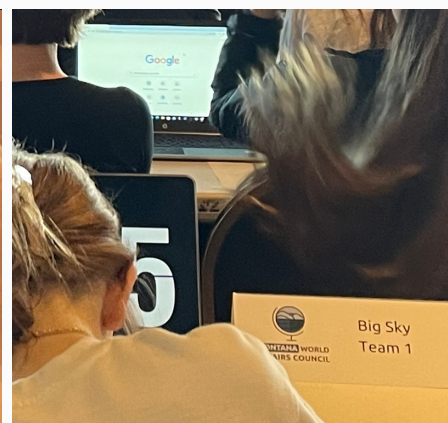


MONTANA WORLD
AFFAIRS COUNCIL

Annual Report

2022-2023

The **Montana World Affairs Council** is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering global understanding and awareness in Montana's communities and classrooms.



*Bringing the World
to **Montana**, and
Montana to the
World*

STAFF UPDATE

Dear Council Members and Friends,

Sincere thanks to you all for your on-going commitment to our mission. This year, we reached more people than ever before. Our flagship program for high school students, Academic WorldQuest, was the largest in the nation, with over 400 of Montana's best and brightest joining our 3-day international education summit. An extraordinary range of internationally renown experts engaged Montanans in the issues of the day. We launched new programs for Montana students and expanded both our partner and donor connections.

We look forward to your continuing support as we prepare for another fantastic year.

Chris Hyslop

Executive Director

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Programs Director

Laurie Smith

Programs Coordinator



PROGRAMS UPDATE

Academic WorldQuest

Our multi-day global education summit feeds students' curiosity in the world and broadens their understanding of international affairs.

397 Total Students participating in AWQ

87 Number of Student Teams

84 Percent of Title I or partial

16 Number of unique programs for teachers and students

15 Montana Counties represented

8 Scholarships awarded

EconoQuest

This virtual and in-person international economic literacy program utilizes virtual engagements with experts to introduce students to economic concepts and how these global dynamics impact our daily lives.

200 Total Students participating in year

120 Number of students to participate in the experiential pre-learning curriculum.

15 Number of teams to compete.

7 Number of schools to participate.

In-person Programs

The Council went to 20 schools with world-class speakers to engage directly with Montana's students.

We held in-person events 5 at Universities, 41 Global Education Initiatives, and 10 receptions.

Our audience consisted of both students and community members totaling 10,046 people.

Virtual Exchange

This virtual exchange between high schools in Ireland and Montana explores our shared interests, cultures and communities.

300 Total students participating

28 Number of virtual connections

14 Number of classrooms participating

Distinguished Speakers

World-class speakers discuss timely international issues that matter to Montana and Montanans.

515 In-person participation.

1961 Facebook Views

200 YouTube views.

13 Total Events

GeoQuest

Our distance learning initiative overcomes geographical and financial challenges, engaging students in critical global issues that impact them, our communities and our nation. 300 students participated.

Int'l Careers Week

20 different international careers were featured. 3500 students participated.

PROGRAM REACH

Our Programs by the Numbers

Events = 147

School = 91

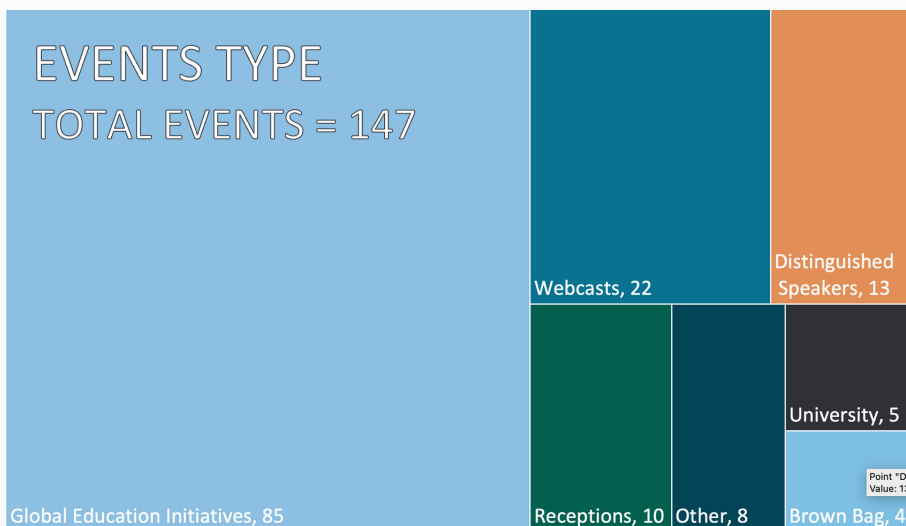
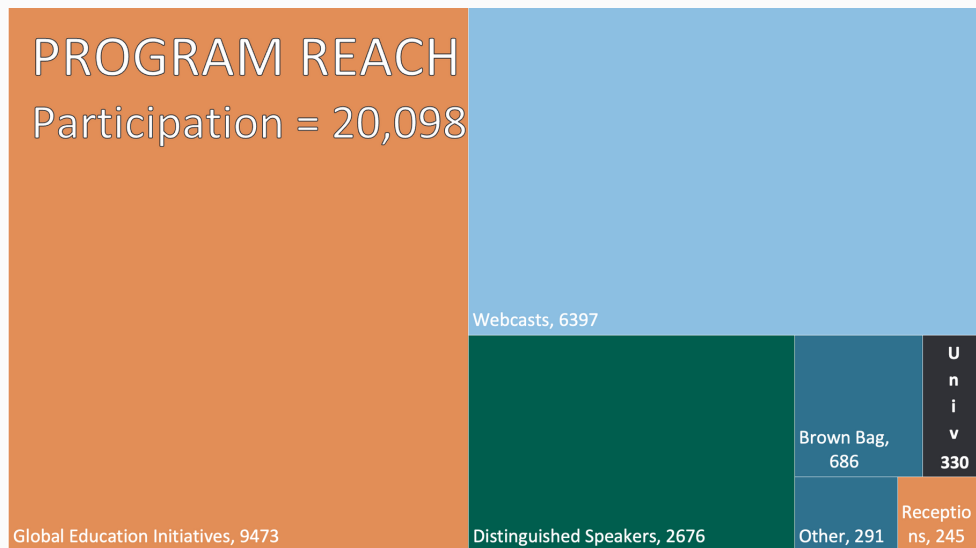
Community = 30

