WORLD AFFAIRS SEMINAR

*Dedicated to the advancement of international goodwill and*

*peace through a better understanding of global issues*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Contact: Francis X. Vogel, Executive Director

(414) 520-4790 or [fvogel@worldaffairsseminar.org](mailto:fvogel@worldaffairsseminar.org)

**WORLD AFFAIRS SEMINAR EXAMINES DEMOCRACY**

(*Milwaukee, WI, June 23, 2024*) – High-school student delegates spanning the globe are increasing peace through greater cultural understanding, tackling the pivotal issue of democracy and governance, and honing diplomacy and leadership skills at World Affairs Seminar (WAS), a Rotary International-initiated academic camp offered June 22 – 28 at Carroll University in Waukesha, Wisconsin. The featured keynote speaker for this edition is Rotary International President-elect Stephanie Urchick.

WAS is an immersive global experience, uniting youth from around the world to learn international relations on a personal level. It offers students the chance to build critical thinking skills, collaboration and character—and their resumes for college and future careers—in an atmosphere of learning, interaction and cooperation.

This year’s theme is **Democracy and Governance: Evolving Global Perspectives.** Delegates hear from renowned experts, and explore, discuss and problem-solvein small groups, breakout sessions and field trips. They also engage in a State Department-informed Diplomacy Simulation centered on border security. In a positive, accepting environment that respects every perspective, student delegates become leaders who find meaningful ways to take on real-world challenges. The 2024 Seminar allows delegates the opportunity to survey governance models, and the ways that political systems work – or not – on a day-to-day basis.

“World Affairs Seminar has impacted the lives of some 30,000 future and current world leaders since its birth in 1977,” said Francis X. Vogel, Executive Director. “The next generation can now share the lead, to embrace – and devise – the ideas and tools needed to create a freer world.”

*Visit* [*worldaffairsseminar.org/guidebook/g24*](http://www.worldaffairsseminar.org/guidebook/g24) *for a one-stop-shop for the WAS 2024 agenda, speaker biographies and more.*

# # #