



# International Affairs Program

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

## IAFS Alumni Newsletter

### May 2025

# TEDxCU

## Rodrigo Salgado Vallarino

(IAFS & ECON '27)



### Rodrigo Salgado Vallarino Takes TEDxCU Stage

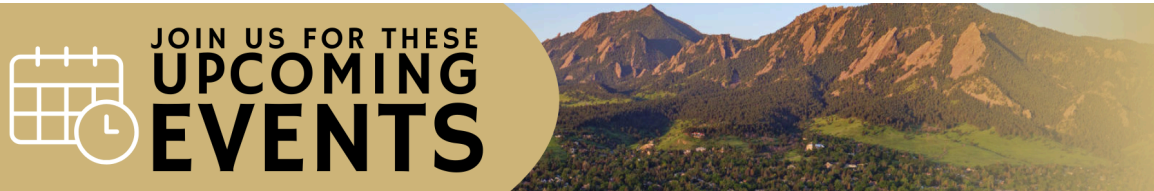
When [Rodrigo Salgado Vallarino](#) (IAFS & ECON '27) stepped onto the TEDxCU stage, he wasn't just delivering a speech - he was sharing a story that needed to be heard. As a first-generation college student and immigrant, Rodrigo used the 2025 Student Voices Competition and the TEDxCU event as a platform to speak on the beauty of immigration and the urgency of understanding in today's world.

We recently [interviewed](#) Rodrigo and he reflected on the journey that led him to TEDxCU, the inspiration behind his message, and how storytelling can foster connection, courage, and change.

[Interview with Rodrigo](#)

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**IAFS Graduation**  
**May 8th, 2025 at 1pm**  
**UMC Glenn Miller Ballroom**

You are invited to the Spring 2025 International Affairs Program graduation ceremony on May 8th at 1pm in the University Memorial Center (UMC) Glenn Miller Ballroom!

Celebrate with our graduates at the reception immediately following the ceremony.



**International Career Connections Event**

**May 14, 2025, 6-9pm**  
**Maglione Hall, University of Denver**

Join **WorldDenver** for a FREE Young Professionals Global Networking Event! Explore global career opportunities, where you'll engage in discussions with professionals across international fields. From diplomacy and trade to sustainability and entrepreneurship, gain firsthand insights and expand your network with experts who've worked around the world.



**Global Grant Photo Highlights**

Our Spring 2025 Global Grant students are wrapping up their semesters abroad, and they've captured some incredible moments along the way. Check out the **Global Grant Photo Gallery** to see the adventures, research, and global experiences they've been documenting all semester!

[Global Grant Photo Gallery](#)

**2025-2026 Academic Year Global Grant Scholarships**

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the International Affairs Program is proud to award **four academic year-long scholarships totaling \$13,500** to students studying abroad this coming academic year. These scholarships will support IAFS students pursuing immersive international experiences in Germany, Spain, Taiwan, and Armenia.

Donor support continues to make a meaningful impact by helping students engage deeply with global cultures and perspectives - thank you for making these opportunities possible!

[Learn about Global Grants](#)



## 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](mailto:iafs@colorado.edu) and let us know!

Check out our [Alumni Spotlight](#) and [Internship and Job Opportunities](#) pages for updates.

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