The World Affairs Council of Philadelphia is a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization dedicated to informing and engaging people of all ages on matters of national and international significance. The Council’s top educational goal is to develop core global competencies, including: (1) expanding students’ knowledge of world geography, cultures, economics and international affairs; (2) increasing students’ ability to understand and recognize emerging transnational issues from a range of perspectives; (3) helping students develop the critical thinking, problem solving and leadership skills needed to succeed in a competitive global economy; and (4) enhancing students’ opportunities to work creatively and collaboratively across local and global borders.

2020 Academic WorldQuest Trivia Competition
February 2020 — Registration Opening Soon!

The World Affairs Council of Philadelphia is pleased to host its 2020 Academic WorldQuest International Trivia Competition and Education Fundraiser. Don’t miss out on this fun, fast-paced, interactive, Quiz-o-style competition testing your global knowledge! Find out just how much you know about international affairs, geography, history, and culture while broadening your knowledge and networking with other globally-minded contestants. Join Council members, students, corporate executives, young professionals, friends, and family to compete in this challenging quiz game. Teams of four will compete for prizes... and, of course, bragging rights! The first place high school team will represent the Philadelphia Council at the national competition on April 24 and 25, 2020 in Washington, D.C. on an all expenses paid trip.

International Student Summit on Information and Democracy

“The global communication and information space is a common good of humankind and should be protected as such. Access to knowledge rooted in truth and reality, is a fundamental [human] right.”

-Preamble, International Declaration on Information and Democracy, Reporters without Borders

Wednesday, December 11, 2019
The Fox School of Business at Temple University
Alter Hall, 1801 Liacouras Walk
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Interested in United States foreign policy and how legislators react to developing global issues? Join the World Affairs Council for a simulation program where students will get the opportunity to role-play Senators, Congressional Aides and Expert Witnesses as they debate solutions to three areas of critical need: 1) **Ongoing Tensions with Iran**; 2) **Cybersecurity and Election Interference**; and 3) **Migration in the Western Hemisphere**.

The role of Senator is the most intensive and rewarding position in the 2020 Model Senate. Senators are tasked with chairing committees, questioning witnesses, debating potential solutions, and ultimately, crafting and voting on resolutions aimed at solving pressing global issues.

The role of Senator’s Aide is crucial to the overall success of each Senator and subcommittee proceedings. The position allows students to partner with a Senator to help craft speeches, lines of questioning and general preparation for the Model Senate program.

Expert Witnesses are instrumental to the success of the program and the overall quality of each subcommittee setting. Students assigned to the role of Expert Witness will be assigned a current or former political, economic, cultural or social figure who has direct knowledge of the topic under investigation.

For more information on these events, please visit [www.wacphila.org/education](http://www.wacphila.org/education)
The shifting nature of modern communication, technology and media consumption is exposing significant flaws in the global community’s efforts to gather quality information. Journalists, social media entities and advocates for free speech and free press are increasingly threatened by pervasive misinformation and antagonistic state actors. This fundamental problem has even threatened both nascent and established democracies that struggle with the consequences of damaging misinformation.

The 2019 International Student Summit on Information and Democracy (ISS) will simulate a meeting of international advocates for free speech, journalism, and a free and independent press. This meeting will take place under the collective pretense that rising instances of pervasive disinformation, the suppression of free press, and a growing influence of antidemocratic regimes, is posing a major threat to the integrity and security of journalists, global freedom, civil harmony, and world peace.

The World Affairs Council of Philadelphia gratefully acknowledges The Fox School of Business at Temple University and Temple CIBER (Center for International Business Education and Research) for their generous sponsorship of the 2019 International Student Summit and for their enduring support of the Council’s education mission to prepare young people for thoughtful and competent global citizenship.
### Participating Schools

- Academy of Notre Dame · Villanova, Pennsylvania
- Bishop Shanahan High School · Downingtown, Pennsylvania
- Bodine High School for International Affairs · Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Cardinal O'Hara High School · Springfield, Pennsylvania
- Central High School · Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Cinnaminson High School · Cinnaminson, New Jersey
- The Episcopal Academy · Newtown Square, Pennsylvania
- Friends' Central School · Wynnewood, Pennsylvania
- Germantown Academy · Fort Washington, Pennsylvania
- Girard College High School · Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Haddon Township High School · Westmont, New Jersey
- Hatboro-Horsham High School · Horsham, Pennsylvania
- Haverford High School · Havertown, Pennsylvania
- Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy · Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania
- Jenkintown High School · Jenkintown, Pennsylvania
- Julia R. Masterman High School · Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Malvern Preparatory School · Malvern, Pennsylvania
- Penncrest High School · Media, Pennsylvania
- Penn Charter School · Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Roman Catholic High School · Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Spring-Ford Senior High School · Royersford, Pennsylvania
- Upper Darby High School · Upper Darby, Pennsylvania

### Committee Room Assignments

Breakout Session II: Technical Working Group · 10:50 — 11:40 a.m.

