

Cheers to The Washington Center's 45th anniversary year: *Monumental Impact*

I am delighted to serve as honorary chair of this historic moment in TWC's history. Forty-five years ago, Bill and Sheila Burke had the vision to enhance college students' academic experience with experiential learning opportunities in The Nation's Capital. Since then, tens of thousands of students have participated in TWC's programs with a front row seat to influential global, political and social movements.

Today, the skills and values instilled in TWC students are more important than ever. Our alumni have led careers in virtually every profession and can be found affecting change across the world. I am most proud that so many have given back to TWC by donating their time, expertise and resources to help the next generation of TWC students thrive.

I recognize the longstanding and new partnerships TWC has forged—with universities, internship sites, governments, international organizations, and industry experts—to offer such rich and varied experiences for our students. Alongside this year's dedicated Anniversary Committee, I thank the generosity of our donors, and particularly Ford Motor Company Fund for their *Monumental* gift to support TWC's Anniversary Fund. Many of you have stood by TWC through the decades and can attest to the power of our programs. We thank you, as well as our new supporters, whose investment will lay the foundation for our next 45 years.

Thank you again for joining TWC in this important celebration of TWC's past, present and future.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Alan J. Blinken
Honorary Chair, TWC's 45th Anniversary Committee
Chairman Emeritus, The Washington Center Board of Trustees
Former United States Ambassador to Belgium

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