90th Anniversary Celebrated at I-House Day

In sixteen cities on six continents, alumni dating back to the 1940s gathered to celebrate the House’s 90th anniversary during the month-long 2014 I-House Day Celebration in November.

The worldwide celebration kicked off on October 31 with I-House Day Sydney, an evening of cocktails, organized by World Council of Alumni members Ross Youngman ’91 and Sam Armstrong ’90. Singapore, which has been part of the worldwide series since it was revived in 2011, played host to the next I-House Day celebration on November 1 with a luncheon sponsored by International Trustee John Pek ’68. The celebration moved to Hong Kong on November 3, where, according to organizer Frank Wong ’81 “two generations of I-House alumni shared our great times at I-House” over dinner.

That same night, New York Area Alumni Chapter (NYAAC) steering committee member Joe Carlani ’10 organized the first ever I-House Day Princeton. Over drinks and nibbles, the latter of which was generously sponsored by the venue, Agricola Community Kitchen, a wide swath of alumni were “favorably nostalgic about their I-House experience,” said Carlani.

The celebration moved to the West Coast on November 5 when Emre Erdogan ’02 ’05 joined forces with Roshan Gujar ’06 to organize the second annual I-House Day San Francisco at Sens Restaurant.

The anchor event for the worldwide celebration was Fall Fiesta: An I-House Day Celebration of Music and Dance on November 7 in New York City. Combining the New York Area Alumni Chapter's (NYAAC) traditional I-House Day Alumni Salon Night with elements of the resident-run Fall Fiesta, the event featured ballroom, jazz and Bollywood dances performed and choreographed by residents and three outstanding alumni performances.

The event also marked the 50th anniversary of Fall Fiesta, a program founded in 1964 by the late Herman “HR” Rottenberg, whose legacy was noted throughout the evening.

“Tonight we pay tribute to an important pillar of our community,” said Carlani.

Global Refugee Crisis Discussed by International Rescue Committee Leader

The role of humanitarianism in globally tumultuous times was among the topics discussed by David Miliband, president of the International Rescue Committee (IRC), at the International House Sunday Supper on January 25.

Miliband, former British foreign secretary who has led the IRC since 2013, engaged in a lively conversation with Warren Hoge, longtime editor and foreign correspondent at The New York Times and currently a vice president at the International Peace Institute.

Noting the diminishment of global inequality and the increase in countries with democratically-elected governments, Miliband pointed out that the number of displaced persons worldwide stands at 52 million.

His diagnosis focused on the interaction of governments unable to meet basic needs or contain ethnic and religious difference, and an international system that is weak and divided.

Observing that humanitarianism has come to the fore as conflicts have erupted, Hoge asked Miliband what challenges that has presented to IRC, whose mission is to help people “whose lives and livelihoods are shattered by conflict and disaster.”

“What we face now, no international system was designed to address,” said Miliband. “Boko Haram and the Islamic State are not bound by international conventions.”

Miliband said humanitarianism is more of a sector than a system with an organizational precept, and doesn’t have the scale to accommodate the current refugee crisis.

Syria is the defining humanitarian crisis of our time, with half of the country seeking help from outside and more than three million refugees in neighboring countries.

“Millions of refugees in each country have their own struggles,” concluded Miliband. “What we need is the equivalent of the Marshall Plan.”

Asked by Hoge how new technology has affected humanitarianism, Miliband said it had not transformed the humanitarian sector yet and could be significant.

“But we need low-tech as well,” he said.
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

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ith our 50th anniversary year coming to a close, I am proud of what I-House has accomplished and am excited about the steps we are taking to strengthen the institution going forward.

As you will see in this issue of the World Newsletter, we celebrated our past and connected with our alumni around the world during the 90th Anniversary International House Day Celebration in November. Traditions like our distinguished speaker programs, Sunday Suppers and Women’s International Leadership Week continue, bringing our community together and challenging our residents to think differently.

In our 50th anniversary year, we have also looked toward the future. Building out of the success of the “Generation Jobless” Conference in October, we have launched partnerships to bring new opportunities to our residents such as the Employment Innovation Fellowships sponsored by the Ford Foundation described on page 3 and the LinkedIn Pilot Program for Millennials, noted on page 8.

