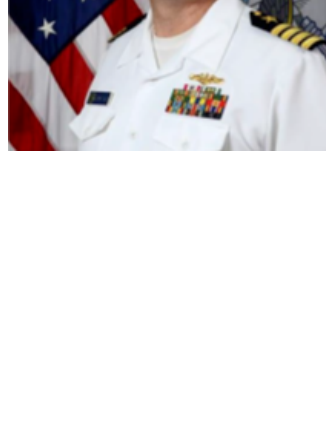


The Passport Newsletter

March 2025



"Into Africa: Why the Most Ignored Continent Matters"

Captain John Tully
Navy Foreign Area Officer Chair
Naval Postgraduate School - Monterey, CA

Wednesday, March 26th, 2025
Lecture Luncheon
Monterey Marriott - The Ferrantes Room

Registrations are due by Wednesday, March 19th, 2025
Please note: Cancellations after the deadline are non-refundable.

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Register online for this event

Captain John Tully is the Navy Foreign Area Officer (FAO) Chair at the Naval Postgraduate School. Prior to assuming this position, he was Director, Africa Campaign Integration at Commander U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa. His FAO assignments took him overseas for eighteen consecutive years. He has served as Senior Defense Official/Defense Attaché at the U.S. Embassy Djibouti where he witnessed firsthand the establishment of China's first overseas base, in the U.S. Africa Command, as the Africa Command Liaison Officer to the Economic Community of West African States in Nigeria, and in the U.S. Embassy, Cameroon with additional accreditation to Equatorial Guinea. Earlier in his career he served as submarine operations and Tomahawk missile strike officer on the staff of the Commander, U.K. Maritime Forces.

Captain Tully earned his Bachelor of Science in History from the U.S. Naval Academy and a Master of Arts in National Security Affairs from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School.

Location

The Ferrantes Room
Monterey Marriott
350 Calle Principal
Monterey, CA

Menu

Greek Salad
Persian Cucumbers, Diced Tomatoes,
Baby Spinach, Pitted Kalamata Olives,
Feta Cheese with Oregano-Lemon Vinaigrette

Agenda

11:30 AM: Registration
~ 12:00 PM: Luncheon
~ 12:45 PM: Speaker

Tickets

\$55 World Affairs Council members
\$65 for Guests

Artisan Breads and Butter
Grilled Salmon with Lemon Risotto,
Roasted Asparagus, Beet-Ginger Purée,
Blistered Grape Tomatoes with
a Béarnaise Sauce

Vegetarian/Vegan Alternative
Grain Bowl with Farro, Garlic-Teriyaki
Marinated & Grilled Tofu, Baby Kale,
Roasted Sweet Potato, Roasted Red Bell
Peppers, Broccoli, Sliced Avocado, Black
Sesame Seeds with a Vegan Teriyaki Sauce

Dessert

Apple Galette

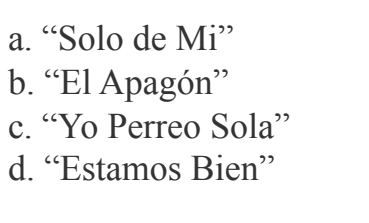
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email info@wacmb.org or tel. 831-643-1855 to reserve a spot
by close of registration - Wednesday, March 19th, 2025

A limited number of seats for auditors (at no charge) will be available.
Please notify the WACMB office no later than Wednesday, March 19th to
www.wacmb.org or tel 831-643-1855.
Auditors will be allowed entry at 12:40 pm



ACADEMIC WORLD QUEST

Do you know the answer to this question?

Which Bad Bunny song became a symbol of solidarity & perseverance for the citizens of Puerto Rico?

- a. "Solo de Mi"
b. "El Apagón"
c. "Yo Perreo Sola"
d. "Estamos Bien"

Or this one?

Japan's former Foreign Minister and which other top diplomat karaoke'd together at the 2023 G7 Summit?

- a. Robert Habeck (Germany)
b. Stéphane Séjourné (France)
c. David Cameron (UK)
d. Antony Blinken (USA)

These two questions were part of 100 questions being asked of the students competing Saturday, February 22, 2025 in The World Affairs Council of Monterey Bay Area (WACMB) local Academic World Quest (AWQ) Competition. This year's 3rd annual contest was open to all high schools in Monterey County.

