



2023-2024 **Annual Report**

A Letter From Our Leadership



To build for the road ahead, it is important to reflect and learn from where you have That been. is the essence of Sankofa from the Andrika from Ghana. To make progress, you must

remember the past. This 2024 Annual Meeting brings us together for this reflection and forward direction.

Within the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area (UNA-NCA), we focus on actions that impact global and local wellbeing. This year, from July 2023 to June 2024, has been rich with programs and advocacy. We have worked to broaden understanding, encouraged constructive U.S. leadership in the United Nations, and helped prepare the next generations of leaders for a better world, globally and locally. Our members across Washington DC, Maryland and Northern Virginia have come to count on UNA-NCA to deliver services that educate, encourage, and advocate for a strong multilateral system.

UNA-NCA is uniquely positioned in the nation's capital as a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization with an open intergenerational membership to 1 all who care about the United Nations and

our nation's role in the international system. Our membership includes working professionals whose every day lives include international relations in the sectors of government, private industry, and nonprofit. We include retirees who have made tremendous marks in the international realm and who continue their deep engagement in international affairs and mentoring younger generations. Our ranks include young professionals who are building careers and connections for impact. We also reach middle and high school students who have been involved in our year-round Global Classrooms Model UN program.

For UNA-NCA, cultural diversity and empowered membership are our strength as we educate, encourage, and advocate for a strong United Nations. Racial justice and other aspects of equity are at the core of our commitment.

Herein are highlights of the year that has passed. We build forward with you into the coming year and beyond – with the unwavering focus of ensuring a strong and just United States presence in the United Nations. Our collective vision, resources, and skills are key to this journey ahead.

Thank you!



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Board members (from left) Directors at Large Brian Heilman and Audre Park, with Vice Chair for Strategy and **Operations** Sultana Ali, and President Paula Boland at the Spring 2024 Global Classrooms DC Model UN Conference held at the U.S. Department of State.



Board of Directors

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18 Programs

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Including government agencies, UN agencies, civil society, local and international nonprofits, universities, businesses, and foundations

Strengthened financial position for operations and long term investments

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Strengthened Board nominations process with an **increased focus on diversity and inclusion**

Updated Strategic Business Plan

In honor of Black History Month, UNA-NCA reaffirmed its commitment to Sustainable Development Goal 10 to Reduce Inequalities. On Thursday, February 29th, UNA-NCA hosted an in-person conversation to discuss key themes and recommendations from the UN General Assembly annual report of the UN Expert Mechanism on Racial Justice and Law Enforcement, and looked at the recommendations from this report to inform UNA-NCA's advocacy to localize and contextualize some of these recommendations. This event was hosted at the Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center at Howard University (bottom-right picture).

On March 20th UNA-NCA hosted a UN CSW parallel event discussing the U.S. Rejoining UNESCO and the Future of Women and Girls Education. The discussion touched on the history of the U.S. funding of UNESCO and the importance of ensuring congress meets our funding commitments to the UN and the essential nature of UNESCO in preserving culture heritage and history, as well as supporting education to women and girls. The speakers discussed ongoing programs that support girls education in Africa and African diaspora (through the UN Office of Human Rights Program for People of African Descent) which we've previously highlighted in our programming at UNA-NCA. As advocates, we can continue to 1) educate our communities about the importance of UNESCO 2) call on congress to fully fund the UN and UNESCO 3) advance policies at the local level that support teachers, accurate and holistic teaching of history, and provide support for equal access to education for girls.



Below: On September 7, 2023, UNA-NCA leaders and staff met with the Office of Senator Ben Cardin (Maryland) to discuss the importance of funding of the United Nations.





Graduate Fellows Program

This spring semester-long program provided 21 students from 13 countries and 9 universities with multiple opportunities to discuss modern issues with experts across many relevant topics, all through a UN Lens. This included 14 in-person expert-led discussions, as well as mentoring opportunities, and career development sessions.

"...I greatly enjoyed my experience with the fellowship and am very grateful to been apart of this program. I have made several friends through my time I hope to be in touch with for the years to come. Thank you for the experience!" -Quote from 2024 Graduate Fellow



Graduate fellows attend a Friday session on the George Washington University Campus

Graduate Fellows Program Leadership:

Tom Bradley Katherine Marshall John "Cal" Williams A. Edward Elmendorf (Advisor Emeritus)



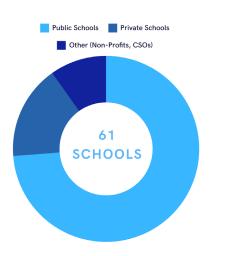


Graduate Fellows and Tom Bradley in the UN General Assembly Hall during UNA-USA's Global Engagement Summit

