

WORLD BUSINESS CHICAGO
PRESENTS

the
CHICAGO
INTERNATIONAL
GALA

FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 14,
2025

Aon Grand Ballroom at Navy Pier
Reception: 6:00 PM
Dinner & Program: 7:00 PM

Celebrating 65 Years of Chicago Sister Cities International

WBC International Gala

This special year marks Chicago Sister Cities International's 65th anniversary of advancing Chicago as a global city and promoting peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation through citizen diplomacy.

2025 Global Citizen Awardee

Martin Nesbitt, Founder Partner & Co-CEO, The Vistria Group

2025 Rocky Wirtz Corporate Ambassador Awardee

Hyatt accepted by Mark Hoplamzian

2025 WBC Innovation Awardee

The Second City

2025 Chicago Sister Cities International Volunteer of the Year

Conrad Nowak, Chair, Warsaw Committee

Fundraising Goal

\$1,000,000+. Proceeds support the work of World Business Chicago and Chicago Sister Cities International, and funds the Chicago Consular Corps' scholarships to the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Attendees

700+ members of Chicagoland's business, civic and international community.

Chicago Consular Corps

Chicago is home to nearly 90 diplomats who promote cultural, educational and economic relations with the City of Chicago.

2024 Host Committee

Ambassador Reyna Torres Mendivil, Consul General of Mexico & Dean of the Chicago Consular Corps

Martin Cabrera Jr., CEO, *Cabrera Capital*

Wendell Dallas, President & CEO, *Nicor Gas*

Opella Ernest, M.D., President, *HCSC Markets*

John Greene, Chief Financial Officer & Executive Vice President, *Discover Financial Services*

Brett Hart, President, *United Airlines*

Carmen Hernandez, Executive Vice President & General Counsel, *Clayco*

John Holmes, Chairman, President & CEO, *AAR Corp.*

Travis C. Hunter Jr., Chicago Office Managing Partner, *KPMG LLP*

Tom Kilroy, Chicago Office Managing Partner, *McKinsey & Company*

Greg Klamrzynski, Chief Executive Partner, *Chapman and Cutler LLP*

Karen Murphy, Executive Vice President of Stadium Development & Chief Operating Officer, *Chicago Bears Football Club, Inc.*

Tamar Newberger, Chair of the Board, *HIAS*

Pin Ni, President, *Wanxiang America Corporation*

Michael D. O'Halleran, Senior Advisor, *Ryan Specialty*

Quintin Primo & Mike Reschke, *Prime/Capri Interests, LLC*

James R. Reynolds, Chairman & CEO, *Loop Capital Markets LLC*

Tom Ricketts, Executive Chairman, *Chicago Cubs*

Patrick G. Ryan, *Patrick G. & Shirley W. Ryan Foundation*

Smita N. Shah, President & CEO, *SPAAN Tech, Inc*

Charles E. Smith, CEO, *CS Insurance Strategies Inc., a division of MMA*

Jennifer Steans, President & CEO, *Financial Investments Corporation*

Wade Thomson, Partner, *Jenner & Block LLP*

Danny Wirtz, Chairman, *Wirtz Corporation*

Matthew Zimmer, Managing Director, Global Head of Investment Banking, *William Blair*



Global Citizen Award - Past Recipients

(Now known as the Global Ambassador Award)

Honors an individual who has made an extraordinary contribution to the international reputation, stature and outreach of Chicago.

2024: John W. Rogers, Jr.	2020: Jeanne Gang	2016: Patricia Woertz	2012: William Osborn
2023: Martin Cabrera	2019: Sam C. Scott III	2015: James McNerney	2011: Ann Lurie
2022: Richard S. Price	2018: Oscar Munoz	2014: Glenn Tilton	2010: Patrick G. Ryan
2021: Mary Dillon	2017: Cardinal Blase J. Cupich	2013: Miles White	2009: Mayor Richard M. Daley

Corporate Ambassador Award - Past Recipients

(Now known as the Rocky Wirtz Corporate Ambassador Award)

Honors a company that has elevated Chicago as a global business destination, fostering economic growth and raised Chicago to the forefront of the global economy.

2024: PsiQuantum, accepted by Stratton Sclavos	2019: PwC, accepted by Jim Kolar
2023: United Airlines, accepted by Andrew Nocella for Brett Hart	2018: McDonald's Corporation, accepted by Robert Gibbs
2022: Cleveland Avenue, accepted by Don and Liz Thompson	2017: CIBC, accepted by Larry Richman
2021: BC/BS (HCSC), accepted by Maurice Smith	2016: GE, accepted by Jamie Miller
& Discover, accepted by Roger Hochschild	2015: Walgreens Boots Alliance, accepted by Alex Gourlay
2020: Loop Capital Markets, accepted by Jim Reynolds	

WBC Innovation Award - Past Recipients

Honors a Chicago technology company recognized as an industry leader on a global scale.

2024: Chicago Sky & Chicago Stars FC	2021: N/A	2017: Blue1647
2023: Microsoft	2020: N/A	2016: Microsoft
2022: Google	2019: Future Founders	2015: kCURA
	2018: tastytrade	2014: Signal

The DuSable Chicago Legacy Award - Past Recipients

A special acknowledgment of great service to the City.

2024: Michael Moskow, Vice Chairman & Distinguished Fellow on the Global Economy, Chicago Council on Global Affairs	2017: Steven Koch, Former Deputy Mayor, City of Chicago
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Chicago Sister Cities International Volunteer of the Year Award - Past Recipients

Honors a volunteer committee member who has played an important role in furthering CSCI's mission to advance Chicago as a global city and promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation through citizen diplomacy – one individual, one community at a time – for the benefit of Chicago and its sister cities.

2024: J. Cristoph Lichtenfeld, Hamburg	2020: Iwona Wegrzyn-Bochenska, Warsaw	2016: Brett August, Paris
2023: Nuala Kavanagh, Galway	2019: Ruben Ocampo, Bogota	2015: Dr. Tariq Butt, Lahore
2022: Kyiv Committee	2018: Camille Julmy, Lucerne	2014: Yoko Noge Dean, Osaka
2021: Kimiyo Naka, Osaka	2017: Kathleen Borland, Social Services	