

Army War College International Fellows celebrate culture and partnerships

By Elena Patton 15 November 2022



RELATED LINKS

[Photos of Know Your World Event](#)

International Fellows from 76 countries shared food and stories from their native countries with the Carlisle community at the Army War College's Know Your World Event, Nov.2, 2022.

Celebrating culture and international partnerships, students from 76 countries shared food and stories from their native countries with the Carlisle community. The Army War College hosted its annual Know Your World event for the first time since the pandemic.

International Fellows set up stands with pictures, food, and music. People from the community sample the food, talk with the families, and learn about their homes. Every country here has pledged to partner and work with the United States to advance common interests. This event allows international officers to echo that sentiment and display what their country is known for beyond war and conflict, November 2, 2022.

“I love this for the community because each of the international students come here, and many of them bring their family,” said Col. Brain

Henderson, International Fellows Director. “They impact the community, and more importantly, this community impacts the international students. This event allows the community to experience and see their culture, and at the same time, it allows the international students to give back to the community and bring awareness.”

International Fellows come to the Army War College to study alongside officers from all branches of the U.S. military. International fellows bring diverse perspectives to seminar discussions and allow all students to learn how U.S. national security interests intersect with those of allied and partner nations.

International Fellows’ perspectives on Know Your World

“It is a great opportunity for me to show my country ... to voice what is going on in Ukraine because it is not only the security of Ukraine; it is also the security for the entire world,” said Col. Volodymyr Grabchak.

“My mission here is to give people the understanding that Ukraine is not only the war by presenting my country’s history, culture, and people. Ukrainians are very kind, hospitable, and hardworking people,” said Grabchak.

“It is important that we have such events where each one of us can showcase our culture and also learn from others to bring us more together,” said Zambian Brig. Gen. Phillimon Samatamba.

“It is a peaceful nature the Zambian people have. We come from very far, and we have 73 different tribes and traditions within Zambia”, said Samatamba. “So, people can learn how we have managed to stick together and love one another.”

“This is our culture and country, and we are trying to let everyone know as much as they can about our country,” said Col. Al Abebneh. “We have a young, educated population and one of the Seven Wonders of the World—Petra.”

Al Abebneh was at the event with his two sons.

“I like the school, the teachers, the students, and the area,” said Rayyan about being in the Carlisle area.

“With my display, I am trying to show the richness in wildlife we have and demonstrate our way of life for the people of Botswana,” said Col.

Dumisani Ndzinge. “The people are very friendly and welcoming.”

“One of our big celebrations is our Independence Day—September 30—those celebrations are the time to showcase our culture through music, dance, and traditional dress,” said Ndzinge.

“I hope to break down some of the stereotypes about Germany and have lots of good conversations,” said Col. Joerg Stenzel.

U.S. Army War College News Archives