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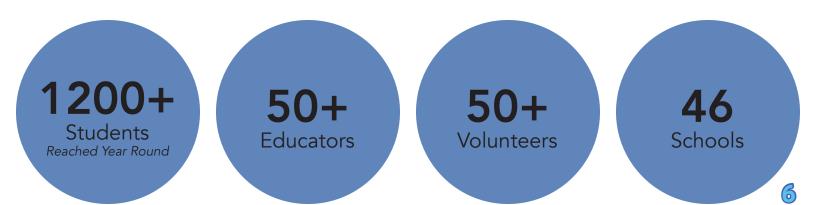
Global Classrooms® DC (GCDC) is the premier educational initiative of UNA-NCA. It engages students from grades 5-12 with the mission and activities of the United Nations, promoting a deep understanding of international issues. GCDC's original global education curriculum, Model UN mini-simulations, and annual Model UN Conference offer students valuable opportunities to develop essential skills such as public speaking, negotiation, research, analysis, and writing, preparing them to become informed and active global citizens.





The Spring Model UN Conference was held on April 29th, 2024 at the U.S. Departmetn of State. The conference hosted over 500 students from middle and high schools across the DC-Maryland-Virginia region with some groups from other parts of the country. Delegates debated in 8 committees modeled after UN multilateral agencies under the theme, "Navigating Global Challenges: Building Resilience and Cooperation in a Changing World." Global Classrooms DC collaborated with the International Labour Organization Office for the United States and Canada to launch North America's first Model ILO — a simulation of the International Labour Organization (ILO) at the U.S. Department of State. The conference welcomed 50 high school and college students from 5 groups across the DC-Metropolitan region.







In October 2023 UNA-NCA celebrated 78 years of the United Nations. Under the theme of "Equality, Freedom, and Justice for All", UNA-NCA members and quests enjoyed an enlightening featuring Angelique conversation M. Crumbly, the Assistant Secretary-General and Assistant Administrator at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and her team the innovative on management approach of UNDP and its impact.



During her remarks, Assistant Secretary-General Angelique M. Crumbly (pictured above center with UNA-NCA President Paula Boland, left, and UN Information Center - Washington Acting Director Stefania Piffanelli), shared that "We need to mobilize the community to engage and better our world - it is by working together that we will be able to identify new ideas to continue shaping how we respond to the challenges our world now faces."

The 2023-2024 programming year was the first since the pandemic that the Young Professionals Career Dinners Series returnted to in-person for both editions. The Fall 2023 edition focused on Careers in the United Nations, International Law, Human Rights, Gender Equality and Advocacy, and Technology for Development. This program was joined by Dr. Roopa Dhatt, Co-Founder and the Executive Director of Women in Global Health and Sarah Craven, Director of the Washington Office of the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), as Keynote Speakers.

For the spring, dinners focused on Careers in the Foreign Service, Global Health, Peacebuilding & Conflict Resolution, and Climate Change & Disaster Relief. Keynote remarks were delivered by UNA-USA Executive Director, Rachel Pittman.

Right: Attendees at the Spring 2024 Career Dinner Series learn more about careers in the foreign service at the UN Foundation.



Young

Professionals

THE HONORABLE BEN CARDIN U.S. SENATOR FOR THE STATE OF MARYLAND

Louis B. Sohn Honoree



Human Rights Awards

Allison Lombardo Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs at the U.S. Department of State

F. Allen "Tex" Harris Honoree



Perdita Huston Honoree STEPHANIE ORTOLEVA INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYER AND CONSULTANT

