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Dear AFS Friend,

This issue of the *AFS Janus* epitomizes the very name of our publication: Janus, the ancient Roman god of beginnings and transitions. Janus is typically portrayed looking both backward to the past and forward to the future, as shown on our cover. While named for a mythical figure, the *AFS Janus* shares stories of the real impact of an organization that builds on its legacy to move into the future.

In this issue, we are pleased to feature R. Bayly Winder IV, an AFS World War II volunteer who exemplifies this very idea. Inspired by his wartime service with AFS, Winder devoted his life to disseminating knowledge about Arabic and the Middle East. We are able to share his fascinating story and incredible contribution to the public understanding of this region thanks to the assistance of his son, B. Philip Winder.

In addition, as AFS prepares for the 50th anniversary of its activities in Ghana, we find ourselves reflecting on our longstanding ties to Africa. AFS colleagues Terry Little and Milena Miladinović examine and report on our historic and current impact there.

Later in the issue, we share some information on the state of student exchange programs, based on a groundbreaking AFS study titled Mapping Generation Z. AFS president and CEO Daniel Obst specifically addresses how AFS plans to grapple with inequalities in order to ensure that all young people can have an opportunity to engage in the kind of intercultural experiences AFS offers.

Finally, a little housekeeping! Please help us to reduce our carbon footprint for some future communications by sharing your email address with development associate Paul Gamner at paul.gamner@afs.org.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support!

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Convening Global Citizenship Education Forums

Between April and October 2017, AFS organized three regional forums to advance global education and explore the connections between intercultural skills and employability. These events took place in New Delhi, **India** (pictured above); Santo Domingo, **Dominican Republic**; Tunis, **Tunisia**; and Accra, **Ghana**, under UNESCO patronage and with the support of Rosetta Stone, the U.S. Embassy in Ghana, and others. Educators, government representatives, businesses, and civil society organizations concluded that global citizenship, a key component of AFS, is an essential 21st-century competence.



Exploring Equal Opportunities

The European Federation for Intercultural Learning (**EFIL**)—the umbrella organization for AFS in Europe—gathered 115 AFS volunteers from 31 countries in **Iceland** for its annual Volunteer Summer Summit in August. Together, the volunteers explored equal opportunities through different lenses: organizing inclusive intercultural exchange programs; reflecting on their habits in dealing with differences; examining the role of intercultural learning in promoting equal opportunities; and exploring what inclusive leadership and volunteering mean in AFS.

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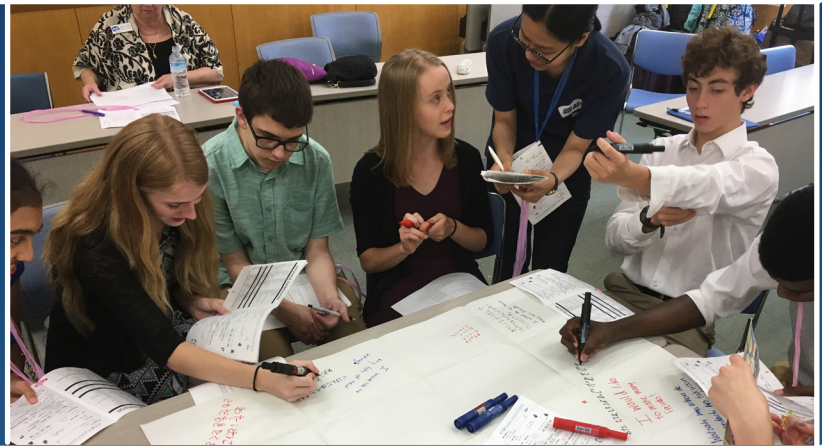
by Milena Miladinović

We are proud to feature events and projects that showcase how AFS volunteers, staff, students, and host families are working to create a better world. View more exciting and impactful AFS activities at afs.org/about-afs/news-events!

Photographs (clockwise from top left) courtesy of AFS India, AFS Japan, Intercultura, AFS Argentina, and EFIL.

Bringing Global Education to Public Schools

AFS **Japan** has been appointed to run an exciting new program infusing public schools in Tokyo with global education. In collaboration with the Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education, AFS Japan will provide scholarship opportunities for 80 foreign students in 2017. This program will help the AFS students learn about the unique Japanese culture through firsthand experiences, while at the same time exposing the local community in Tokyo to new and diverse people.



