



International Affairs Program
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IAFS Alumni Newsletter

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CU Boulder Ranks No. 2 for Peace Corps - IAFS Alum Shares Her Story

CU Boulder has once again demonstrated its global reach, [earning the No. 2 spot on the Peace Corps' 2025 list of top volunteer-producing colleges and universities](#). With 39 alumni currently serving in 28 countries, Buffs continue to make a difference around the world—including IAFS alumna Julia Leone, who recently served as a health volunteer in Madagascar.

Reflecting on the tools she gained while at CU, Julia shared, *"For me, my CU experience was largely marked by community, mentorship and learning how to navigate difficult and unexpected obstacles. Being able to come up with creative and collaborative solutions to big and small problems, especially across cultural and language divides, is vital to Peace Corps service."*

"This top ranking recognizes that CU Boulder students are passionate about making a difference, growing their perspectives and transforming lives," said Internship Coordinator Eva Schwartz, who oversees the [Peace Corps recruiting office on campus](#).

We're proud to see IAFS graduates contributing to this legacy of service, using their international affairs education to create lasting global impact.

[CU Boulder Today Article](#)

[CU Boulder Peace Corps Website](#)

[Peace Corps Official Website](#)



Be Inspired.
Alum: Scott Shane

IAFS alum **Scott Shane** (IAFS & ECON '98) is making bold moves—literally and professionally—as he relocates to Tokyo for his role as Senior Investment Director at Sony Ventures. In our recent interview, Scott reflects on his path from law to venture capital, and how his international affairs degree continues to shape his global mindset.



[Scott Shane on Innovation, Law, and Global Leadership](#)

[Connect with Scott on LinkedIn](#)



Be Involved.
Student: Rowan Hillhouse

Rowan Hillhouse, a double major in International Affairs and Economics, is a student leader and researcher who recently studied abroad in Seville, Spain with the help of her Global Grants scholarship. From CU Student Government to independent research on immigration and far-right politics, Rowan is using her IAFS education to explore global questions and foster local impact.

[Rowan Hillhouse on Research, Leadership, and Study Abroad](#)

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Be International.
Faculty: Jeffrey Nonnemacher

We're excited to welcome CU alum in International Affairs and Political Science, **Jeffrey Nonnemacher**, to the IAFS faculty this fall! He'll be teaching courses on globalization, European politics, and a unique senior seminar on Sports and International Affairs, drawing from his research on political parties and his love of hockey.



Welcome Prof. Jeffrey Nonnemacher to International Affairs

Connect with Jeffrey on LinkedIn



Reconnect with IAFS on Social Media!

We've refreshed our presence on [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#) with brand-new pages. Be sure to follow us there to catch the latest alumni news, program updates, and student highlights. Don't forget to stay connected on [Instagram](#) too at [@cuboulderiafs](#) for even more behind-the-scenes content and community stories!

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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!

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