



International Affairs Program

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IAFS Alumni Newsletter

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Luca Scuriatti - IAFS '26 - CWA Student Programming Co-Chair

IAFS & CWA

A Shared Commitment to Global Impact

IAFS is proud to sponsor the 2026 Conference on World Affairs (CWA), marking the 78th annual conference and the launch of the university's 150th Anniversary celebration. One of CU Boulder's most dynamic and globally focused events, CWA brings together a diverse lineup of leaders, policymakers, and creatives, with Malala Yousafzai as the closing speaker.

This partnership reflects IAFS's ongoing commitment to connecting academic learning with real-world conversations on today's most pressing international issues. IAFS and CWA share a strong foundation in **global engagement**, **student leadership**, and **experiential learning**. Together, the programs create meaningful opportunities for students to engage directly with policymakers, scholars, journalists, and professionals from around the world.

"The Conference on World Affairs allows students who are interested in the world's most pressing topics to be introduced to perspectives they might not otherwise hear in Boulder. CWA does this by bringing the world to Boulder," said Luca Scuriatti (IAFS student and CWA Student Programming Co-Chair).

With this partnership, IAFS continues to foster global dialogue and connect students with world-shaping ideas and leaders. **We look forward to seeing IAFS alumni and students at panels and events throughout the week!**

IAFS & CWA
Sponsorship

Highlight of IAFS-
Related Panels

Conference on World
Affairs Website



Graduating Student Spotlight

We're proud to spotlight a few of our graduating International Affairs seniors as they prepare to take their next steps beyond University of Colorado Boulder. Read on to hear their reflections, advice, and plans for the future.

Lauren Mandziak

IAFS & PSCI Double Major, Leader of IAFS Club

Nick Olson

IAFS Major, German Minor, **Certificate in European Studies**, Leader of IAFS Club

Maya Tornerud

IAFS Major, **Certificate in Peace, Conflict and Security Studies**, Leader of IAFS Club



Where Are They Now?

This month, we're featuring **Sarah Bian**, who graduated in May 2025 with a B.A. in International Affairs, a B.A. in Computer Science, and a minor in Quantum Engineering. Sarah is now launching her career at **Blue Origin**, where global affairs meets aerospace engineering.

Read **Where Are They Now: Sarah Bian (IAFS & Comp Sci, '25)** to learn more.

Faculty Highlight – Jennifer Fluri

Jennifer Fluri, an IAFS Faculty Committee member and faculty member in Geography, has been named a 2026 recipient of the **Boulder Faculty Assembly (BFA) Excellence in Leadership & Service Award**. This honor recognizes her outstanding contributions to faculty leadership, university service, and community engagement.

Learn more about the **BFA Excellence Awards**.



Alumni Weekend

Tours, experiences, and reunions
April 10-13

Conference on World Affairs

Lineup of globally focused events
April 13-16

Navigating a World in Conflict with Ambassador Rick Barton

Denver Council on Foreign
Relations
April 16 @ 5pm

IAFS Graduation Ceremony

Celebrate our amazing graduates!
May 2 @ 1pm

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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