We are moving forward on our vision to empower the next generation of globally-minded leaders with the values of moral courage, empathy and respect. To inform the strategic planning process, we have undertaken studies ranging from an opinion survey of our employees, staff, alumni, and Trustees (discussed in the fall issue) to an organizational assessment to determine the appropriate structure and size of our institution to meet the challenges and opportunities we will face in the coming decade.

The strategic planning process culminated this June in a capstone meeting on June 14, where all Trustees met to finalize the plan.

We look forward to rolling out the dynamic strategic plan to our alumni and friends worldwide in the months to come and to your active participation in helping meet its goals.

Summer 2015 Davis Projects for Peace Recipients Announced

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esident members from I-House New York, and for the first time recent alumni, were among the participants at International Houses Worldwide (IHWW) and the schools affiliated with the Davis United World College Scholars program who were invited to design and execute grassroots projects to promote peace.

Twenty proposals from members of IHWW, including nine from I-House New York, were selected to receive grants of $10,000 each for implementation during the summer of 2015. In addition to the projects from I-House New York, projects from International Houses in Alberta, Berkeley, Chicago, London, Melbourne, Philadelphia, Sydney, Washington, DC and Wellington were also selected.

The following applicants from I-House New York were awarded Davis Projects for Peace Grants:

- Haneen Al-Rashda (Jordan): “Building Resilience for Young Syrian Refugees” (Jordan)
- Christine Arrozal ’14 (United States): “Giving Voice to Repressed Voices” (South Korea)
- Jonathan Carral (United States): “Vocational Training Facility, Building Opportunities for Child Soldiers” (Democratic Republic of Congo)
- Diana Engle Gorhalpe (Brazil): “Making a Difference Now: Educating for Democracy” (Brazil)
- Petros Ioannides (Cyprus): “Cypriot C.E.L.T. for Peace” (Cyprus)
- Muhammad Affan Javed (Pakistan): “Puppets for Peace” (Pakistan)
- Rachel McOwusu (Ghana): “Chambers of Peace” (Ghana)
- Stephanie Ulrich (United States): “Building Blocks to Peace” (Madagascar)

Grantees from I-House New York will document their projects in journals on the I-House website, www.IHWW.org/2015, throughout the summer and grantees residing in New York in the fall will have the opportunity to make presentations to the community about their projects.

More information about the Davis Projects for Peace initiative is available at www.davisprojectforpeace.org.
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he first “Generation Jobless” Employment Innovation Fellowships, which fund creative solutions to help solve the crisis of youth unemployment, were awarded at the Candelight Sunday Supper on May 5. These Fellowships are a direct follow-on from the “Generation Jobless” Conference held at International House in October 2014. The three winning projects will begin this summer. Made possible by a grant from the Ford Foundation, the “Generation Jobless” Employment Innovation Fellowships encouraged I-House residents and recent alumni to envision new and lasting solutions to global youth unemployment.

Successful fellows Lance Legel and Megan Majd

Under her leadership, Dress for Success, which now has a budget of approximately $203M, has grown exponentially. It has served over 775,000 women and has offices in 138 cities in 18 countries, a franchise model that Gordon related was based on Dunkin Donuts.

Its clientele has also changed. Founded to serve welfare mothers, the economic crisis of 2008 shifted their demographic. Since then, the women they serve include not just those on public assistance, but also those who have had good jobs at major corporations, but who have struggled with unemployment since the crisis.

“We have become the organization that anyone can come to and be treated with dignity,” Gordon explained. The organization continues to expand to even more locations around the world.

“This is exactly the audience I want to be in front of,” Gordon said in reference to the countries represented by resident members in the crowd.

Gordon’s talk was preceded by a reception that included the “Women Who Inspire” photography exhibit. Portraits of inspiring women were selected based on resident submissions and included Pina Bausch 500, the renowned dancer and choreographer who lived at I-House while studying at Juilliard.

The arts played a major role throughout WIL Week. On March 5, the WIL grantees hosted “An Evening at the Speakeasy: Stories and Jazz of I-House.” It featured a performance by an all female band led by grantee Astrid Kuljanic, which was interspersed with personal storytelling by residents.

