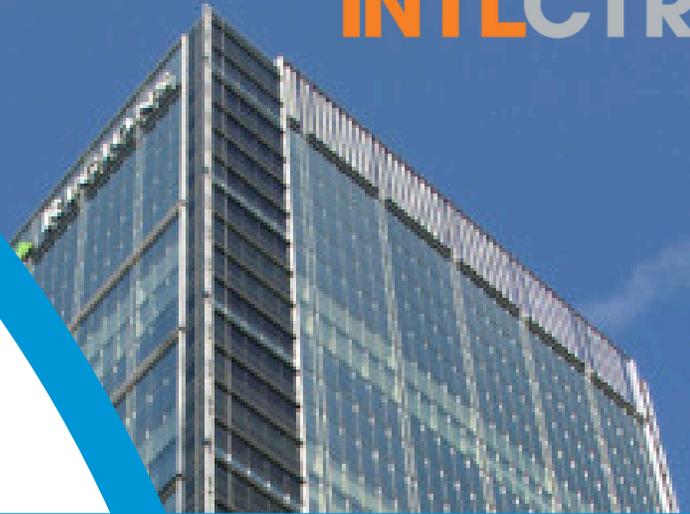




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2025 PROGRAM REVIEW



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- *Cohort participants: 20+ emerging and established leaders gain practical skills, intercultural fluency, and cross-sector networks.*
- *Scholarship recipients: 35% of the cohort receives full or half scholarships, increasing access for rising leaders who might otherwise be unable to participate.*
- *Employers and organizations: Staff return with global perspectives, improved communication skills, and stronger collaborative capacity.*
- *Community partners and hosts: Deeper ties to a statewide network of globally minded professionals.*
- *The State of Indiana: A stronger leadership pipeline ready to engage the global marketplace and foster inclusive growth.*





2025 James T. Morris Series Kick Off

August 15th



This year's cohort launched its series in the heart of Indianapolis' international community at The Global Village Welcome Center, where participants explored the core principles of global leadership, the power of a simple "hello," the importance of intercultural communication, and the mindset required to lead across borders.

The session featured insights from Dr. Kim LaComba, Director of the Ph.D. in Global Leadership at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College; Neelay Bhatt, global speaker and leadership strategist; and cohort mentor Greg Ballard, former Mayor of Indianapolis. Hosted in a vibrant, meaningful space, the series continues to unite emerging and established leaders across sectors while laying a strong foundation of cultural awareness, empathy, and cross-cultural collaboration.



“Government as a Global Partner”

September 19th



The 2025 cohort gathered for their second session, Government as a Global Partner. Placed at The City Of Carmel, discussions explored the history and current state of Global Indiana, global governance at state and local levels, and the fundamentals of international protocol. The speakers included Mayor Greg Ballard, Andrea Richter-Garry (Executive VP Business Development & International Relations, Indy Economic Development), and Peter Kirkwood (Chief of Protocol, The International Center), whose insights enriched the conversation.

“I’m very proud to be part of this select group. Thank you to The International Center and Martin Baier for giving me this amazing opportunity!”

Ines Paez-Quintero,
SADCO Friends of Colombia



“Global Good”

October 24th



The third session of the Morris Global Leadership Series focused on the concept of Global Good. The day began with Tisha Galarce, Chief Talent and Development Officer, who discussed her role at the Indianapolis Public Library (IndyPL) and IndyPL's role within our community. The cohort shared a family-style, traditional Ethiopian meal while visiting Axum Ethiopian Restaurant.

This was followed by a presentation from Hannah Vos, PhD candidate at the IU Lilly School of Philanthropy, on the landscape of philanthropy both in the US and globally. This session allowed the cohort to explore the various types of giving and philanthropy, how their significance and role in society vary across cultures, and how to engage in global good to be better global leaders.



“Exploring Global Business”

November 14th



For the November meeting of the Morris Series, our Morris Series cohort was graciously hosted by Eli Lilly and Company for a day to discuss global business. We were joined by Janaina Siegler from Butler University, who provided expertise on the global supply chain, and board member Dr. Nicolas Chemali shared more about his time with Eli Lilly and Company and the opportunities and challenges that come with working globally. The cohort also enjoyed a tour of the Lilly Museum and beautiful views of Indianapolis!