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| Alter 233 | Legacy Media                                   | Skyler Wong (South Korea)  
Jack Tsukada (Hong Kong)  
Michael Solomou (U.S.) |
| Alter 234 | Role of Technology and Social Media           | Elizabeth Lipson (Lebanon)  
Ray Hartzog (Australia)  
Sean Bray (Ukraine)  
Ryan Frank (Canada) |
| Alter 035 | Ensuring Freedom of Expression                 | Jackson Handler (China)  
Anya Coleman-Hill (Egypt)  
Matthew Dumagco (Philippines) |
| Alter 232 | Access to Freedom of the Press                 | Zanya Ellis (South Africa)  
Henry Connors (Russia) |
| Alter 237 | Protecting Journalists                         | Anna Volpp (Mexico)  
Jetline Cadeu (Somalia) |
| Alter 033 | Role of NGO’s                                  | Alyssa McCandless (U.K.)  
Katherine Lanzalotto (Ethiopia)  
Aidan Cotton (France) |
| Alter 032 | Heads of State                                 | Elise Grove (Brazil)  
Victoria Falendysh (Turkey)  
Brian Szipsky (Saudi Arabia) |
## Regional Bloc Room Assignments

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 Anna Volpp (Mexico)  
 Ryan Frank (Canada)  
 Michael Solomou (U.S.) |
| Alter 032 | Europe & Central Asia | Alyssa McCandless (U.K.)  
 Victoria Falendysh (Turkey)  
 Sean Bray (Ukraine)  
 Henry Connors (Russia)  
 Aidan Cotton (France) |
| Alter 035 | Asia-Pacific  | Skyler Wong (South Korea)  
 Ray Hartzog (Australia)  
 Jack Tsukada (Hong Kong)  
 Jackson Handler (China)  
 Matthew Dumagco (Philippines) |
| Alter 233 | Africa  | Katherine Lanzalotto (Ethiopia)  
 Zanya Ellis (South Africa)  
 Jetline Cadeu (Somalia) |
| Alter 232 | Middle East & North Africa (MENA)  | Maeve Pinheiro (Iraq)  
 Elizabeth Lipson (Lebanon)  
 Brian Szipsky (Saudi Arabia)  
 Anya Coleman-Hill (Egypt) |

## Agenda

- **8:15 – 9:00 a.m.** Registration
- **9:00 – 9:55 a.m.** Opening Plenary Session  
  Main Auditorium
  
  - **9:00 – 9:05 a.m.** Introduction  
    Denise Bala, Vice President of Education  
    World Affairs Council of Philadelphia
  
  - **9:05 – 9:10 a.m.** Welcome Remarks  
    Craig Snyder, President and CEO  
    World Affairs Council of Philadelphia
  
  - **9:10 – 9:35 a.m.** Expert Speaker  
    John P. Martin, Assistant Managing Editor  
    The Philadelphia Inquirer
  
  - **9:35 – 9:45 a.m.** Student Q&A
  
  - **9:45 – 9:55 a.m.** Announcements & Dismissal  
    Kristin Hutchinson, Director of Student Programs  
    World Affairs Council of Philadelphia
- **10:00 – 10:45 a.m.** Country Delegation and Regional Group – Breakout Session I  
  Regional Bloc Classroom
- **10:50 – 11:40 a.m.** Technical Working Group – Breakout Session II  
  Committee Classroom
- **11:45 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.** Regional Group – Breakout Session III  
  Regional Bloc Classroom
- **12:30 – 1:00 p.m.** Break & Working Lunch  
  Regional Bloc Classroom
- **1:05 – 2:00 p.m.** Closing Plenary Session  
  Main Auditorium
  
  - **1:05 – 1:10 p.m.** Introduction
  
  - **1:10 – 1:45 p.m.** Presentations / Voting
  
  - **1:45 – 2:00 p.m.** Presentation of Superlatives / Closing Remarks  
    Eric Bumbaca, Associate Director of Student Programs  
    World Affairs Council of Philadelphia
- **2:00 p.m.** Adjournment & Dismissal
John P. Martin is the assistant managing editor for news at The Philadelphia Inquirer, where he oversees about three dozen reporters, columnists and editors covering politics, government, education, criminal justice across and beyond the region. Before returning to The Inquirer 10 years ago, John was an enterprise and criminal justice reporter for the Newark Star-Ledger and previously worked as a Washington-based correspondent for FoxNews.com and as the first staff writer at WashingtonPost.com. He is a graduate of the University of Delaware and Columbia University’s Graduate School of Journalism.