The week concluded with a screening of “Cuba, The People,” organized by grantees Joyce Besmis and Kymelya Mohammad Raji. The screening was followed by a question and answer session with one of the film’s producers, Keiko Tsuno, who described what it was like being the only film crew allowed into Cuba after the revolution and the dramatic changes she has seen during subsequent visits.

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he annual Women’s International Leadership (WIL) Week, held March 2-6, celebrated the many roles of women across cultures and showcased the talents of this year’s WIL Program grantees.

The week kicked off with the roundtable “Women Waging Peace.” Moderated by WIL grantee Jagoda Rosal-Gajic, a visiting scholar at the Institute for Human Rights at Columbia, the panelists, Louise Allen, executive coordinator, NGO/WG on Women, Peace and Security and Donata Giroczy, adjunct professor of law, Columbia University, discussed women’s roles in peace building.

The following day in a wide ranging conversation with anchor and correspondent Chitra Newhart, Joi Gordon, CEO of Dress for Success Worldwide, provided insight into the international organization and her rise and role as CEO.

Known for providing professional clothing to disadvantaged women, Dress for Success (DFS) also promotes the economic independence of these women by providing a network of support and career development tools including mock interviews, resume review and financial literacy and capability training.

“We want our door to be the last that she walks through which is not already open to her,” said Gordon.

Using humor and personal anecdotes, Gordon related how she came to be involved with Dress for Success. After seeing a piece on the local news, Gordon, who was then an assistant district attorney in the Bronx, decided to donate a suit to the organization. When she called and stated that she was an attorney, she was asked to join the board and a year later, she was CEO.

“I fell in love with the mission” of Dress for Success and “fell in love with impacting women,” Gordon said. “I believe this was my destiny.”

WIL Week Examines Women’s Roles Across Industries and Cultures

Successful Women's Inter-institutional Leadership (WIL) fellowship grantees Stephanie Martinez, Joi Gordon and Chitra Nawbatt

Applicants were evaluated on the creativity, feasibility, and potential impact of their projects.

The Employment Innovation fellows and their projects reflect the diversity of International House: they hail from Poland, Turkey (on two different teams), and the United States, and the projects will take place in New York, Haiti, and the digital realm.

Stephanie Solaro, Barbara Guabacovero and Eski Gar- igapogo won for “Green Shift: Youth Employment in the Low Carbon Economy,” which will “green” International House itself. Working with local youth and the I-House facilities team, they will address energy, water and waste to make a green blueprint or greenprint-to-create green jobs.

Pinar Zuhanliglu received a fellowship for the “Job Bank Café” in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. She will work with local organizations to create a social and professional center (whether stationary, pop-up, or mobile) for gathering youth, facilitating networking, and helping place them in the few growth areas in this poor country devastated by natural disaster. Zuhanliglu wants youth to understand that poverty isn’t destiny.

Lance Legel and Megan Majd’s successful project, “the Skills Website,” will identify the skills employers say they are seeking to fill jobs across professions, and correlate them with the skills job-seekers possess. They plan to visualize this in an easy, compelling way through this free search engine, which will help users better understand the job market.

Career-Oriented Programming Helps I-House Residents Prepare for the Future

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When Dr. Jill Biden, U.S. Vice President Joe Biden’s wife, visited Zurich recently to discuss Switzerland’s educational system outside of the universities (strictly structured vocational trainings of 3 to 4 years for more practical rather than academic professionals), Karl Safft ’87, President of the Swiss Fulbright Alumni Association, had the opportunity to meet with Biden and the UN Ambassador to Switzerland Suzan LeVine to discuss various aspects of the education system. Pictured from left to right: Jill Biden, Karl Safft and Ambassador Suzan LeVine.

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Mission of the United Nations. “I was at the same phase of my career a couple of years back and Professional Interest Night gave me the chance to meet Nicholas Gouaze ‘82 (an advisor with UNAIDS). He helped me a lot in the early part of my career at the Mission.”

Alumna Sharna-Kaye Lester ‘72, a communications associate at the Guttmacher Institute, echoed that sentiment. “I feel as if I grew a lot at I-House, in no small part due to people who came to see and speak with us, so I pay it forward.”

