



# Meridian Rising Leaders Council

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*Overview & Benefits*





# THE POWER OF DIPLOMACY

THE RISING LEADERS COUNCIL FORMS A DISTINGUISHED NETWORK OF PROFESSIONALS IN THEIR 30S AND 40S FROM DIVERSE SECTORS AND DISCIPLINES WHO SUPPORT MERIDIAN'S MISSION OF

## GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AND NON-PARTISAN PUBLIC DIPLOMACY.

Through Meridian's core programming capabilities, the Council brings together leaders from the foreign diplomatic community and the public and private sectors to foster a substantive exchange of ideas on foreign affairs, global leadership and diplomacy.

The Council's salon-style, DC-based events focus on international issues of importance and relevance to Meridian and offer guests a neutral forum for exploring these issues, sharing perspectives, and strengthening relationships. Representatives

### RLC CO-CHAIRS

- **Megan Devlin**, Senior Consultant - Sustainability (Climate & Equity) Brand & Marketing, Deloitte
- **Derek Luyten**, Executive Director, House Democracy Partnership, U.S. House of Representatives
- **Andy Rabens**, Director for Global Engagement and Multilateral Diplomacy, The White House

## OUR VALUE PROPOSITION



**TIMELY HIGH-LEVEL INSIGHT** through forward-looking programs on crucial international trade and economic issues. The Corporate Council has a robust schedule of interactive programs both virtually and on our historic campus.



**VITAL RELATIONSHIPS** with U.S and global policymakers including international trade experts and foreign diplomats. Council members also engage with distinguished alumni of our international exchange programs which include nearly 200 Heads of State, such as New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and Indira Gandhi, among others.



**NAVIGATE GLOBAL ISSUES** in partnership with trade and commerce experts whose work spans all regions of the world on a broad range of topics, from cybersecurity and energy, to global entrepreneurship, purpose-first leadership and women's economic empowerment.





# ANNUAL BENEFITS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MEMBERS BENEFIT FROM OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE WITH THE RLC'S OVER 100-MEMBER CONSTITUENCY OF PROFESSIONALS, AS WELL AS MERIDIAN'S BROADER NETWORK OF BUSINESS LEADERS, PUBLIC SECTOR OFFICIALS, AND THE INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY.

- Invitation to purchase tickets to our annual Cultural Diplomacy Celebration and annual Meridian Ball.
- Two Foreign Policy and/or Cultural Diplomacy Programs
- Two Welcome to Washington Receptions for newly credentialed ambassadors
- The Meridian Diplomacy Forum
- The Meridian Global Leadership Summit
- The Meridian Holiday Party
- Two Rising Leaders Exclusive Programs



## WELCOME TO WASHINGTON RECEPTION

Welcome to Washington honors newly arrived Chiefs of Mission twice a year and provides them with an opportunity to meet and engage with a cross-section of Washington leaders from the government, business and policy communities.



## WHITE HOUSE FOREIGN PRESS GROUP RECEPTION

Annually, the RLC and the WHFPG will co-host a cocktail reception in the leadup to the White House Correspondents Dinner. The guest list includes White House and State Department officials, ambassadors and senior diplomats and White House correspondents.



## CULTUREFIX CONVERSATIONS & AWARDS GALA

Meridian's Culturefix Conversations and Awards Gala is its annual cultural diplomacy celebration to honor the power of the arts and culture to help fix global challenges. The Meridian Cultural Diplomacy Awards are bestowed on cultural leaders who demonstrate an ongoing commitment to using the arts and culture to unite people worldwide.



## RLC EXCLUSIVE EVENTS

Rising Leaders Council members engage with our mission through specially curated programs throughout the year. From discussions on foreign policy at embassies to lively cultural diplomacy receptions, these programs focus on cultivating relationships and impactful exchanges of ideas.



## DIPLOMACY FORUM

The Meridian Diplomacy Forum provides a platform for the U.S. State Department and global leaders to convene and discuss modernizing U.S. diplomatic practices to meet the demands of today's challenges. engagement abroad.



## MERIDIAN BALL

The Meridian Ball is one of the most prestigious annual events in Washington, D.C. that brings together members of the public and private sector for a night of drinks, desserts and dancing to celebrate Meridian's ongoing efforts to prepare leaders for a complex global future.



## MERIDIAN SUMMIT

The Meridian Summit is the leading convening of diplomatic, business and policy leaders in a neutral, nonpartisan forum to exchange ideas and collaborate on solutions to today's most pressing global challenges and opportunities.



## HOLIDAY PARTY

The annual holiday party to express gratitude for the support Meridian has received throughout the year.



# WHAT MAKES MERIDIAN UNIQUE



## 60 YEARS OF RELATIONSHIPS

and a reputation as a trusted, nonpartisan partner with the U.S. Government including the U.S. Department of State, the diplomatic community and international leaders of multinational institutions.

## REGIONAL, ISSUE-SPECIFIC PROGRAMS

customized for members as well as access to Meridian's broader portfolio including cultural exchanges and programs.

## SOCIAL & CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

through our networking receptions granting corporate leaders the space to confront shared challenges and reach common solutions by fostering the personal and professional relationships.

THE RLC IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF A DISTINGUISHED, DIVERSE, GROUP OF PROFESSIONALS WHO

**CARE DEEPLY ABOUT PUBLIC DIPLOMACY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS**, ENGAGE WITH ONE ANOTHER AND THE LARGER MERIDIAN COMMUNITY, AND

**CREATE MEANINGFUL PROGRAMMING** TO SPUR DISCUSSION ON

**PRESSING GLOBAL AND LOCAL CHALLENGES.**



## HOW TO APPLY

A ONE-PAGE LETTER SHOWING DEMONSTRATED INTEREST AND EXPERIENCE IN FOREIGN POLICY OR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, A NOMINATION BY A MEMBER OF THE MERIDIAN COMMUNITY, AND A RESUME ARE REQUIRED TO JOIN THIS LEVEL.

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