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From Left: Elisa Gomez and Anwer Al-Kaimakchi

2017 Global Citizen Award Recipients Announced

The Center for Global Engagement's 2017 Global Citizen Award recipients – Elisa Gomez and Anwer Al-Kaimakchi – were announced at FSU's Leadership Awards Night, which celebrates students' exemplary contributions to the FSU community.

The Global Citizen Award recognizes outstanding students who exemplify global citizenship. Through their intercultural engagement, both at home and internationally, this year's Global Citizen Award recipients have built relationships across cultures and fostered global awareness and mutual understanding on FSU's campus. Students were nominated by faculty, staff, or their peers and selected by a panel of judges.

Gomez, a senior studying family and child sciences, has made significant contributions to the FSU community through her service in the First Responder/Emergency Medical Responder program. As a future health care professional, she is committed to equal access to healthcare for individuals worldwide. Gomez has assisted local doctors through MEDLIFE in Ecuador, she has served at both a hospital and schools in India as part of FSU's Global Scholars program, and she has completed a medical internship with MEDLIFE in Peru.

"I was born in Colombia, and moving to the U.S. sparked my interest in learning about other cultures," said Gomez. "My travels have helped me to better relate to others, and I find that I now feel more comfortable outside of my comfort zone, which I think will help me in the future."

Al-Kaimakchi, a master's student studying civil and environmental engineering, is an international student from Iraq who has dedicated his free time to serving FSU students and the Tallahassee community. Al-Kaimakchi worked at the Center for Global Engagement assisting new international students with their transition to life at FSU. He is a member of the Global Ambassadors Program, giving cultural presentations and Arabic language workshops to young students at local Tallahassee schools and community organizations. In addition, he has spent a great deal of time assisting refugee families and serving as an Arabic translator for the International Rescue Committee.

"I believe if you help people, someone else will help you in the future," said Al-Kaimakchi. "This is life; we are here for each other. I have found the benefits of studying abroad are innumerable. Through this experience, I have met new people, gained a new perspective, and expanded my horizons and ideas about life."

For more information about the Global Citizen Award, and to read about past recipients, please visit cge.fsu.edu/gca.



Russia: A Slavic Culture

Experience the culture of Russia
from literature to cinema.

April 20 at 7 p.m. | The Globe Auditorium

Experience Russian Culture April 20 at The Globe

Thursday, April 20, 2017 | 7-9 p.m. | The Globe Auditorium

Join us Thursday, April 20, for our Intercultural Program Series (IPS) event featuring Russia. Experience the culture of Russia from literature to cinema.

IPS offers students a way to experience global cultures without having to leave campus. This program will include a presentation on Russian history; Russian cinema presentation, including soviet-era film; a Russian language workshop; and a traditional Russian dessert.

This event is free and open to the public.

More Upcoming Events

International Coffee Hour – Every Friday Starting March 24 | 5-6:30 p.m. | The Globe Lounge & Dining Room

U.S. students, scholars, and faculty gather for coffee and snacks every Friday. It's a great place to meet new people from various parts of the world, see old friends, and make plans for the weekend. 🍪

English Conversation Club – Every Monday-Friday | 4-5 p.m. | The Globe Lounge

International students, scholars, and their families at all levels of speaking English as a second/other language are invited to meet in a relaxed atmosphere to practice conversational English. Groups are led by experienced English tutors.

Global Citizenship Drop-In Advising – Tues. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | Wed. 1-3 p.m. | Fri. 1-3 p.m. | The Globe Suite 1200

Drop-in advising hours are for any student who wants to learn about the Global Citizenship Certificate. This certificate prepares FSU students to succeed in a diverse and multicultural world. Learn more: cge.fsu.edu/globalcitizen.

Global Exchanges Information Sessions – Every Tuesday 3:30 p.m. | Every Wednesday 12:30 p.m. | The Globe Room 2600

Find out how you can study at an international university while earning FSU credits, paying FSU tuition and using your financial aid! Topics covered include: selecting the right program, application process, and course selection and financial aid. See the complete list of FSU's global exchange programs at: global.fsu.edu/exchanges.

U.S. Challenges in the Middle East – Thurs., April 20 | 5 p.m. | Law School Rotunda

The College of Social Science and Public Policy's Ruth K. and Shepard Broad International Lecture Series presents a talk from Ambassador Dennis Ross on "U.S. Challenges in the Middle East," A scholar and diplomat with more than two decades of experience, Ambassador Ross played a leading role in shaping U.S. Involvement in the Middle East peace process. *The event is free and open to the public.* 🍪

Intercultural Program Series Featuring Russia: A Slavic Culture – Thurs., April 20 | 7-9 p.m. | The Globe Dining Room

Experience the culture of Russia from literature to cinema. This event will be co-hosted by the Slavic Student Association. 🍪

commUNITY Dialogue Series: Preserving the History of FAMU Way – Tues., April 25 | 12-1 p.m. | Dunlap Success Center Room 2201/2202

Experience the culture of Russia from literature to cinema. This event will be co-hosted by the Slavic Student Association This commUNITY Dialogue Series, "Preserving the History of FAMU Way," will focus on the research of four FAMU professors to collect information from area residents in order to capture the area's history and tell the story of the people, places, and events that have helped shape the community. Consequentially, this talk will highlight the process of collecting and preserving the history of the residents of the communities, which currently make up FAMU Way. [Register here](#).



Denotes a **Global Citizenship Certificate** qualifying event.

*The Global Citizenship Certificate is designed to help undergraduate students maximize the rich cultural learning experiences available to them on campus, in the community, and abroad. Learn more: **cge.fsu.edu/globalcitizen**.*

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