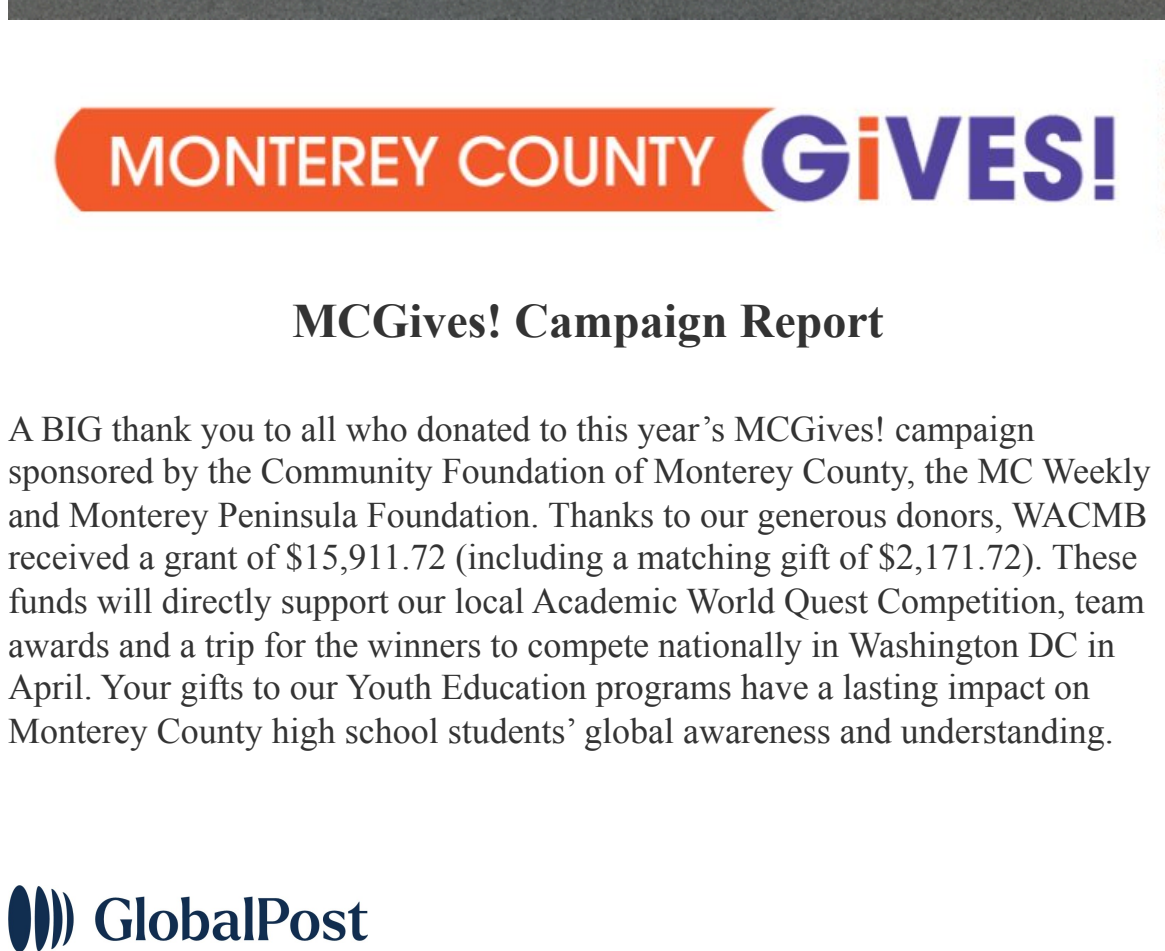
Academic World Quest (AWQ) is a team game testing high school students' knowledge of international affairs. In the game, four-person teams compete by answering questions divided into ten categories, which reflect some of the most critical global and U.S. foreign policy issues. The team with the most correct answers wins. Congratulations this year goes to Monterey High School on taking first place in the local Academic World Quest Contest.

Each of the four team members, Zahra Sellami, Vrishabh Gupta, Eunyu Kim, and Khushi Shah worked together to answer questions on 10 current global topics. WACMB will be covering all travel expenses for these students and their coach, Nicholas Bourgeois, to compete in the National AWQ competition in Washington, D.C. on April 28th.

Other teams competing locally this year represented Palma High School, Pacific Grove High School and RL Stevenson High School.

WACMB is working to provide further educational support by making scholarships available to Monterey County high school students majoring in World Affairs. The Youth Education Committee is currently developing plans to include our high school AWQ students in this scholarship program. Meetings will begin next month. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Linda Dilger at awq@wacmb.org. If you are willing to help fund this endeavor, please contact us at info@wacmb.org.

AWQ Competition 2025 Student Teams



MONTEREY COUNTY GIVES!

