



Iowa International Center

Iowa International Center's mission as a leader in international understanding and civic diplomacy is to enrich lives and build pathways to prosperity. We lead, teach, connect and celebrate global culture in Iowa.

We Lead. Teach. Connect. Welcome.

INTERPRETATION HOTLINE

**37
LANGUAGES**

WERE REQUESTED THROUGH
THE HOTLINE INCLUDING MANY
LANGUAGES THAT ARE HARD TO
FIND IN PERSON INTERPRETERS

**21
COUNTIES**

IN IOWA USED THE 24/7
INTERPRETATION HOTLINE

**14,355
MINUTES**

OF INTERPRETATION WERE PRO-
VIDED IN 2020 DURING CRISIS
OR HOUSING EMERGENCIES

PASSPORT TO PROSPERITY

In 2020 Iowa International Center introduced Passport to Prosperity Week, a week of activities that celebrated the 2020 Honorees and our global community in Iowa.

- With your support, we raised \$21,788 to remove language barriers and promote international understanding. That equals an hour of interpretation for every day of the year.
- We reached over 20,000 people with Passport to Prosperity events and social media. More people were able to see the contributions of immigrants and refugees to our community.

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

- In 2020, Iowa International Center was able to host 5 International Visitor groups in-person (pre-pandemic). We were especially honored to host one of the U.S. Department of State's International Women of Courage, Zarifa Ghafari.

2020 IMPACT

**50+
LANGUAGES**

AND DIALECTS AND A NET-
WORK OF 150 INTERPRETERS
AVAILABLE

**4,080
PEOPLE**

BENEFITED FROM LINGUISTIC
PROGRAMS AND INTERPRETA-
TION CRISIS HOTLINES

**49,395
PEOPLE ENGAGED**

WITH IOWA INTERNATIONAL
CENTER THROUGH PROGRAMS,
EVENTS, AND SOCIAL MEDIA

“ Friends, in 2020 we saw the world in upheaval. We also saw the world come together. We continued to connect, learn, and celebrate with each other. We pivoted and became stronger through our work to create a global, culturally rich community. Thank you for being apart of our global community. ”

Patricia Grote, Executive Director



Connecting in a Virtual World

Iowa International Center (IIC) remains committed to connecting the world to Iowa and Iowa to the world. Although the pandemic disrupted our programs, IIC was able to adapt and bringing people together through webinars, virtual exchanges, online classes, and virtual events.

Global Conversations Webinars

Even though the pandemic made travel impossible, IIC didn't let that stop us from connecting with our friends around the world. IIC held 3 Global Conversation Webinars that enabled us to reconnect with our international guests and community. These conversations explored key relevant topics including: disinformation in the media, importance of exchanges, and the multiplier effect of immigrants and refugees.

Virtual International Visitor Programs

Iowa International Center adapted in-person exchanges to virtually host international guests. IIC was excited to host the Gold Star International Visitor Alumnus, Mr. Arman Ali, a pioneer activist for rights of persons with disabilities in India. Through these virtual exchanges IIC was able to continue to learn from individuals around the world.

Passport to Prosperity Pivots to Virtual

Although we couldn't gather in person to celebrate our 2020 honorees and our global community, we were able to virtually celebrate with a full week of events. We decorated Des Moines with yards signs and billboards. We were able to learn more about our honorees through International Trivia Night and the Global Conversations webinar. Then we were able to cheer our honorees on from a far while enjoying an International Snack Box during both the Avenue of Flags and Virtual Award Celebration

English Language Learners Program

As the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded IIC pivoted our English Language Learning (ELL) to an online platform. This allowed our students and teaches to connect during those turbulent times.

