



AMERICAN SWISS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES THE YOUNG LEADER CLASS OF 2025

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, November 12, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The American Swiss Foundation is proud to announce the Young Leaders Class of 2025. Created in 1990 by the late Ambassador Faith Whittlesey, the Foundation's Young Leaders Conference is a leadership program that connects and engages young Swiss and American leaders across sectors including business, government, healthcare, education, technology, innovation, and more.

This year, fifty-eight American and Swiss Young Leaders are gathering in Geneva, hosted by Amazon Web Services, with international travel sponsored by Swiss International Air Lines Ltd., for an intensive seven-day program. The Conference provides an opportunity for participants to make meaningful connections, engage in discussions on leadership, and strengthen U.S.-Swiss relations. This historic friendship reaches back over two centuries, when Switzerland and the United States were called the "Sister Republics," with shared democratic values, including liberty, the rule of law, and free enterprise.

American Swiss Foundation Chair Robert J. Giuffra, Jr. (Young Leader, 1996) commented, "For eighty years, the American Swiss Foundation has worked to strengthen the longstanding friendship between Switzerland and the United States through citizen-to-citizen exchange. Our Young Leaders Conference is central to our mission. We're honored to welcome this distinguished group of fifty-eight Young Leaders to Geneva and grateful to Amazon Web Services and Swiss International Air Lines for their generous support."

American Swiss Foundation Co-Chair Markus U. Diethelm stated, "The Young Leaders Conference is a testament to the enduring friendship between our two nations. By bringing together American and Swiss leaders in Geneva, we reaffirm our shared values and commitment to dialogue. We are deeply appreciative of Amazon Web Services and Swiss International Air Lines for hosting this year's exceptional program."

U.S. Young Leaders, Class of 2025:

Peyton Brown, Consultant, Ernst & Young

Jake Evans, Shareholder, Greenberg Traurig, LLP

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Jonathan Glasgow, National Correspondent, Newsmax Media

Danisha Hall, Director, North America Impact Strategy, McDonald's USA

Hilary Hamm, Co-Owner & Advisory Board Member, Continental Resources

George Hoch, Executive Director, Adventures Cross Country

Annmarie Hordern, Chief Political Correspondent and Anchor, Bloomberg

Toshiko Hasegawa, Commission President, Port of Seattle

The Honorable Sara Innamorato, County Executive, Allegheny County

Dr. Ben Judge, President, The America Fund

Kuljit Kaur, Head of Customer Service U.S. East Coast, Swiss Air Cargo Division of SWISS

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Eric Lesser, Senior Counsel, WilmerHale

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Dr. Hillel Ofek, Director of Strategy, Lonsdale Enterprises

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Becca Young, Deputy Chief of Staff and Strategic Initiatives Manager, Harvard University

Swiss Young Leaders, Class of 2025:

Christophe Berset, Head of Technology & Solutions, Holcim (Schweiz) AG

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About the American Swiss Foundation

Founded in 1945 in response to World War II, the Foundation's mission is to connect and engage Swiss and American leaders. Towards the end of the 20th century, two former U.S. Ambassadors to Switzerland, Shelby Cullom Davis and Faith Whittlesey, ushered in a new era for the small organization. They ultimately transformed the Foundation from an organization that was primarily social to one that focused on nurturing and investing in the next generation of leaders in both countries.

In 1975, Ambassador Davis assumed an active leadership role with the Foundation. He served as chairman and president until 1989, and as honorary chairman until his passing in 1994. In 1989, Ambassador Whittlesey became chairman and president of the Foundation and launched the organization's flagship program, the Young Leaders Conference.

Today, alumni of the conference number nearly 1,600 leaders who shape the futures of the two countries, including members of U.S. Congress and Swiss parliamentarians, entrepreneurs and business executives, media professionals, and public policy experts.

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