



United States Diplomacy Center

We invite you to celebrate Black History month with [our panel](#) February 28, share highlights from the over 450 museum artifacts that we collected last year, and continue to inspire students with expansion of our diplomacy education.

America's First Black Diplomat: Ebenezer Bassett

In 1869, President Ulysses Grant selected a Philadelphia school principal, Ebenezer D. Bassett, to be the United States ambassador to Haiti. Bassett would become our nation's first African American diplomat. Free born and a native of Connecticut, Bassett was a college graduate and a friend of Frederick Douglass, as well as a lifelong champion for international human rights.



[Read his remarkable story.](#)

Banner Year for the Diplomacy Center Museum Collection



The Diplomacy Center's artifact collection showcases fascinating stories of our

nation's diplomats and diplomatic history. 2018 was a momentous year for our collecting efforts – 452 items in total from 41 donors. This year we added some of the most significant items in our collection. Click each picture from our [Highlights album](#) to learn stories from some of our most fascinating donations.

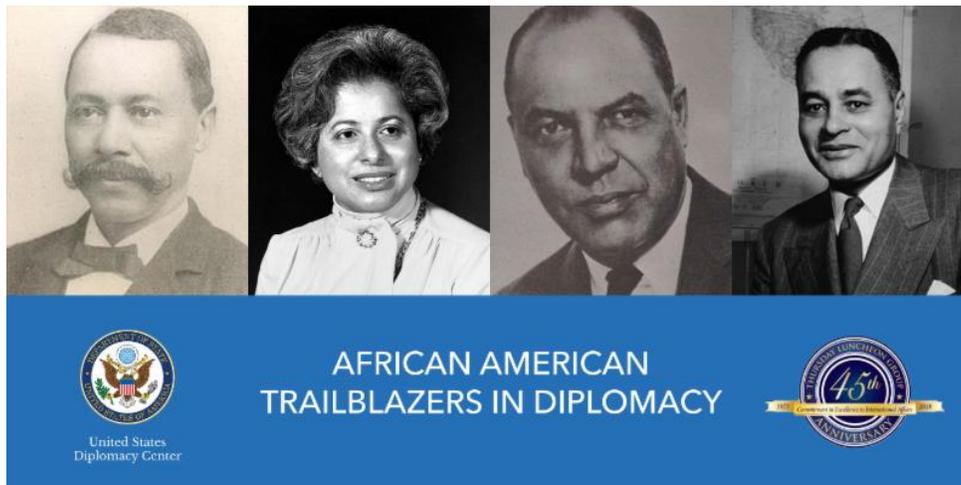
[Check out our highlights album](#)

Students Inspired to Become Diplomats



Over the past year, the Diplomacy Center has expanded its Diplomacy Simulation Program to the middle school level, piloting programs in the Washington, D.C. area. Students in grades six through eight have proved more than up to the challenge of learning about diplomacy! [Learn more](#)

Upcoming Events



African American Trailblazers in Diplomacy

Thursday, February 28, 2019 - 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

United States Diplomacy Center Pavilion--Lower Level

In recognition of African American History Month, please join the United States Diplomacy Center for a special program exploring the diplomatic careers of five African American trailblazers in diplomacy: Ebenezer Bassett, Ralph Bunche, Edward Dudley, Patricia Roberts Harris, and Mabel Murphy Smythe.

[RSVP TODAY](#)

A Century of Journals: Defining Diplomacy for 100 Years

Exhibition opening, sponsored by the American Foreign Service Association
Wednesday, March 20, 2019 - 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., remarks at 5:00 p.m.

“A Century of Journals: Defining Diplomacy for 100 Years” is a lively, colorful and educational illustration of diplomatic history through the lens of practitioners, from 1919 to the present, as published in the monthly Foreign Service Journal. Please join the United States Diplomacy Center for a reception honoring this important milestone and the opening of the exhibition. The Foreign Service Journal is a monthly publication of the American Foreign Service Association. [Please click here if you are interested in receiving an invitation later this month from the American Foreign Service Association.](#)

Women in STEM: Past, Present, and Future

Thursday, March 28, 2019 - 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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In recognition of Women’s History Month, please join the United States Diplomacy Center for a special program honoring the rise in women’s STEM careers and public service through generations, from the trailblazing female codebreakers of World War II who opened the path for women to enter government service to scientists in the fields of nanotechnology and biotechnical engineering. [RSVP in advance](#)

The support needed to make the vision of the United States Diplomacy Center a reality is based on a public-private partnership. The Department of State, representing the public sector, is providing the space, staff and security. The Diplomacy Center Foundation (DCF), a 501(c)(3) organization, is representing the private sector. DCF has raised \$50 million and is working to raise the other \$40 million needed to complete the project and set up the endowment necessary to maintain the collection.

Please contact [Roman Popadiuk](#) at Roman.Popadiuk@DiplomacyCenterFoundation.org for information on how to donate.

