECOSOC), and Natalya Arno (Free Russia Foundation). In addition to focusing on the actions and inactions of the UN Human Rights Council in addressing human rights in Russia, there was also a focus on the impact of Russia on the treatment of human rights by the United Nations with a tie to Sustainable Development Goal #16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions.

Equality: It's All in the Family

The UNA-NCA Africa Affairs Committee in collaboration with the Women's Learning Partnership (WLP) hosted an event to raise awareness of and educate the public on discriminatory family laws around the world. The program featured a screening of WLP's documentary film on the topic, followed by a panel discussion featuring Allison Horowski (COO of WLP), Patricia DiVecchio (President of International Purpose), and Ambassador Liberata Mulmula (former Ambassador to the UN from Tanzania).

Migration, Governance and Sustainable Development in Central America

This program, organized by the UNA-NCA Sustainable Development Committee and hosted at InterAction, generated multi-stakeholder dialogues in the Washington, D.C. community to strengthen the U.S. response to the root causes of Central America's migration. The event featured a panel discussion moderated by Michael Camilleri (The Inter-American Dialogue) along with Jason Marczak (The Atlantic Council), Juan Gonzalez (The Cohen Group and formerly the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs at the U.S. Department of State), and Claudia Escobar (former Magistrate of the Court of Appeals of Guatemala).



The Critical Challenges of Human Trafficking and Corruption

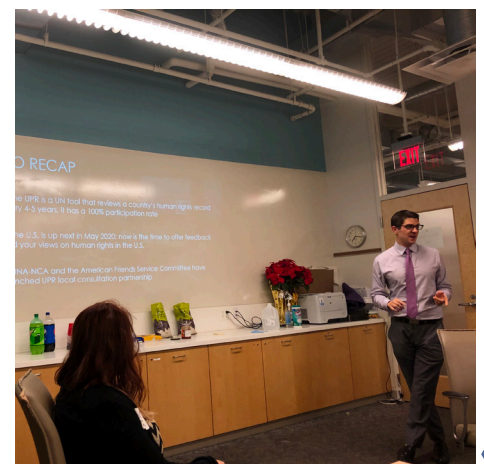


In partnership with the Partnership for Transparency's Anti Corruption Forum, UNA-NCA's International Law Committee hosted an engaging discussion on the integral role corruption plays in human trafficking and migrant smuggling. The program featured keynote remarks by Katie Ford (Founder and CEO of Freedom for All) and Ambassador Luis C. deBaca (former Ambassador-at-Large to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons), followed by a panel discussion moderated by UNA-NCA International Law Co-Chair, Robert Craft, Jr., that included Frank Vogl (Co-founder of Transparency International and the Partnership for Transparency Fund) and Kelly Ann P. Whelan (UN Office on Drugs and Crime). The panelists explored how the international community, governments,

financial institutions, and the private sector can scale up coordinated efforts to disrupt the financial flows associated with these criminal industries. They shared their perspectives on how we can end the financial chain supporting these human rights abuses by strengthening transparency and enforcement initiatives to unmask and hold accountable those profiting from and complicit in these exploitative crimes.

