



THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DIPLOMACY

STRENGTHENING AMERICAN DIPLOMACY

Who We Are: Dedicated to strengthening American diplomacy, the American Academy of Diplomacy (AAD) is a prestigious association of former ambassadors and senior level diplomats. We represent a unique wealth of talent and experience in the practice of American foreign policy.

What We Do: The Academy achieves its mission by:

- Hosting educational public outreach programs that focus on the critical role of diplomacy in foreign policy;
- Granting educational fellowships for rising scholars in the field of diplomacy;
- Recognizing outstanding contributions to American diplomacy at a ceremony held annually at the US Department of State, and;
- Publishing books and reports with concrete recommendations on how to improve America's diplomatic engagement with the world.

Overview of the Academy's Programs:

Diplomacy and Democracy

AAD's newly launched Diplomacy and Democracy program analyzes a key issue of promoting the goals of democracy and stability abroad. In partnership with the International Republican Institute (IRI) and the National Democratic Institute (NDI), AAD will host a series of panel discussions outside Washington, DC in 2008 to raise awareness about what diplomatic tools are at our disposal to pursue both goals of stability and democracy.

Foreign Affairs Budget of the Future: Fixing a Hollow Service

The Academy has undertaken a new study to determine what human and financial resources the State Department and the Foreign Service need to accomplish their missions in classic diplomacy, public diplomacy, development diplomacy, and crisis response. This report will provide a detailed budget for the next Administration illustrating what is needed to strengthen and improve America's diplomatic relations with the world. AAD will launch this study fall 2008 in Washington, DC and engage in an outreach campaign to promote the study's recommendations across the country.

Diplomacy and Terrorism

In 2007, the Academy partnered with the Chicago Council on Foreign Affairs, the Foreign Policy Research Institute, and the Pacific Council on International Policy for a series of events in Chicago, Philadelphia and Los Angeles featuring distinguished speakers who spoke on the role of diplomacy in the war on terror.

Recognizing Contributions

The Academy annually grants the prestigious Annenberg Award for Excellence in Diplomacy, the Arthur Ross Award for Distinguished Reporting & Analysis of Foreign Affairs, and the Douglas Dillon Book Award to individuals for their significant contributions to the field of diplomacy.

Encouraging Creative Thought on Diplomacy

The Academy sponsors the Leonard Marks Foundation Essay Contest to encourage creative thinking about the role and use of public diplomacy in implementing realistic and practical policies. It also grants the Philip Merrill Fellowship in conjunction with the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies to recognize and support scholars of American diplomacy.

Integrating Instruments of Power and Diplomacy

The Academy and the RAND Corporation will publish a study analyzing how coordination can be improved among military, diplomatic, business, and non-governmental actors to enhance American and international security. The first milestone conference was held on March 21, 2006.

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