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## International Leadership Academy Aims to Empower Citizen Diplomats And Increase International Career Readiness

Utah Global Diplomacy launches certification for citizen diplomacy and connects Utahns to international careers.

Salt Lake City, UT - In an increasingly globalized world, Utah continues to establish itself as an international economic, cultural, educational, and diplomatic leader. To bolster Utah's efforts in foreign relations, Utah Global Diplomacy has launched the International Leadership Academy along with four complimentary programs that provide education, resources, and connections to international career opportunities worldwide and right here in Utah. These programs offer unparalleled benefits, providing practical skills, leadership experience, and a robust network crucial for navigating the dynamic field of international relations. These programs include:

- Citizen Diplomacy Certification
- International relations professional development
- Global mentorship opportunities
- International relations job connections

The academy prepares Utahns for opportunities to engage in citizen diplomacy and/or navigate a career in international relations by providing hands-on experience through immersive activities and world affairs education through training from local experts,

"This program has the potential to educate and empower countless Utah citizen diplomats who will help build international relations through diplomacy," said Utah Global Diplomacy president and CEO, Felecia Maxfield-Barrett. "It will prepare Utahns to build positive global connections through opportunities like study abroad programs, trade delegations, Utah's growing global businesses, and even the prospective return of the Winter Olympic Games to Utah in 2034."



Registration for the International Leadership Academy is currently open and applications are accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. The Citizen Diplomacy Certificate program is a 10-week course, beginning February 8, 2024. Interested individuals are encouraged to apply at www.utahglobaldiplomacy.org

## ABOUT UTAH GLOBAL DIPLOMACY:

Utah Global Diplomacy is committed to promoting respect and understanding between the people of Utah and other nations. This is done through citizen diplomacy - the concept that every individual has the right, even the responsibility, to help shape U.S. foreign relations by connecting with each other one handshake at a time. Utah Global Diplomacy applies citizen diplomacy efforts through its International Exchange Programs (in partnership with the U.S. State Department), World Affairs lectures, dialogues, and conversations, and its Young Diplomats of Utah program. You can join Utah Global Diplomacy's community and conversations at <u>www.utahglobaldiplomacy.org</u> or by emailing <u>info@utahglobaldiplomacy.org</u>.

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