Designed as a relatively informal alternative to traditional career networking events, PIN gives residents and alumni the opportunity to forge not just professional but also personal connections with one another, using their shared I-House experiences as a natural starting point.

“I go to a lot of networking events at school, but PIN is different; so much more relaxed, casual, and personal. It’s much easier to have an authentic interaction with someone when you have I-House in common,” said current resident Jaclyn Sawyer. “I was thrilled to connect with an alumna who has many shared interests, both in social justice and in the same region of the world as I do, and it was great to talk about our respective work with enthusiasm.”
Bogdan Dulu ’10 wowed the audience with a performance of Chopin’s Étude op. 10 no. 3 and Hamelin’s Étude No. 10. His demonstration of high virtuosity was preceded by a touching introduction in which Dulu reflected on how his I-House experience transformed him, making him a better and more confident public speaker, a transformation that was quite evident to the 300 plus attendees in David Hall.

Interpersed throughout the evening were historic readings highlighting different time periods at I-House. Among them was a speech by Bangseng A. Liu, a Chinese resident and the Student Council president, given at the 1941 Candlelight Sunday Supper during World War II, an excerpt of Herman Rottenberg’s speech on the occasion of his 40th anniversary with I-House, which was followed by a touching rendition of “Over the Rainbow” sung by Svrana Shumukhyar ’99 and accompanied by Guy Mintus, and a portion of the address given by Nelson Mandela during I-House’s 75th anniversary.

Pianist Kathleen Tagg ’04 wrapped up the musical portion of the evening with a performance of an original piece, “The Earth,” which was inspired by the 20th anniversary of South Africa’s first free elections, and began with a recording of Mandela’s inauguration speech.

Alumni also gathered in Accra on November 7. “We were a small group,” said Freeda Jawson ’13, who organized the event with World Council member Vincent Azumah ’00, but I think we started a trend by having the first-ever I-House NYC meet-up in Accra.” That same night, alumni in Toronto were treated to an intimate evening at the U.S. consul general’s residence, organized by World Council member Mark Trayling ’99. In his remarks Consul General Jim Dickmeyer told attendees that they should treat his home as a “second I-House.”

The following day alumni gathered in first-time location Buenos Aires, where a small, but dedicated group of alumni “had a blast” and partied together until 2 am, according to event organizer Lucia Laporte ’10. Meanwhile in North America, event organizer Alex Melotti ’12 and Najwan Stephan-Tozy ’08 teamed up again to keep the community of I-House alumni in Vancouver together with a dinner at the Keno Café.

Said Bibhas Vaze ’04, who has attended a number of alumni gatherings in Vancouver, “I love Vancouver, but still miss the wonderful days, activities, and conversations had in New York and I-House, and our get-togethers help bring that back.”

Shanghai again played host to an I-House Day celebration on November 8. During a dinner hosted by John Pek and organized by World Council member Eileen Fang ’99, new faces joined repeat attendees as alumni discussed the House’s relationship with China, dating back to its origination story, and shared photos from their time at I-House with one another.

Later in November, alumni gathered in Cologne for an evening of cocktails and conversation at Harry’s Bar organized by Freunzel President Astrid Nierhoff-Paschender ’05 on November 14, and in Frankfurt for a happy hour on November 12 at Darmstaedter Hof, organized by Andreas Huebner ’86 and Klaus Moessle ’85.

Said Huebner of the gathering, “it was quite entertaining, but also a constructive dialogue on Europe and its future.... We deeply enjoyed being together and sharing our views, which are all very much in light of our common I-House experience—being part of a larger world community, overcoming borders and respecting national cultural aspects. It was a typical I-House evening which easily could have happened in the big lounge in front of the fireplace on a late Sunday afternoon or in the Pub.”

That feeling of camaraderie was replicated in Geneva on November 10 at an event organized by Georges Hasnar ’59 and hosted at his home, and again in Houston on November 14 at a gathering organized by Yen Geekie ’09, both first time locations.

