

USIDHR Gala Brings Diplomats and Advocates to Washington to Foster Global Collaboration

WASHINGTON, DC, UNITED STATES, December 6, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The US Institute of Diplomacy and Human Rights ([USIDHR](https://www.usidhr.org)) hosted the prestigious USIDHR Diplomacy and Human Rights Gala at a Versailles-like private club in Washington, DC, on December 5, 2024. This event brought together distinguished diplomats, government officials, global leaders, and human rights advocates from around the world under the theme: Global Diplomacy, Democracy, and Sustainable Development: A Pathway to Human Rights.



Human Rights Legacy honoree US Army veteran Judith Dubose receiving the award

This exclusive event celebrated individuals and organizations making significant strides in promoting human rights globally. Among the distinguished attendees were high-ranking diplomats, officials from the DC Mayor's Office and New York, and leaders in the fields of human rights and diplomacy. The evening highlighted the importance of collaboration, education, and innovation in advancing human rights worldwide.

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One of the evening's highlights was the presentation of the Human Rights Awards, honoring the incredible efforts of individuals and organizations through three distinguished categories: the Human Rights Consultant Award, the Human Rights Legacy Award, and the Prestige of Nations Award.

The Human Rights Consultant Award recognized exemplary leaders certified through USIDHR's training programs who have demonstrated impactful advocacy and community transformation. Honorees included advocates

like Rashid Abdur, Dr. Satpreet Singh, Ramlah Usman, Bryant McIver, and Jeannette Matta, who

have dedicated their careers to empowering underserved communities, championing disability rights, and fostering cultural preservation through human rights education and advocacy.

The Human Rights Legacy Award celebrated extraordinary individuals whose lifetime achievements have positively impacted more than 5,000 people. Among the honorees were H.E. Luis Fernando Cordero, former Ambassador of Honduras to the OAS; HRH Dr. Andrise Bass, Global Peace Ambassador; Judith Ann Cushman DuBose, U.S. Army veteran and community leader; Olivia Cantu, advocate for immigrant rights and nonprofit leader; Beth Akiyama, human rights educator and advocate; and Vicky Leyva, artist and human rights ambassador.

The Prestige of Nations Award recognized distinguished business leaders whose dedication and innovative contributions have transcended borders, fostering progress and development on a global scale. These individuals have demonstrated exceptional leadership in their respective industries while championing initiatives that bridge the gap between commerce and humanity. Their work exemplifies how ethical and impactful business practices can drive sustainable change and promote prosperity. Honorees included Bob Beringer, Dr. Hugues Sanon, Margie Barilla, Luis Manuel Flores, John Klimer, Ayub Tahlil, and Larry Oberfeld.

The Gala featured inspiring keynote speeches from Dr. Isabelle Vladoiu, Founder of USIDHR, and Manuel Oancia, President of USIDHR, who shared insights into the organization's global initiatives and the power of education to drive change.

"Diplomacy is not just about governments and policies—it's about people. It's about forging connections, building bridges, and ensuring that every individual has the opportunity to live with dignity and hope," shared Dr. Isabelle Vladoiu.

Other notable contributions came from Eduardo Perdomo, Director of the DC Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs, who expressed his commitment to serving Washington, DC's diverse communities, and Dr. Hugues Sanon, Global Envoy of International Relations to the United Nations for the Council for Justice, Equality, and Peace International, who delivered a message of peace during challenging times. Dr. Sanon also surprised Dr. Vladoiu and President Oancia with the Global Distinguished Leadership Award, presenting them with the Medal of Honor for their work.

The evening served as a powerful reminder of the role of diplomacy and education in achieving sustainable development and human rights for all.

USIDHR's programs are at the heart of this transformation. Certification courses equip individuals to address critical issues such as human trafficking prevention, disability rights, and [diplomatic protocol](#). Humanitarian campaigns amplify this impact daily: '[Edu for Every Child](#)' provides school supplies to underprivileged children worldwide, unlocking access to education and opportunity. '[Let Her Lead](#)' empowers women and girls to combat trafficking and violence, enabling them to lead with strength and resilience. The Religious Freedom Program champions freedom of belief and combats anti-Semitism, xenophobia, and hatred.

The USIDHR Gala and Human Rights Awards stood as a call to action for leaders, advocates, and individuals worldwide to continue working toward a more just and equitable future. Through diplomacy, education, and collaboration, we can make human rights a universal reality.

About USIDHR

The US Institute of Diplomacy and Human Rights (USIDHR) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Washington, DC. Dedicated to advancing human rights and education, USIDHR provides impactful training programs in human rights, diplomatic protocol, and business consulting. Through initiatives like Edu for Every Child and Let Her Lead, USIDHR empowers individuals and communities globally, creating sustainable change in 136 countries.

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