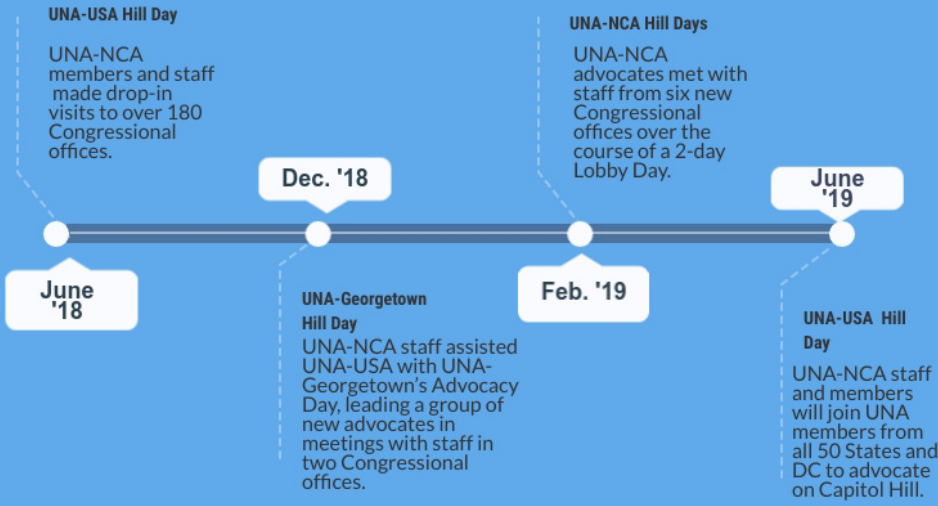
Bring Human Rights Home

The first of a three-part series in partnership with the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Peace and Economic Justice Program, hosted at Bread for the City, this program kicked off a joint effort to produce a shadow report for the 2020 Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the United States by the UN. This first part was an orientation/training on contributions to UPR documentation by "other stakeholders" (i.e. civil society, NGOs, etc.) presented by UNA-USA's Senior Program Manager for Human Rights, Ryan Kaminski (pictured right). This orientation/training provided background knowledge on the UN, OHCHR and UPR process as intended to appeal to audiences who are not aware of the UPR or how to create a shadow report. The event provided participants with a toolkit for local participation, including but not limited to, best practices, resources, and timeline. This is a joint event of UNA-NCA Human Rights Committee and AFSC.



UNA - NCA ADVOCATES FOR A STRONG U.S.-UN PARTNERSHIP

Congressional Visits '18-'19



The team met with Mr. Chris Ragsdale (Below, second from left) from Representative Wittman's office (VA-1) to discuss the value of UN Specialized Agencies. Due to its proximity to the coast, Virginia's first district prioritizes water and oceans; advocates discussed the efforts of SDG 14. The team emphasized the importance of appropriating voluntary contributions to related UN Agencies concerned with the environment.



Advocates met with Ms. Kara Benson (above, third from left) from Representative Spanberger's office (VA-7). Volunteers underscored the value of the UN, citing that the UN brought in \$1.74 billion in contracts with American companies in 2017, including millions to Maryland, D.C., and Virginia.

ENGAGE WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Digital actions help engage your congressional representative on UN-related issues, and are an easy way to get involved in UNA-NCA advocacy!



ADVOCACY TRAINING

On May 21, 2019, UNA-NCA held an advocacy training for members (pictured above right), taught primarily by experienced UNA-NCA advocates. The interactive training included a role play in which participants could practice the skills they had learned in a simulated scenario. 70% of participants strongly agreed that the training had improved their understanding of advocacy.

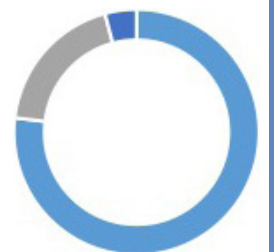
2018 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets		Net Assets	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$66,056	Unrestricted	\$369,777
Receivables	\$2,005	Temporary Restricted	\$337,343
Prepaid Expenses	\$5,100	Permanently Restricted	\$61,582
Investments	\$706,782		
Security Deposit	\$2,975	Total Net Assets	\$768,702
Total Assets	\$784,936	Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$782,918
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$9,678		
Due to UNA-USA	\$4,538		
Total Liabilities	\$14,216		

Note: FY 2018 Financial Statements have not yet been audited.

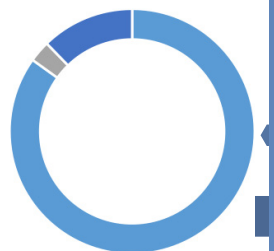
Income

Contributions	76%
Program Fees	20%
Membership Dues	4%



Expenses

Program	85%
Management	3%
Development	12%



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