



2026 Global Leadership Awards Gala

Celebrating 90 Years of Global Leadership and Community

Thursday, October 22, 2026

International Student House of Washington, DC

1825 R Street NW, Washington, DC

Reception at 6:00 PM | Dinner and Program to Follow

Black Tie Optional | National Dress Welcome

The Global Leadership Awards Gala is the International Student House of Washington, DC's largest annual fundraiser and one of the most important opportunities to advance the House's mission. This year's Gala will carry special significance as we celebrate the House's 90th anniversary and nearly a century of bringing together emerging leaders from around the world.

Funds raised through the Gala directly support the House's international residential community, including scholarships, cultural and professional programming, and the preservation of our historic home in the heart of Washington, DC. Sponsorship also allows the House to remain an accessible and welcoming community for graduate students, scholars, interns, and young professionals representing countries across the globe.

2026 Gala Leadership

2026 Global Leadership Award Honoree

Mr. Robert Abernethy, President, American Standard Development Company

Gala Chair

Lara Tennyson, Head of U.S. Federal Affairs, Booking Holdings

Honorary Diplomatic Chair

His Excellency Vinay Kwatra, Ambassador of India to the United States

Honorary Congressional Chair

Mrs. Tiia Karlen and Representative Rick Larsen



2026-2027 Annual Sponsorship Opportunities

Supporter Benefits & Acknowledgements

We invite you to become a year-round supporter of our community of young global leaders in Washington, DC! Our mission is to foster intercultural dialogue, encourage life-long connections and promote global citizenship among the highest-caliber graduate students, visiting scholars and young professionals from around the world who join us as they prepare to become our future global leaders. Your support is paramount for the House to sustain an exceptional residential experience and community, a home to hundreds of young global leaders from around the world in Washington, DC, which furthers international exchange with the goal of global peace and understanding.

The following are annual sponsorship opportunities that offer our supporters a wide variety of benefits and acknowledgment opportunities, maximizing year-round exposure to a broad range of stakeholders, including national and international leaders and distinguished individuals from the business, diplomatic, government, social, cultural, political, and academic sectors.

Overview of Sponsorship Levels

\$90,000 Leadership

\$50,000 Benefactor

\$25,000 Champion

\$15,000 Patron

\$10,000 Partner

Benefits below are valid for a period of 12 months.



\$90,000 Leadership Sponsor

Highlighted as Leadership Sponsor on all publications:

- Profile on website www.ihousedc.org
- Permanent highlight on the Instagram channel
- Acknowledgement in newsletters
- Acknowledgement in public programming and promotional materials

Naming opportunities:

- Distinguished Speakers Series – recommend a speaker for the Distinguished Speaker Series featuring foreign Ambassadors, Members of Congress, Administration officials, academic, and corporate leaders

Recognition as Leadership Sponsor and opportunities to speak and participate at premiere events:

- Spring Garden Party Reception
- International Education Week activities
- Invitations to exclusive briefings and dinners at the House
- Global Leadership Awards Gala, including:
 - One table of 10 at the Gala with premier placement
 - Four invitations to a Special Dinner held at the Residence of the Diplomatic Chair
 - Opportunity to speak during the Gala
 - Recognition as a Leadership Sponsor at the Gala and related communications, programs, and social media activity
 - Recognition as a Leadership Sponsor on the House's website and social media

Opportunity to utilize the Ella Burling “Great Hall” at the International Student House of Washington, DC for two events or meetings.



\$50,000 Benefactor Sponsor

Highlight as Benefactor Sponsor on select publications:

- Profile on website www.ihousedc.org
- Social media engagement to highlight sponsorship and partnership
- Acknowledgement in newsletters
- Acknowledgement in public programming and promotional materials

Naming opportunities:

- Recommend a speaker for the Distinguished Speaker Series a Distinguished Speaker event featuring foreign Ambassadors, Members of Congress, Administration officials, academic, and corporate leaders
- Scholarship program

Recognition as Benefactor Sponsor and opportunities to speak and participate at select events:

- Spring Garden Party reception
- International Education Week activities
- Invitations to exclusive briefings and dinners at the House
- Global Leadership Awards Gala, including:
 - One table of 10 at the Gala with preferred placement
 - Four invitations to a Special Dinner held at the Residence of the Diplomatic Chair
 - Recognition as a Benefactor Sponsor at the Gala and on related communications, programs, and social media activity
 - Recognition as a Benefactor Sponsor on the House's website and social media

Opportunity to utilize the Ella Burling “Great Hall” at the International Student House of Washington, DC, for an event or meeting.



\$25,000 Champion Sponsor

Highlight as Champion Sponsor on select publications:

- Paragraph profile on website www.ihousedc.org
- Social media post to highlight sponsorship and partnership
- Acknowledgement in newsletters
- Acknowledgement in public programming and promotional materials

Naming opportunities:

- Recommend a Distinguished Speaker event featuring foreign Ambassadors, Members of Congress, Administration officials, academic, and corporate leaders
- Scholarship program

Recognition as a Champion Sponsor and opportunities to participate at select events:

- Spring Garden Party reception
- International Education Week activities
- Invitations to exclusive briefings and dinners at the House
- Global Leadership Awards Gala, including:
 - 8 tickets to the Gala
 - Four invitations to a Special Dinner held at the Residence of the Diplomatic Chair
 - Recognition as a Champion Sponsor at the Gala and on related communications, programs, and social media activity
 - Recognition as a Champion Sponsor on the House's website and social media.



\$15,000 Patron Sponsor

Highlight as Patron Sponsor on select publications:

- Brief profile on website www.ihousedc.org
- Social media post highlighting sponsorship and partnership
- Acknowledgement in newsletters
- Acknowledgement in public programming and promotional materials

Recognition as Patron Sponsor and opportunities to participate at select events:

- Spring Garden Party reception.
- International Education Week activities and symposium
- Invitations to exclusive briefings at the House
- Global Leadership Awards Gala, including:
 - 8 tickets to the Global Leadership Awards Gala
 - Two invitations to a Special Dinner held at the Residence of the Diplomatic Chair
 - Recognition as a Patron Sponsor at the Gala and related communications, programs, and social media activity
 - Recognition as a Patron Sponsor on the House's website and social media



\$10,000 Partner Sponsor

Highlight as Partner Sponsor on select publications:

- On website www.ihousedc.org
- Social media post highlighting partnership
- Acknowledgement in newsletters
- Acknowledgement in public programming and promotional materials

Recognition as Partner Sponsor and opportunities to participate at select events:

- Spring Garden Party reception.
- International Education Week activities and symposium
- Invitations to exclusive briefings at the House
- Global Leadership Awards Gala, including:
 - 6 tickets to the Global Leadership Awards Gala
 - Two invitations to a Special Dinner held at the Residence of the Diplomatic Chair
 - Recognition as a Partner Sponsor at the Gala and related communications, programs, and social media activity
 - Recognition as a Partner Sponsor on the House's website and social media



Become a Supporter Today

On behalf of the thousands of scholars and hundreds of international leaders who now benefit from their experience at International Student House, we thank you in advance for your investment in our mission. Your financial support will ensure that we will continue to provide an exceptional residential experience for students from around the world. I-House DC is grateful for contributions in any amount.

For more information, please contact us via email at info@ishdc.org or 202-232-4007 x 201.

Gifts may be made by:

Check

Checks should be made payable and mailed to:
International Student House of Washington, DC
ATTN: Development Office
1825 R Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Credit card through our secure online webpage: www.ihousedc.org/support-us

Gifts of stock and real estate. Please contact the Development Office for details.

Gift matching opportunities may be available through a donor's employer.