SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, April 11th is our 6th Annual PassPORT to Norfolk’s Sister Cities. Come cruise around the world with us! https://www.norfolksistercities.org/events/6th-annual-passport-cruising-around-the-world-with-norfolks-sister-cities/

New this year – gaming tables! Come take a stroll on the Promenade Deck and enjoy international cuisine and world class entertainment. Thank you to our sponsors!
2019 Young Artist Showcase

Sister Cities International changed the schedule for Young Artists Young Authors in 2019. This moved our exhibit and judging from March to January. We hosted our awards ceremony at the Kroc Center on January 17, 2019. Thanks to Young Artist Committee Chair, Georgeanna Fellio, Senior Coordinator of Art for Norfolk Public Schools, for her efforts. We received 106 entries from all five Norfolk Public high schools and from five middle schools. This year’s theme is Global Citizens: Resilient Communities.

We couldn’t produce this program without the support of our judges an the art teachers from our participating Norfolk Public Schools: Dr. Christy Frederick, Norfolk State University; Dr. Elliott Jones, Old Dominion University; and Corrine Lilyard-Mitchell, Tidewater Community College.

Teachers

Academy of International Studies at Rosemont
Lisa Beckman

Lake Taylor Middle School
Lynn Pope

Norview Middle School
Enn Sagedy

Ruffner Middle School
Khara Willis

Southside STEM Academy at Campostella
Katie Austin

Booker T. Washington High School
Elliott Fisher; Catie Bagley; Dorian Williams; Jessica McClure

Granby High School
Nicole Harp; April Taylor-Martin; Anne H lust; Christian Fenley; Mary Elizabeth Hightower; Jennine Harkleroad

Lake Taylor High School
Clayton Singleton; Sabrina Smith; Nancy Rooney

Maury High School
Nicole Dillingham; Dani Salyers; Pamela Lassiter; Valerie McGill

Norview High School
Darsey Whitlow; La’Shawn Mackey-Robinson; Jacquelyn Dingle; Shara Wertz-Washington
This year's winners included:

1st Place:
Luis Castillo - Norview High School entry, 2D On Patrol.
Nicoler Monyes - Norview High School, Photograph, The House Down the Street

2nd Place:
Julia Cauldwell - Maury High School, 2D, Combating Poppies.
Tatianna Portillo - Norview High School Photograph, United.

3rd Place:
Samantha Criveau - Booker T. Washington High School, Photograph, Women Can Vote.
Andrew Dale - Lake Taylor Middle School, Different Dreams.

Honorable Mention: Anavie Cummings - Booker T. Washington High School, Photograph, Just Married.

Thank you to Norfolk Public Schools and the Kroc Center for their support.
3rd Annual Engage Norfolk, February 10

Norfolk Sister City Association was represented at the third annual Engage Norfolk – a community organized civics fair for Norfolk residents. This year’s event took place on a Sunday afternoon in February. It was held at Norview High School. More than one hundred organizations participated. We had more than 100 visitors at our booth. Thank you to our Board members Harry Acuna; Gloria Hagans; Sarah Peoples Perry; Alok Verma and Markus Wegener who helped work our both.

Walk in US Talk in Japan, February 11

Norfolk Sister City Association had the honor to work with our partners at Naval Station Norfolk and the World Affairs Council of Hampton Roads to assist in the logistics and marketing of this unique program. The goal of “Walk in U.S., Talk on Japan” is to increase awareness about Japan in the United States on a variety of issues and to further develop the Japan-U.S. relationship through people-to-people relations. Teams of Japanese citizens of various backgrounds, led by former, high-ranking Japanese diplomats, travel to the U.S. to share their perspectives and encourage open discussions with the local communities. Our program leaders included Ambassador Ken Shimanouchi, and Vice Admiral Ret. Ota. A luncheon and program was held at the Slover Library. Fifty community members attended, including a group from Roadstead High School; members for Norfolk Sister City Association, World Affairs Council; City of Norfolk and Old Dominion University.
Young Global Citizens

On February 22, 122 7th grade students at the Academy of International Studies at Rosemont experienced a YGC program presented by our Tema, Ghana Committee. Breakout sessions included culture, traditional dress, food and geography.

