

WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF CONNECTICUT THE DIPLOMAT + LUMINARY AWARD

45 NATIONS. 60 DIGNITARIES. 1 LUMINARY AWARD.

Hartford's most anticipated international event returns, convening Ambassadors, Consuls General, and diplomats from around the world for an unforgettable evening celebrating global connections and leadership, featuring the presentation of the Luminary Award, honoring an individual who has made significant contributions to the betterment of the world.

Tuesday, June 9, 6pm-8pm, Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford

This June, the World Affairs Council is pleased to present the Luminary Award at The Diplomat 2026, in the company of Ambassadors, Consuls Generals, and diplomats from around the world.

The World Affairs Council of Connecticut is proud to present the Luminary Award to Karl Krapek, World Affairs Council Senior Advisor, at The Diplomat 2026.

Karl J. Krapek is recognized as a Luminary for his extraordinary leadership, global perspective, and lasting impact on industry and community. Over a distinguished career, he has helped guide major global enterprises through growth and innovation, demonstrating the power of principled and forward-looking leadership.

Just as important is his deep commitment to the Hartford community and to expanding opportunity for the next generation. Through his leadership of initiatives such as Hartford Youth Scholars, he has helped open doors for talented young people and invest in the future of our region.

Join us at The Diplomat 2026 for an evening of inspiration, illumination, and celebration as we honor a global leader who has changed the world for the better.



2026 Luminary Honoree,
Karl Krapek

LEGACY OF THE LUMINARY

2004 Harry Jack Gray, Chairman of UTC

keynote: the Honorable Alexander Haig

2005 University of CT UNESCO Chair

keynote: President Mary Robinson

2006 Save the Children

keynote: Cokie Roberts

2007 Connecticut's Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans

keynote: General Eric Shinseki

2008 ESPN International

keynote: Chris Berman

2009 General David Petraeus

2010 Dr. Henry Kissinger, 56th U.S. Secretary of State

2011 Hole in the Wall Camp Association

keynote: Melissa Newman

2012 The Norwegian Nobel Committee

keynote: Geir Lundestad

2013 Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation

keynote: Colonel Jack Jacobs

2014 AmeriCares

keynote: Ambassador Robert Ford

2015 Peter G. Kelly, Esq

keynote: Senator Mark Warner

2016 CT Aerospace Components Manufacturers

keynote: Colonel (ret) Mark Tillman

2017 United Technologies

keynote: Robert Ballard

2018 Yale Cancer Center

2019 Stanley Black & Decker

2020 Paul "Buddy" Bucha, Recipient of the Medal of Honor

keynote: former Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, Gen. David Petraeus (U.S. Army, Ret.) and Gen. Joseph Votel (U.S. Army, Ret.)

2025: Donald Allan, Jr. President & CEO, Stanley Black & Decker



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WELCOMING THE WORLD TO CONNECTICUT

Since 1924, the World Affairs Council of Connecticut has promoted greater awareness and dialogue on important global issues. With an emphasis on community engagement and collaboration, the Council creates experiences that explore critical global issues and promote a greater understanding of the world.

Part of that greater understanding is focused on the vital role that international trade and investment plays in Connecticut's economy and - in turn - Connecticut's critical role in global business.

The Diplomat convenes diplomats from over 45 countries to meet in Hartford, Connecticut. The Diplomat is an opportunity to invest in international business partnerships and develop new global relationships.

The Diplomat is an effort on behalf of the Council to not only bring the world to Connecticut, but also create an opportunity for leaders and citizens of our state to further engage with our international counterparts.

Now in its sixth year, The Diplomat has become one of Connecticut's premier events. Each year for The Diplomat, Hartford rolls out the red carpet to welcome dozens of diplomats from around the world to our state's capital.

Connecticut is a global state. This evening is a testament to that fact. Thriving international connections are vital to our culture, community, and economy.

The Diplomat is a singular opportunity to network, make exclusive business contacts, and meet a new global connection, while enjoying food and drink in the company of diplomats representing nations from around the world.

A GLIMPSE INSIDE THE EVENT





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- Professional photo opportunity
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