“This was a great opportunity with the Morris Series to visit the Eli Lilly and Company building. We discussed Global Business and the opportunities and challenges that come with it. I really enjoyed learning the history of the Lilly Museum and seeing this incredible facility with my fellow cohorts.”

Brad Sontag, Indy Eleven



“Global Leadership”

December 12th



In the final session, the 2025 Morris Series cohort convened at The Indianapolis Airport for their seminar centered around “Global Leadership.” The session started with remarks from the Executive Director and CEO, Mario Rodriguez. The cohort also heard from the head consul Maki Teramoto, from the Consulate of Mexico.

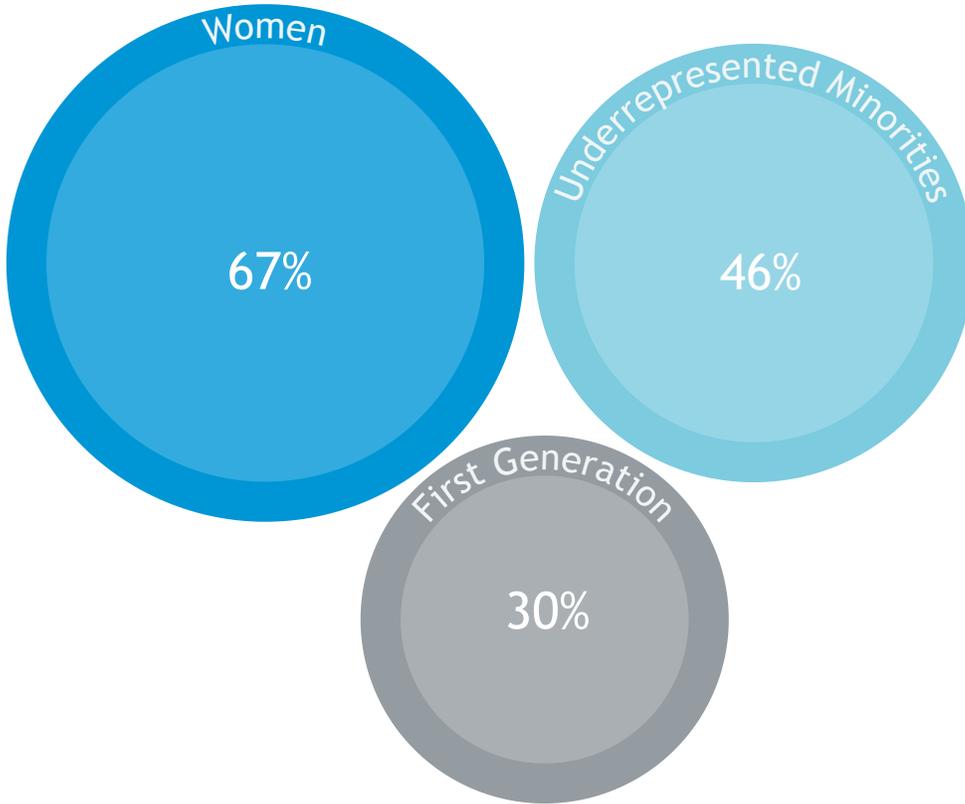
The cohort had the opportunity to tour the Indianapolis Airport and hear from Morris Series Alumni, Maggie Cunningham, Director of Air Service & Airport Experience, and Tracy Guerrero, Air Service Manager, Indianapolis Airport Authority.

Before certificates were awarded, The International Center CEO, Martin Baier, led a surprise session with Governor Holcomb. The cohort got to hear the most valuable tips that former Governor Holcomb had learned about global leadership during his tenure while representing the State of Indiana around the world.

Our final session ended with Former Indianapolis Mayor, Greg Ballard, and TIC President & CEO, Martin Baier presenting the cohort with certificates for successful completion of the James T. Morris Global Leadership Series.



2025 COHORT CHARACTERISTICS



Sectors Represented:



Organizations Represented:



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