OPEN WORLD
LEADERSHIP CENTER

Connecting Global Leaders to Congress for a More Secure World.

- ✓ The Open World Leader Center (OWLC) is an **independent** government agency of the **United States Congress** and is in the **Legislative Branch.**
- ✓ OWLC administers the **Open World program**, an exchange and partnership program designed to enhance understanding and cooperation between the Congress, American communities, and global leaders.
- ✓ The Open World program builds the groundwork for enduring cooperation by bringing emerging **government and civic leaders** to the United States to work with their American counterparts during 10-day professional visits and facilitates continued relations through an alumni network and social media.
- ✓ OWLC **awards grants** to U.S. non-profit and educational organizations, who partner with community-based civic and service organizations to provide local hosting and programming for the Open World delegates.
- ✓ The Open World program provides thousands of American community leaders in hundreds of congressional districts the opportunity to serve as **citizen diplomats**.
- ✓ Through hosts and grantees, the Open World program provides delegates **first hand experience** with American community life, accountable government, and democratic values.
- ✓ Open World delegates stay with volunteer **host families**, providing a rich cross cultural experience.
- ✓ OWLC currently conducts programs for delegates from the **Caucasus, Central Asia, Estonia, Kosovo, Moldova, Mongolia, Russia, Serbia,** and **Ukraine**.
- ✓ OWLC has hosted over **27,000 leaders** in all 50 states since 1999.
- ✓ More than half of Open World delegates meet with **Members of Congress** or their staff.
- ✓ Since 2012, approximately **40%** of Open World delegates are **under 30**.
- ✓ More than half of Open World delegates have been **federal, regional,** or **local government** officials.

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