



United States
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Center

This month, we **dive into stories** from our [new collection items](#), **highlight our** [guest exhibit](#), and **invite you** to a [film screening tomorrow](#).



Celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with Norman Mineta

On May 30, the United States Diplomacy Center partnered with the Embassy of Japan, the Secretary's Office on Civil Rights, the Bureau of East Asia and Pacific Affairs, and the Asian American Foreign Affairs Association to host the State Department's culminating event for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. The event featured the newly released documentary on the life of former Secretary of Commerce and Transportation Norman Mineta, entitled: "Norman Mineta and His Legacy: An American Story." [Read more.](#)

Consular Affairs Exhibit: *From Pirates to Passports*

On May 28th, Secretary Mike Pompeo spoke in the Diplomacy Center at the opening of an exhibit by the Bureau of Consular Affairs. He highlighted that the exhibit "tells the story of our timeless commitment to serving the

American people. Consular Affairs' mission spans across the globe and across the centuries dating from before the signing of the U.S. Constitution down to today." [Read more.](#)



African American Trailblazers in Diplomacy Highlights

This video highlights the Diplomacy Center's February 2019 panel, "African American Trailblazers in Diplomacy" and underscores the importance of gathering a diverse range of stories of American diplomacy. The panel centered on diplomats Ebenezer Bassett, Ralph Bunche, Edward Dudley, Patricia Roberts Harris, and Mabel Murphy Smythe.



A Legacy of Service

The remarkable dedicated service of a family of three generations of diplomats is preserved in Sylvia Blake's collection of scrapbooks and photo albums. Earlier this year, Diplomacy Center curatorial staff had the opportunity to visit with Sylvia in her Washington, D.C. home and to digitally capture pages from her historic scrapbooks and albums. [Read more.](#)

Upcoming Events

Documentary Screening: *A Diplomat of Consequence*

Our nation's first African American diplomat, Ebenezer D. Bassett

United States Diplomacy Center Lower Level

330 21st Street, NW

Tuesday, June 11

12:00pm-1:30pm

Appointed by President Ulysses S. Grant to be U.S. Minister to Haiti and the Dominican Republic, Bassett demonstrated extraordinary courage and integrity during one of the island's most turbulent times--becoming one of the first early American diplomats to make international human rights a foreign policy issue.

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Diplomacy After Hours at the U.S. Diplomacy Center

United States Diplomacy Center Upper Level

330 21st Street, NW

Wednesday, June 12

5:00pm-7:00pm

Join us for an off the record chat with Jimmy Story, a career senior Foreign Service Officer. While in Brazil and Colombia, Jimmy collected unique artifacts that help the United States Diplomacy Center tell people the story of American diplomacy. **[RSVP NOW!](#)**

Save the Date! Space Diplomacy

Past, Present, and Future

The Diplomacy Center invites you to discover space diplomacy! This program will feature Maj.Gen. Michael Collins, Apollo 11 crewmember and former Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, Maj.Gen. Charles Frank Bolden Jr., former NASA administrator and astronaut, and Dr. Ellen Stofan, Director of the National Air and Space Museum - Smithsonian Institution.

**Lisner Auditorium
Department of State
330 21st Street, NW
Thursday, July 18**

Join Us!

Please support the United States Diplomacy Center, the first museum and education center dedicated to telling the story of American Diplomacy!

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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 \$36 million needed to complete the project and set up the endowment necessary to maintain the collection.

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