The 2014 I-House Day celebrations came to end with a traditional American Thanksgiving dinner in Zurich where I-House alumni were invited to join alumni from the Fulbright Program at an event organized by World Council member Karl Safft ’87. If you are interested in organizing an event in your area for the 2015 Worldwide I-House Day Celebration, please visit www.ihouseny.org/ihoouse day.
New Trustees Elected to the Board

A t its February 23rd meeting, the Board of Trustees of International House elected three new trustees:

Mikio Hazumi is group vice president with Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A., Inc. and Toyota Motor North America, Inc. Other than a few years at the Japanese Embassy in Washington, D.C., Hazumi has spent his entire career at Toyota. He currently sits on the boards of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of New York and the Nippon Club. Hazumi holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Economics from Gakushuin University.

Phillip W. Henderson is president of the Sarda Foundation, a New York City-based family foundation focused on fostering just and sustainable communities in the United States. Before joining the foundation in 2007, he held various positions with the German Marshall Fund of the United States. Henderson currently sits on the boards of the Living Cities Foundation, BoardSource, and the Romanian American Foundation. Henderson holds an M.A. in economics from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and a B.A. in economics from Michigan State University.

Bei Ling is global head of compensation and benefits at JPMorgan Chase. She previously held positions at PNC Financial Services and Merrill Lynch. Ling holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Beijing University and an M.B.A in finance from the Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California.

New Office Directors Join Staff

International House welcomed several new department directors this year.

Susan Morris, the new director of strategic initiatives and special projects, joined the staff full-time in January after producing the “Generation Jobless” Conference in October. Throughout her career, she has worked as a curator, producer, and writer at organizations including the National Endowment for the Arts, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, WNYC Radio, and the Ford Foundation. In her new role, Morris hopes “to bring new awareness of I-House to the outside world, bringing the richness of the world here to I-House, and watch it fan out back across the globe.” Facilities Management Director Larry Palfini started at I-House in November. He joined International House after a successful 25-year career with Tiffany & Co., most recently as vice president of global real estate and store development. Palfini is “excited to have the opportunity to manage and operate a unique historic property in support of the legacy and mission of International House.”

Parmila Phillips is the latest addition to senior management, serving as the director of finance. Phillips has an M.B.A. in corporate finance and M.S. in global management from Thunderbird Graduate School of International Management. She has extensive experience in accounting, operational, business and legal affairs in both the non-profit and commercial space, having most recently served as vice president of finance and business affairs at Vibe Media, LLC.

Fletcher Dean Urges Use of Soft Power

Challenges and opportunities in the context of the “21st Century Security” were discussed by James Stavridis, dean of Tufts University’s Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, at the Davis Peace & Diplomacy Program, on December 3.

Stavridis was introduced by fellow Fletcher School alumnus Andrew Darrell, chair of the I-House Programs Committee, who noted the former admiral’s 30-year naval career and stint as Supreme Allied Commander of NATO. Strategic engagement by the United States and promoting ideals of freedom, democracy, education and gender and racial equality are part of the long game of soft power that will help enhance security in the 21st century, Stavridis told the audience.

The Dean reviewed the biggest sources of tension in the world today, starting with the Islamic State, which he differentiated from other violent extremist groups by noting its successes in fund-raising and branding. The former admiral expressed hope that a diplomatic solution will be reached with Iran over its pursuit of nuclear technology, but said North Korea, with its “young, untethered, highly emotional leader,” remains the most dangerous nation in the world. He identified other trouble spots including Syria, the Ukraine and Afghanistan, but emphasized the prospect of cyber warfare from China, Russia and elsewhere as having the greatest potential to harm both national and personal financial security. Stavridis said that opportunities to meet these challenges lie in alliances such as NATO but, more importantly, in the exercise of the tenets espoused by International House and the Fletcher School.

“We should be listening a lot more,” said Stavridis, “think before acting, read and learn before thinking.”

The United States still has a role to play on the world stage, but Stavridis said its emphasis should remain on people, engaging in humanitarian work, and creating bridges to change the way people think about the U.S. “Our ideas—freedom, democracy, education and gender and racial equality—are good,” Stavridis concluded. “The U.S. military can launch missiles, but we need to get better at launching ideas.”
The Spring Semester at I-House in Pictures

On April 4, alumni returned home to join residents for the annual spring Sakura Park Clean Up Day. Volunteers assisted the Riverside Park Fund in mulching trees in I-House’s front yard and removing excess brush and weeds. Pictured here are Lane Mikula (left) and Kofi Deh ’12 (right).


