



Canada Communiqué 2010



Victor Sanchez (SP '10), Ambassador Doer, Sonia Ziadé (FA '04), Jérôme Côté (SU '10) Canada Day at the Embassy, July 2010



John Parisella speaking to students at TWC's Academic Center

Recent News:

New Partnership with The BC Council for International Education

The Washington Center is proud to welcome The BC Council for International Education (BCCIE) as a new partner. BCCIE represents British Columbia's public and accredited private K-12, post-secondary and career colleges. Under this partnership, we are teaming up to help university students across the province acquire work experience relevant to their studies that will enable them to demonstrate their skills and knowledge to potential employers and partners.

Ambassador Gary Doer joins the International Honorary Board

The Honourable Gary Doer, Canada's Ambassador to the United States, is the newest member of The Washington Center's Honorary International Board. In this capacity, Ambassador Doer will be able to provide TWC with advice on how to serve our Canadian partners in the best possible way. Other members of the Honorary Board include Mexican Ambassador Arturo Sarukhan, Ambassador Zeid Ra'ad Al-Husseini from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Ambassador Klaus Scharioth from the Federal Republic of Germany, Zhou Wenzhong, former Ambassador of The People's Republic of China, the Honorable David H. Wilkins, former U.S. Ambassador to Canada, among others.

Quebec Delegate, John Parisella at The Washington Center

On July 12th, our students had the opportunity to attend a presentation by Mr. John Parisella, Québec's Delegate General in New York, who holds the province's top ranking position in the U.S. Twenty-five students from the United States and Canada were able to further their knowledge of Québec society as well as gain a better understanding of Québec's economic and political relationships with the U.S.

Mr. Parisella, Chief of Staff for two Québec premiers and president of Montréal-based firms specializing in communications, strategic planning and public relations, provided students with insightful career advice.

Alumni Events:

Montréal

- On **March 12, 2010**, nine Montréal alumni were among the guests who attended "Quebec's Action Plan for the United States" luncheon organized by the Montreal Council on Foreign Relations. Guest speaker Mr. Pierre Arcand, Québec's Minister of International Relations, sat down with TWC alumni to discuss important current issues in the United States.
- On **June 8, 2010**, six TWC alumni from the Montréal region participated in a Roundtable on Québec-US relations with a group of young leaders from the United States at the Institut de Tourisme et d'Hôtellerie du Québec. The Americans were part of the Programme Québec-États-Unis Jeunes Leaders.

Toronto

- On **May 19, 2010**, TWC alumni from the years 1997 to 2008 gathered around dinner at the Mercatto restaurant in downtown Toronto to exchange memories from their experiences in Washington.



TWC Alumni Stories:

Constantinos Ragas '05

School: Mount Allison University

Internship: Embassy of Mexico

"Working at the Mexican Embassy was a fantastic hands-on introduction to international diplomacy. I am currently working at the Montreal office of Fasken Martineau LLP as an articling student"

Linda Chew '08

School: Queen's University

Internship: U.S. Small Business Administration

"DC is a vibrant city that offers many events and exhibits to explore, and best of all, they're almost all free! I am currently in audit & assurance at Deloitte & Touche LLP in Toronto."

Naveed Bandali '07

School: University of Alberta

Internship: The Development Executive Group

"My internship in the summer of 2007 was a rewarding opportunity to gain practical experience at the forefront of the international development field. I am now working as the Senior Analyst of the Information Operations Division at Pax Mondial Limited, an international risk and intelligence management firm."

Mathieu Roussel '09

School: Université du Québec à Montréal

Internship: Potomac Institute for Policy Studies,
International Center for Terrorism Studies

"I started my internship as Barack Obama was making history as the new U.S. president and quickly realized that DC was a very dynamic city, politically and diplomatically. Washington is a necessary step to better understand how international politics works in the most important capital in the world. I currently work on strategic counseling in counterterrorism for a law enforcement agency."

Gregory Lowman '08

School: McGill University

Internship: Financial Services Roundtable

"The Washington Centre provided me with a gateway to a world class city and an experience in government affairs unrivaled anywhere else. Since my internship at the Financial Services Roundtable I have become a full-time staff member there, dealing with issues such as insurance, commercial real estate, global trade, and accounting policy."

Marisol Litalien '98

School: Université de Sherbrooke

Internship: Diplomatic Resolutions

"It was a very enriching working experience in another country, surrounded by people from different cultures and with different opinions that prepared us well for the current job market. I am now in charge of marketing and very involved in development projects in international affairs at Above Sécurité, a firm in information security."

Featured Alumni:



Paul Farran '05

School: Université de Montréal

Internship: Citizens for Global Solutions

Citizens for Global Solutions is a membership organization working to build political will in the United States for

increased multilateralism. Paul's internship as a research analyst at CGS allowed him to gain firsthand experience on the workings of Capitol Hill. Moreover, it provided him with the necessary experience to pursue a career in international cooperation. The program also allowed him to attend a seminar on human rights, numerous lectures and other high level events. He also emphasizes his keen appreciation of life in Washington D.C. as well as the opportunities he had to build lasting friendships.

"The program offered by The Washington Center and my time in Washington constituted one of the essential building blocks in my professional and personal development."

Since 2005, Paul has pursued a career with the United Nations, first as a Junior Professional Consultant (funded by the Canadian International Development Agency) working on aid coordination in Rwanda. After two years in Rwanda, Paul continued his career with the United Nations Development Programme in Afghanistan focusing on donor relations. Today, he is with the UN Resident Coordinator's Office in the Union of the Comoros as a UN Coordination Advisor, working to promote the UN's reform agenda.

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