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Cultural Vistas Announces Five New Board Members

New members will enhance the Board's ability to advocate for international exchange as a key driver of positive global change

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Cultural Vistas is pleased to announce the appointment of five new Board members who will each help support the nonprofit's mission of leveraging the power of international exchange to connect lives, enhance global skills, and drive positive change.

"We're excited to expand our dynamic Board of Directors with five new members who will bring diverse expertise and insight into our work," said **Cultural Vistas' President and CEO, Jennifer Clinton, Ph.D.** "We have worked diligently to ensure Cultural Vistas' Board and leadership represents a variety of experts in fields such as higher education, international relations, science and technology, finance, and intercultural competency, diversity, equity, and inclusion (ICDEI) — and the newest board members are no exception."

Cultural Vistas' Chairman of the Board, Jeffrey Reinke, Chief of Staff to the President at the Council on Foreign Relations, added, "The addition of these five extraordinary individuals -- whose own lives have been changed through participation in exchanges -- have joined our board to help ensure that many more people will have the opportunity to experience working and living abroad in new and meaningful ways."

The new board members began their three-year terms with Cultural Vistas effective February 15, 2023. The five new members are:

- [Desanka Aleksov](#), Senior Director of Solutions and Sales Enablement at Ironclad, Inc. and International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience (IAESTE) program alumna
- [Kirsten Burt](#), Founding Principal of KBurt Consulting, a strategic marketing, digital, and growth consultancy for the wealth management industry headquartered in London
- [Harmon Kong](#), Founding Principal of Apriem Advisors, an investment advisory firm headquartered in Irvine, California and Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) program alumnus
- [Nancy Prial](#), Co-Chief Executive Officer and Senior Portfolio Manager at Essex Investment Management Company, a U.S.-based institutional investment firm
- [Dr. 'Dimeji R. Togunde](#), Vice Provost for Global Education and Professor of International Studies at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia and long-term Cultural Vistas' program partner

Mr. Reinke added, “On behalf of the Board, I also want to express our gratitude to Jackie Renner, Aslam Masood, Roy Salamé, Bernard Coleman, and Jim Thomas who have concluded their service as valued board members. They all played important roles in building and strengthening Cultural Vistas, and we wish them the best in future endeavors and look forward to their continued support and involvement as strong ambassadors of international exchange.”

To learn more about the Cultural Vistas’ Board of Directors and read full member bios, [click here](#).

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*Founded in 1963, Cultural Vistas is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with six decades of experience in leveraging the power of international exchange to build a more dynamic and resilient global community. Every year we implement dozens of exchange programs and experiential learning opportunities that empower individuals and institutions to strengthen their critical thinking skills, broaden their appreciation of diversity, build collaborative networks, and approach challenges with an inclusive mindset. Through this work we will inspire a broad and diverse corps of curious, culturally competent, and engaged global leaders equipped to navigate our complex and ever-changing world. **Learn more and get involved at www.culturalvistas.org.***