The 2015 Resident Members Gift Campaign raised over $9,000 including several challenge grants from I-House Trustees for emergency scholarships. Former New York bureau chief for The New York Times, Keith Greer, presented President Calvin Sims with a symbolic check at the Candlelight Sunday Supper on May 3.

Residents perform the song “Nada Sozoo” at the Japanese Cultural Hour in April. The cultural hour featured video presentations, music, dances and theatrical skits to educate the I-House community about Japan.

The 2015 All Nations Celebration on March 28 featured dance performances by residents, the popular international food festival, a Grand Salon, and the International Arcade, represented here by the Middle East culture table. Led by All Nations fellows Arja Dayal and Alec Lichtenberg and with the help of over 200 staff and resident volunteers, the 2015 All Nations raised over $3,000 for resident scholarships.

I-House Selected for LinkedIn Pilot Program

International House is one of six institutions and the only non-university selected to participate in LinkedIn’s Publishing Pilot Program for Millennials. Other participants are Stanford University, University of California at Berkeley, New York University, Howard University and Babson College.

Residents and recent alumni will have the opportunity to write long-form posts that will be published on the world’s largest professional networking website on both a dedicated student site, www.linkedin.com/pulse/channel/studentvoices, and other relevant LinkedIn channels, reaching up to 350 million peers and future employers. Content will be of the writer’s choosing, but LinkedIn has provided a calendar of suggested timely topics such as graduation for May and internships for July.

In their posts to date, I-House participants have provided perspective on The New York Times expose on nail salon workers, given advice to incoming college freshmen to get involved in community service and encouraged fellow graduates to “do whatever scares you.”

This new partnership, an offshoot from the October “Generation Jobless” Conference that featured Allen Blue, co-founder of LinkedIn as a speaker, was launched at an event on April 16. At the launch event LinkedIn millennial editor Maya Pope-Chappell explained the pilot program and discussed what participants should write about, best practices, and examples of great long-form post writing.

“My focus is working with students, recent graduates and millennials and encouraging them to publish pieces on LinkedIn that highlight their knowledge and expertise,” said Pope-Chappell. "Writing on LinkedIn is a great opportunity for them to build their professional brand and get noticed by their peers, recruiters and future employers,” said Pope-Chappell.

Tabitha Robertson, former editor at Essence Magazine and former New York bureau chief for The Boston Globe, will edit posts written by I-House participants before submission to LinkedIn. Interested individuals can sign up to participate and learn more at www.ihouse-nyc.org/linkedin.

Are you a member of the Official International House LinkedIn Group? If not, visit www.ihouse-nyc.org/linkedin and start connecting with fellow alumni and residents.

Resident Member Honors

A look at some of the recent achievements of International House’s remarkable resident members.

Mario de Rosa (Italy) received the “Premio di Lauraea Giovanni Nocco” prize for the best administrative law student at Luiss Guido Carli University awarded by the Rome Rotary Club Roma Sud Est.

Alex Liebermann (Germany) was one of the winners of the Ensemble Mise-En composition competition in February and made his Carnegie Hall debut to a sold out audience in April.

Mark Flanigan (United States) has been selected to serve as a Faculty Advisor for the 2015 International Scholar Laureate Program (ISLP) Delegation on International Relations & Diplomacy in China.

Anastasiya Toy (Uzbekistan/United States) presented her poster “Using Human Factors Games to Promote Psychology” at the Eastern Psychological Association Annual Convention; Philadelphia, PA in March.

Eva Klesse (Germany), a drum student at NYU Steinhardt, was nominated for two German Jazz Echo Awards (the German Grammy) for her debut album Xenon, released in October on Enja records.

Raffi Wartanian (United States), a student at Columbia University SIPA, produced and edited “Armenian School of Oud,” a three volume textbook by Mihran Demirchyan. More information at http://oudarmenia.tumblr.com

To learn more about some of International House’s remarkable residents, please visit www.ihouse-nyc.org/portraits.