MCGives! Campaign Report

A BIG thank you to all who donated to this year's MCGives! campaign sponsored by the Community Foundation of Monterey County, the MC Weekly and Monterey Peninsula Foundation. Thanks to our generous donors, WACMB received a grant of \$15,911.72 (including a matching gift of \$2,171.72). These funds will directly support our local Academic World Quest Competition, team awards and a trip for the winners to compete nationally in Washington DC in April. Your gifts to our Youth Education programs have a lasting impact on Monterey County high school students' global awareness and understanding.

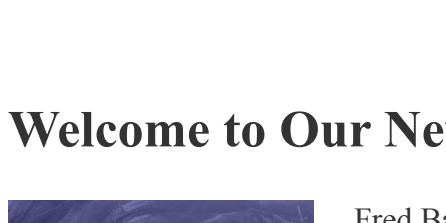
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We sincerely hope this benefit will enrich your discovery of the world.

With best wishes, Your WACMB Board of Directors



World Affairs Discussion Group
Come join the conversation!

Great Decisions 2025

The WACMB Discussion Group will consider four critical topics during March 2025 as part of the second half of the Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions series. We will meet by Zoom for four consecutive Wednesdays from March 5th at 3:30 PM (video lecture) with discussion at 4:00 PM.

The four Great Decisions 2025 topics covered during March include:

March 5: International Climate Cooperation in an Era of Geopolitical Turmoil, by Josh Busby

March 12: The Future of NATO and European Security, by Kori Schak

March 19: AI and American National Security, by Julie George

March 26: American Foreign Policy in the Middle East: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead, by Daniel Kurtzer

All WACMB members are invited to participate. If you are interested and have never attended our World Affairs Discussion Group, just send a request to discussiongroup@wacmb.org to receive updates and log-in information.

You can order the printed Great Decisions 2025 Briefing Book from the Foreign Policy Association here, or call (800) 477-5836 or send an email using this link (\$35+ shipping), alternatively, an eBook version of the 2025 briefing book can be purchased on Amazon or Barnes & Noble for \$25.00.

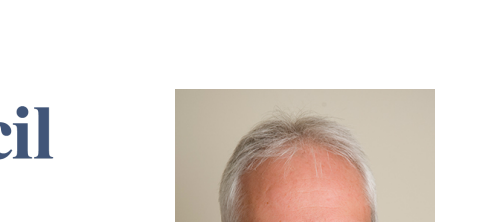
All are welcome!!

Welcome to Our New Members



- Fred Barnhart
Kathy and Don Bauer
Brandon Bodor
Charla Britt & Robert Bluth
Cheri Callis
Don Coleman
Donald Davis & Susan Tahawi
Saul Eisenstat
J. Stewart Fuller
Kathy Garber
Suzanne Grimes
Eric Hodson
Terry Huggins & Steve Filson
Daniel Ipson
Christine & Michael Kasman
Donovan Leyden
Patrick & Dorothy Micheletti
Barbara Mino
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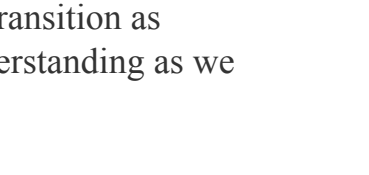
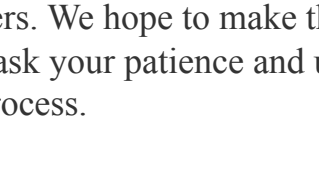
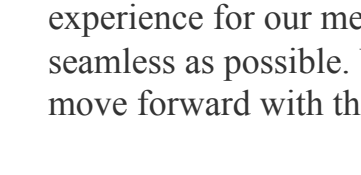
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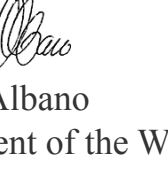
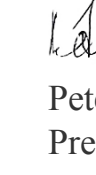
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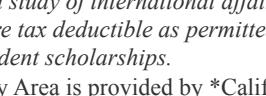
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Message from Our President

World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area



System Updates

The World Affairs Council is undertaking a system update to our Technology services that support our online Membership and Event Registration processes. Over the next few months, we will be implementing some changes on our website to help automate and simplify our membership management. Our goal is to ease the burden on our volunteers, improve efficiency and elevate the online experience for our members. We hope to make the transition as seamless as possible. We ask your patience and understanding as we move forward with this process.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. We appreciate your membership and support of the World Affairs Council.

Our regards,

Peter Albano

President of the World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area

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