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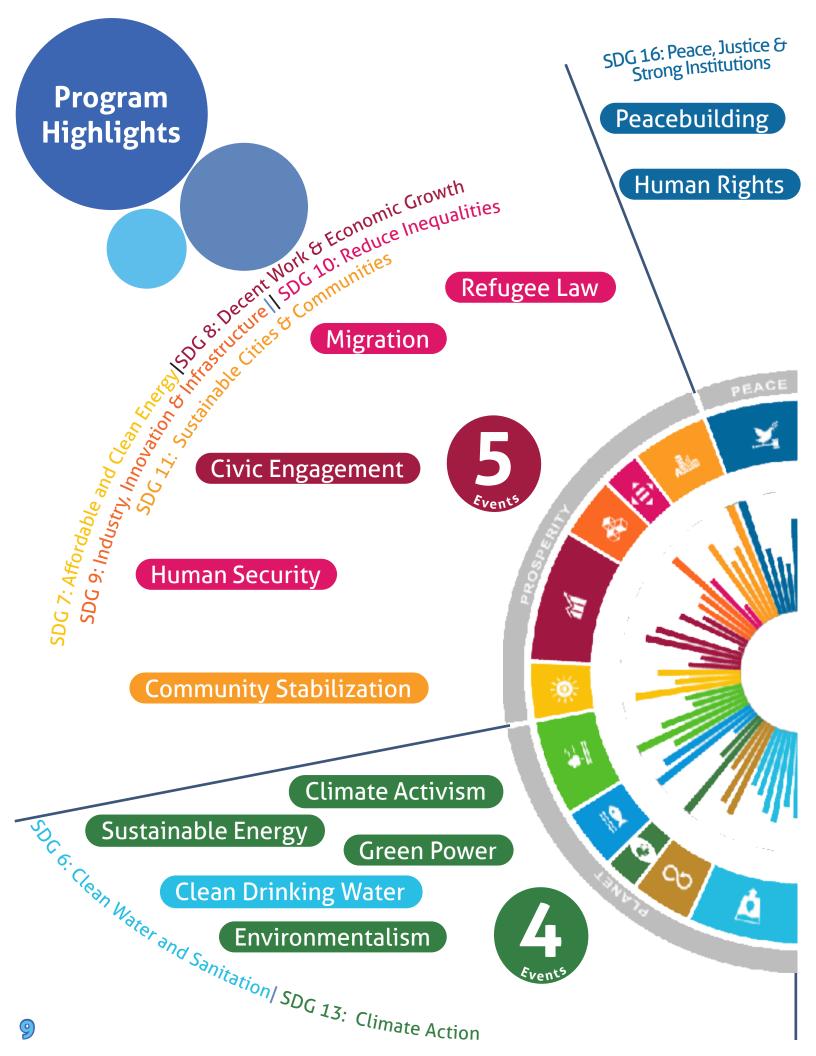
Juvenile Justice Initiative

Emerging Human Rights Leader

Amanda Strayer Supervising Staff Attorney for Accountability at Human Rights First Each year, UNA-NCA commemorates the anniversary of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights with a celebratory event. UNA-NCA recognized outstanding individuals and organizations who are working to improve human rights in their communities and around the world. The program returned to the National Education Association for the first time since 2019.



Senator Ben Cardin (second from right) stands with Ambassador Mark Lagon, Chief Policy Officer at Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malari (second from left), Jill Christianson, UNA-NCA Board Chair (far left), and Paula Boland, UNA-NCA President (far right) after recieving the 2023 Louis B. Sohn Human Rights Award





the themes and topics addressed and learn more about them at www.unanca.org.

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Global Goals At Home Global Goals at Home (GGH) catalogs, localizes, and contextualizes progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across DC, Maryland, and Virginia. In 2021, GGH published its framework for localizing the SDGs to a specific jurisdiction, and continued to publish in-depth written analysis and unique data visualizations in order to demonstrate the interconnectedness of key goals at the city and county level. GGH has continued to scale, engaging new partners as contributors and users of its data and analysis.

GlobalGoalsAtHome.org

Over 60% of GGH's current partner matrix are direct service providers serving residents of the National Capital Area. These partnerships inform the data collection, analysis, and metrics of progress leveraged by GGH. This year, the Maryland cities of Bowie, College Park, and Laurel successfully used the GGH framework to inform their municipal sustainability planning. GGH additionally launched a partnership with Accenture's Data Science for Social Good team to develop a more accessible, comprehensive data reporting model expected to launch in late 2024.



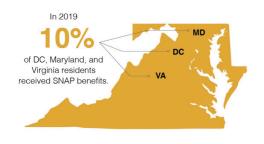


37.4% of DC children

Between 2015 and 2017.



were approved for free and reduced price school lunch were eligible for free or reduced price meals.



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Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor Women in Global Health

Young Professionals in Foreign Policy

	Assets		Net Assets		*Note: FY23 Financial Statemen
	Investments	\$877,845	Undesignated	\$307,426	have not yet been audited
Financial	Security Deposit	\$3,938	Board Designated	\$294,553	
Position	Total Assets	\$1,019,352	Total Unrestricted	\$601,979	
Position			Temporary Restricted	\$337,343	
	Liabilities		Permanently Restricted	\$61,582	
	Accounts Payable	\$9,910	Total Net Assets \$	51,000,904	
	Deferred Income	\$0	Total Liabilities & Net\$	51,010,813	
	Due to UNA-USA	\$0	Assets		
	Total Liabilities	\$9,910			
Contributions 88%		Programs 8% hip 4%	Programs 86%		M _{anagement 5%} Fundraising 9%
ncome			Expenses		

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