



**2025 World Citizen Award Gala Dinner
Honoring Sharon L. Gaber, Ph.D.
Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte**

**Wednesday, September 24, 2025 | Hilton Charlotte Uptown
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. (General and VIP Reception) | 7:15 – 9:00 p.m. (Dinner & Program)**

WORLD CITIZEN AWARD: The World Affairs Council of Charlotte annually presents the World Citizen Award to prominent citizens or organizations that have enhanced our community's global standing through accomplishments of international significance. The World Citizen Award Gala Dinner has become an important part of the educational and international fabric of Charlotte. Each year, a capacity audience gathers to celebrate and recognize the achievements of the award recipients.

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS:

Rev. Billy Graham	Graham Allison, Ph.D.
William Lee	Francis Robicsek, M.D., Ph.D.
Hugh McColl, Jr.	Carolinas Freedom Foundation
LeRoy Walker, Ph.D.	Jim Rogers
Dean Rusk	Marshall Larsen
Elizabeth Dole	Sandra and Leon Levine
William Friday	Margaret and Smoky Bissell
John Belk	Michael Tarwater
Herman Blumenthal	Tim Belk
Habitat for Humanity Charlotte	Phil Dubois, Ph.D.
Charlie Rose	Tony Zeiss, Ph.D.
Loonis McGlohon	Pat Rodgers
General H. Hugh Shelton (Ret.)	Derek Raghavan, M.D., Ph.D.
Irwin Belk	Brian Moynihan
Jerry Richardson	Johnny Harris
Erskine and Crandall Bowles	Eugene A. Woods

2025 WORLD CITIZEN AWARD RECIPIENT

Sharon L. Gaber, Ph.D., Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte

2025 World Citizen Award Gala Dinner Table Reservation and Hosting Information

[Link for Payment](#)

AMBASSADOR - \$50,000 *(limited to three sponsors)*

- Four tables of ten (40 seats) with **VIP placement** at the 2025 World Citizen Award Gala Dinner
- Five (5) seats at the Head Table
- Invitation for all of your guests (**45**) to attend the VIP reception with Chancellor Sharon Gaber and community leaders before dinner
- Recognition as Ambassador Sponsor in all advertising, social media, printed materials, website, and signage at the event
- Acknowledgment as Ambassador Sponsor during the evening's welcoming remarks and exclusive sponsorship of the VIP reception
- Full-page insert (7.875" x 10.5" with .125" bleed) in a **prime location (i.e., inside front cover, inside back cover)** placed in the World Citizen Gala Award Dinner printed program
 - **Deadline for ad submission: August 15, 2025**
- One full-slide ad in the sponsorship slide deck during the pre-dinner program
- Free parking for all guests at the event

DIPLOMAT - \$25,000 *(limited to three sponsors)*

- Two tables of ten seats (20 seats) and one table of eight (8) seats with **VIP placement** at the 2025 World Citizen Award Gala Dinner
- Three (3) seats at the Head Table
- Invitation for all of your guests (**31**) to attend the VIP reception with Chancellor Sharon Gaber and community leaders before dinner
- Recognition as Diplomat Sponsor in all advertising, social media, printed materials, website, and signage at the event
- Acknowledgment as a Diplomat sponsor during the evening's welcoming remarks
- Full-page insert (7.875" x 10.5" with .125" bleed) in the **best available location** placed in the World Citizen Award Gala Dinner printed program
 - **Deadline for ad submission: August 15, 2025**
- One full-slide ad in the sponsorship slide deck during the pre-dinner program
- Free parking for all guests at the event

ENVOY - \$15,000

- One table of ten seats (10) and one table of eight seats (8) with **VIP placement** at the 2025 World Citizen Award Gala Dinner
- Two (2) seats at the Head Table
- Invitation for all of your guests (**20**) to attend the VIP reception with Chancellor Sharon Gaber and community leaders before dinner
- Recognition as Envoy Sponsor in all advertising, social media, printed materials, website, and signage at the event
- Acknowledgment as Envoy sponsor during the evening's welcoming remarks

- Full-page insert (7.875" x 10.5" with .125" bleed) in the **best available location** placed in the World Citizen Award Dinner printed program
 - **Deadline for ad submission: August 15, 2025**
- One full-slide ad in the sponsorship slide deck during the pre-dinner program
- Free parking for all guests at the event

CONSUL - \$10,000

- One table of ten (10) at the 2025 World Citizen Award Gala Dinner with preferred seating
- Invitation for all of your guests (**10**) to attend the VIP reception with Chancellor Sharon Gaber and community leaders before dinner
- 2/3-page insert (4.4" x 9.43" with no bleed – vertical) placed in World Citizen Award Gala Dinner printed program
 - **Deadline for ad submission: August 15, 2025**
- Acknowledgment in all event mailings and the printed program
- Free parking for all guests at the event

EMISSARY - \$6,000

- One table of eight (8) at the 2025 World Citizen Award Gala Dinner with preferred seating
- Invitation for four (**4**) of your guests to attend the VIP reception with Chancellor Sharon Gaber and community leaders before dinner
- 1/2-page insert (6.875" x 4.625" with no bleed - horizontal) placed in the World Citizen Award Dinner printed program
 - **Deadline for ad submission: August 15, 2025**
- Acknowledgment in all event mailings and the printed program

CHARGÉ D’AFFAIRES - \$3,500

- One table of eight (8) at the 2025 World Citizen Award Gala Dinner
- 1/3-page insert (2.215" x 9.43" with no bleed – vertical) placed in the World Citizen Award Gala Dinner printed program – Color or B&W
 - **Deadline for ad submission: August 15, 2025**
- Acknowledgment in all event mailings and the printed program

2025 World Citizen Award Gala Dinner - Reservation Form

NAME OF TABLE SPONSOR:

(*as it should appear in the printed program)

ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP CODE:

CORPORATE CONTACT:

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

We agree to support the dinner at the following level: [Payment Information Link](#)

Sponsorship Levels

	Ambassador
	Diplomat
	Envoy
	Consul
	Emissary
	Chargé D'affaires

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING SEATS

A significant tradition of the World Citizen Award Gala Dinner is the Corporate Scholarship Program. Generous table sponsors, like you, can donate two or more seats to the Council for special guests who would likely be unable to attend otherwise. In the past, these seats have been made available to area educators and students, both at the high school and college levels. Since 1990, over 700 educators and students have attended this event through the scholarship program. This year, the pool of potential guests includes our **Council Scholars**, selected Charlotte-area educators who have shown outstanding commitment to promoting international education in their schools, education communities, and the region. Generosity from corporations and individuals will allow our Council Scholars to participate in this event.

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

- We agree to donate ___ seats at our table and ask the Council to fill places at our table with WACC Council Scholars.
- We plan to use all of our seats at this time. If we find that we will have guest seats available, we will notify the Council.

- Table placement will be determined by the date check and/or online payments are received
- The WACC accepts all major credit cards by phone (704-687-7762) or [online](#)
- Checks may be made payable to the WACC or please invoice us on _____
(Date)

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(Signature, Company Representative)