



International Affairs Program

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

IAFS Alumni Newsletter

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Year End Reflections from IAFS Director Tom Zeiler

Dear International Affairs Alumni,

As 2024 ends, I'm excited to share highlights from the **International Affairs Program (IAFS)**. With **425 majors**, we're the **tenth largest major** in the College of Arts & Sciences (and by far, one of the most demanding, as you well know!), with **25% pursuing double majors** and **over 40% adding a minor**. Our **IAFS Minor** has quickly grown, now serving nearly 100 students just 18 months after launching.

The **IAFS Mentorship Program** is thriving in its **eighth** cycle, fostering over **130 mentee-mentor pairings** since 2021. These connections provide students with vital guidance for global careers.

Looking ahead to Spring 2025, we will award **\$36,000** in **Global Grants Scholarships** to **16 students**, supporting their study abroad experiences. Since 2010, **over \$260,000** has been awarded to **184 students**, aligning with **CU Boulder's 33% increase in study abroad participation** and **55% of IAFS majors** studying abroad.

These achievements are made possible by our students and **your support**. As we approach 2025, I invite you to make an **end-of-year gift** to IAFS. Your contributions directly fund programs like Global Grants, expanding access to global opportunities.

Every gift matters. Together, we shape the next generation of global leaders.

Thank you for your support, and best wishes for a joyful holiday season and a wonderful start to 2025!

Warm regards,

Tom Zeiler

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Alumni Highlights



Discover how climbing goes beyond the physical to build community and resilience. The Global Climbing Initiative (founded by IAFS alum **Veronica Baker Amores**) supported the creation of two films which explore the transformative power of climbing in Malawi and India.

Read "**Exploring Global Climbing Communities: Two Inspiring Short Films**" to learn more.

[Exploring Global Climbing Communities](#)

Student Highlights



IAFS students recently organized a thought-provoking panel discussion on how the results of the 2024 U.S. presidential election may shape the country's foreign policy.

Read the **Event Recap** on the IAFS website to learn what CU Boulder experts had to say on the topics of immigration, the Israel/Palestine conflict, and the global economy.

[Post-Election U.S. Foreign Policy Event Recap](#)

Have news to share?

Do you have stories to share or know of internships, jobs or events that may interest IAFS alumni or students? Email iafs@colorado.edu and let us know!

Check out our **Alumni Spotlight** and **Internship and Job Opportunities** pages for updates.

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