



International Affairs Program
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

IAFS Alumni Newsletter - December 2022



IAFS Student Credits Alum for Cybersecurity Internship

As our world is increasingly powered by digital communications and information systems, cybersecurity is a growing concern in our lives. **Cybersecurity** involves the defense of computers, operations, and data from unauthorized access by hackers or foreign organizations and governments. Combining her passions for technology and foreign policy, Emmeline Nettles (IAFS '24) spent last summer focusing on cybersecurity and the policies that help protect national and international networks.

Nettles, an international affairs major also studying Chinese and Creative Technology and Design, was an intern with the **Atlantic Council's Young Global Professionals**. She worked as part of a research team, the **Cyber Statecraft Initiative**. Her main projects focused on cyber education and reporting vulnerabilities, such as software bugs, to authorities. "Within the Cyber Statecraft Initiative, improving cybersecurity norms and understanding of cyber hygiene are as valuable to small businesses as they are to the White House," said Nettles.

This internship was part of a longstanding interest in cybersecurity issues. Last year, **Laura K. Bate** (IAFS '10) created and coached a CU Boulder team of students for the Atlantic Council's **Cyber 9/12 Strategy Challenge**. Nettles joined the team, and they went on to take third place in the **2022**

Washington D.C. competition. Not only did Bate become a mentor to Nettles, but she also introduced her to the Young Global Professionals internship program.

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Meet the IAFS Program Coordinator

Eileen Brown joined the International Affairs Program as Program Coordinator in January 2022. Eileen grew up outside of Chicago, IL and graduated from CU Boulder in 2005 (SOCY & RLST). After graduation, she lived in Pittsburgh, PA for 11 years before returning to the sunshine and mountains of Colorado with her husband, two daughters, and two dogs.

Eileen is passionate about interdisciplinary studies, diversity, equity and inclusion, and social justice. She loves seeing students figure out what they are passionate about and helping them along their journey. In her free time, Eileen likes to run, hike, garden, and listen to podcasts/audiobooks.



Support our Students

Currently the IAFS program gives out approximately 15 **Global Grants** at \$1500 each per semester. We are working towards a goal of providing 50 Global Grants annually at \$2,000 each. With that in mind, **Chancellor Phil DiStefano** has agreed to **match** all \$10,000 or more gifts to the Global Grants Endowment now through June 2023, **up to \$200,000**. You can also take advantage of our Pledge Payment plan, where you can pledge a gift now of \$5,000+ and pay it off up to 5 years. Reach out to **Sarah Meyers** (IAFS '17) with any questions!

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We **love** to hear stories from alums - please keep us updated! Email iafs@colorado.edu and let us know what you are doing. Check out our **Alumni Spotlight** for other IAFS alumni stories!



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