Tema Trade Mission Arrives March 13

Our Tema, Ghana Committee welcomed four members of a trade mission on March 13. Delegates included: Honorable Felix Mensah Nii Anang-La, Mayor of Tema; Mr. Frank Kwasi Awuku Berg Asante, Metro Public Relations Officer, Tema Metropolitan Authority; Mr. Amos Donkoh, Managing Director, Tema Lube Oil Company; Mr. Emmanuel Avenorgbo, Solicitor, Tema Metropolitan Authority, and Malik Adams, Senior Marketing and Corporate Affairs Officer, Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority, Tema. The visit to Norfolk concluded on March 21.

Thank you to the following organizations for participating in this program:
- City of Norfolk
- Port of Virginia
- Old Dominion University
- Norfolk State Innovation Center
- Ralph Nahra
- Living Destiny Tabernacle
- Tidewater Community College
- MacArthur Center
- Netarus
- The Honorable David Lannetti
- Naval Station Norfolk
- Chrysler Museum of Art
- Norfolk Redevelopment & Housing Authority
- SimIS
- Visit Norfolk

Experiencing Ghana

The Tema, Ghana Committee hosted their annual Experiencing Ghana event at the Murray Center on March 16. Dignities included The Ambassador of Ghana, His Excellency Dr. Baffour Adjei-Barwuah, Ghana Trade Attaché, Stella Ansah; Norfolk Public School Board Member Rodney Jordan, and Assistant City Manager James Rogers.
Summer 2019 Inbound Student Exchanges

Our Toulon; Wilhelmshaven and Kitayushu Sister City Committees are inbound this summer for high school student exchanges.

**Toulon - June 24-July 9**

**Wilhelmshaven - July 7-28**

**Kitayushu - July 25 - August 3**

If you are interested in hosting an exchange student, please check out our website

https://www.norfolksistercities.org/student-opportunities/hosting/

Hampton Roads Perspectives

Thank you Entercom Communications for interviewing us. Janis Weisberg, Past NSCA President and Dr. Gloria Hagans, First Vice President, NSCA and Education Committee Chair were interviewed on a segment that aired on March 31 of the following stations: Devin Tucker hosted the interviews.

Z104
94.9 The Point
95.7 R&B
101.3 2WD

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Upcoming Events – Save the Date

World Affairs Council of Hampton Roads NATO Festival Dinner - April 29
https://www.hrwac.org/nato-festival-banquet-2019

May 9th Celebration – planned for City Park on Sunday, May 12 – watch for details!

Concours - May 18 - https://www.afnorfolk.org/culture.html

Soiree en Blanc – Thursday, August 8. Tickets go on sale June

WELCOME TO OUR NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS!

Alexis Alarcon
Justin Anderson
Trudy Baerentz
William Bell
Gary Bonnewell
Meriel Burgess Wright
Jennifer Carson
Charlene Christopher
CV International
Paul Currant
Duda Family
Sandra Fewell
Eric Guran
Greta Gustavson
Gloria Hagans
Jeffrey Hastings
Catherine King
Jean Lamkin
Dave Lannetti
Marion Lidman
Ed & Linda Lilly
Marshall McCorkle
Bismarck &Marie-Pierre Myrick
Anna Nagorniuk
Joyce Pierce
LaWada Poarch
Port of Virginia
Cynthia Potter
Geri Roth
Luba Seliavski
Lee Slater
Petra Snowden & Dieter Steinhoff
Nicolas Valcour
Virginia Children’s Chorus
Elizabeth Von Tersch
Ed & Janis Weisberg
Robert Wojtowicz
Joyce Wood

Happy Spring!