Both = 26

Participants = 20,098

Students = 9,824

Students/Comm = 10,274



"We get to engage all these different parts of the world that we don't see in the news, but how much of an impact they have on our country and our world."

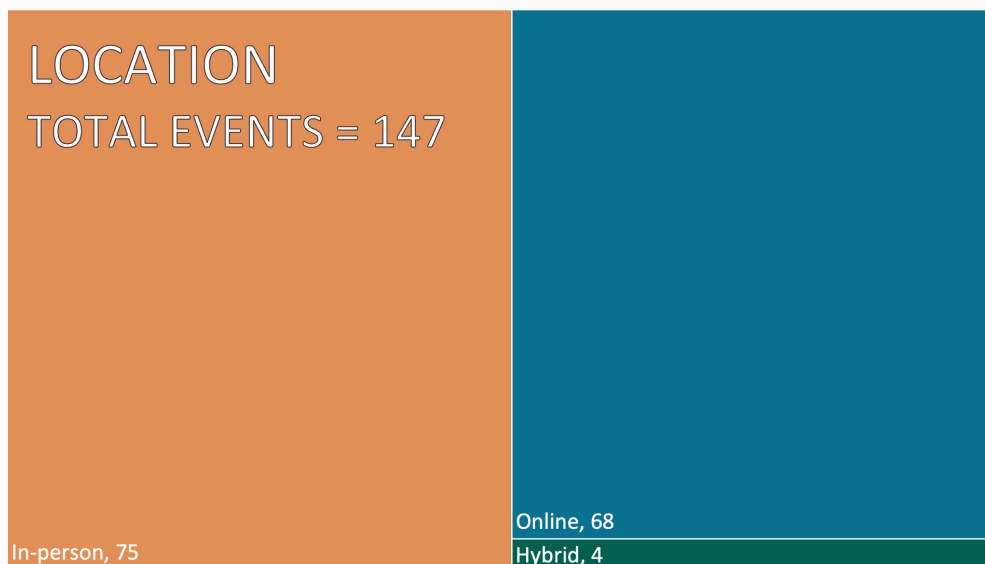
-High School Student

[Link to AWQ video](#)

"EconoQuest engages students in an authentic discussion about how Montana's economy intersects with the world's; how classroom content applies to real-world problems; and how their own decisions and participation affect policymakers"

- High School Teacher

[Link to EQ video](#)



OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Increasing in-person statewide reach

Our programs increased by **over 30** and our total program participants increased by almost **5,000!**

Total Engagement

147 programs reaching **20,098** participants.

Council on the Radio

Our radio program reached **25,000 people** in western Montana on the international issues that impact us most.

Jena will be entering her 11th year teaching high school social studies. She currently teaches World Geography and AP US History. Jena is involved in Speech and Debate, GSA, Multicultural Club, Academic WorldQuest and EconoQuest.

Webcasts

A wide range of engaging, timely international affairs webcasts for all ages, **reached 6,400 people.**

Scholarships

In 2023, we were able to **cover \$25,000 of schools' requests** for transportation, lodging, and substitute teachers.

Global Educator of the Year

Jena Burke, Sentinel High School, Missoula



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Your support goes to help us Bring the world to Montana and Montana to the world.

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