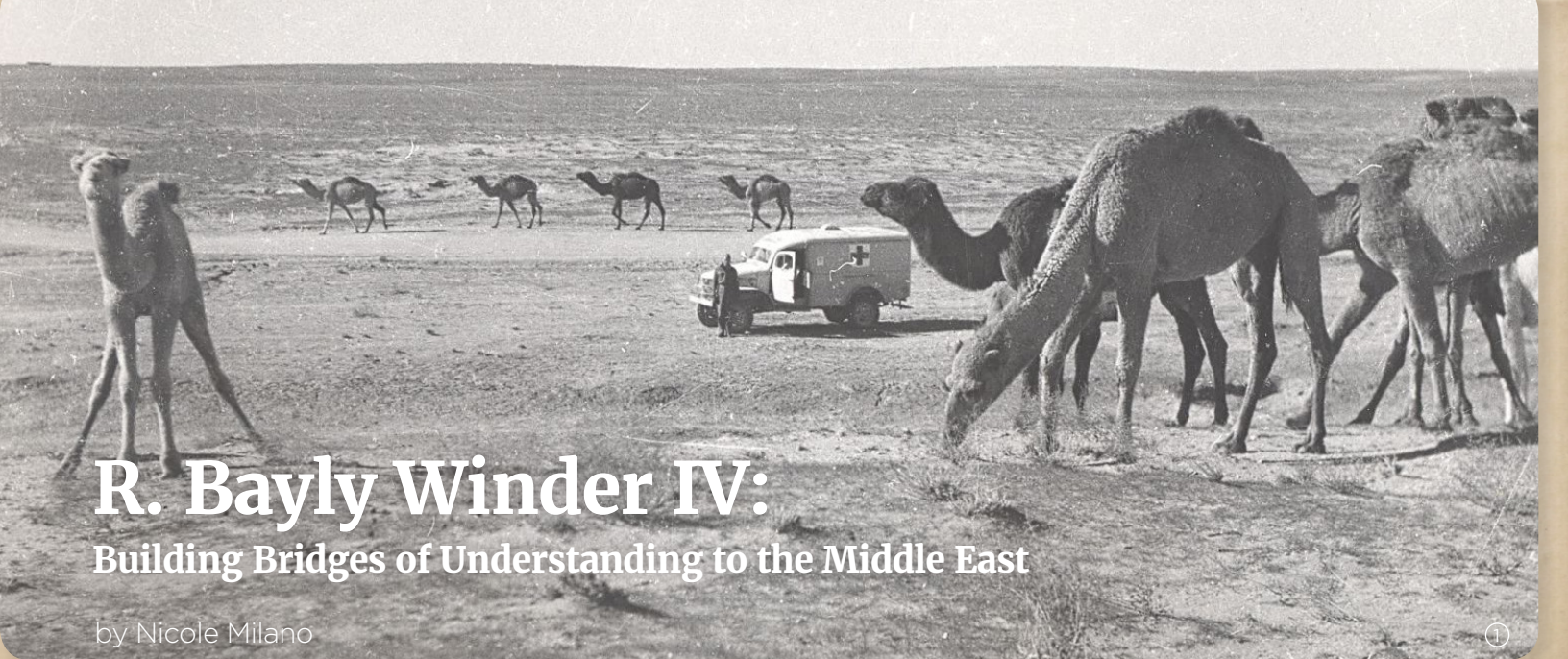
Learning about Human Rights and History

In July 2017, foreign students currently studying abroad with AFS **Argentina** had a unique opportunity to explore local history and learn about human rights. Julio Croci of the Human Rights and Pluralism National Secretariat invited the young students on a guided tour of the former School of Mechanics of the Argentine Navy in Buenos Aires. The school was the site of a clandestine detention center used during the Argentine dictatorship between 1976 and 1983.



Connecting Past and Present

This past May, Esther Brooks (*center, standing, with red scarf*) participated in the National Assembly for Intercultura (AFS **Italy**), a yearly event that brings together AFS volunteers from across Italy. Brooks's connection to AFS began with her husband, Peter, whose AFS service also took him to Italy more than 70 years earlier; during World War II, he worked with his AFS unit to evacuate the wounded during the Italian Campaign.



R. Bayly Winder IV: Building Bridges of Understanding to the Middle East

by Nicole Milano

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Many decades ago, former AFS World War II volunteer Dr. Bayly Winder jumped into a cab on the way to the airport. His cab driver casually inquired where he was going, and Bayly responded, “The Middle East.” The driver turned to him with a puzzled look and said, “I’ve heard of the Midwest but never the Middle East!”

While the cab driver’s response would be surprising today, in the mid-20th century, it may have been common. Bayly became one of the first Americans to help change this; throughout his life, he sought to create understanding in the West about the Middle East and its people, well before the tragedy of 9/11 propelled the American public to learn more. Most Americans are now familiar with the Middle East. However, amid current events, threats of terrorism, and media focused on extremism, this familiarity can be laced with unfavorable stereotypes of the individuals who live in that region.

Inspired by his wartime AFS service, Bayly dedicated his life to helping students and the public better understand the Middle East and its complexities. He felt that without true understanding, these unfavorable stereotypes could become

dangerous when it came to policy and perception. His former students summed up his passion in a book of essays dedicated to him, in which they praised his “fundamental optimism that through knowledge and goodwill human beings of different cultures and backgrounds can resolve even the most difficult and seemingly insoluble problems.” This dedication and optimism began on a cold morning in 1942, when a 21-year-old Southerner with pacifist ideals caught his first glimpse of the Middle East from a ship carrying his AFS volunteer ambulance unit overseas.

LOOKING EAST

Richard Bayly Winder IV was born on September 11, 1920, in Greensboro, North

Carolina, as the only child of Richard and Julia Winder. Bayly, as he was called, devoted much of his youth to music and sports. He received a full scholarship to St. Albans School through his participation in the boys’ choir at Washington National Cathedral and entered Haverford College in 1939.

Despite his Episcopalian upbringing and a long family history of active military service dating back to the Revolutionary War, the Quakerism at Haverford made a lasting impression on him. Shortly after the United States entered World War II, Bayly





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volunteered as an ambulance driver with AFS. The organization provided an opportunity for him to participate as a noncombatant, and he set sail from Boston with AFS unit ME 4 on February 17, 1942.

Bayly first saw the Middle East from the Red Sea, as his ship was heading for the unit's point of disembarkation in Egypt. His unit worked throughout North Africa and the Middle East over the next year. At one point, Bayly was assigned to the Speers Mobile Clinic near Beirut, Lebanon, which provided medical services in villages where no other medical care was available. Through this camp and his work in Palmyra, Syria, he encountered and interacted with local civilians and nomadic Bedouins for the first time. The AFSers befriended many of the locals, including their cook, Mahfoud, whom they would drive home after work.

Bayly's experience with the people and environment of the Middle East made a lasting impression. On his last night in Palmyra, he listened to the sounds of Tin Pan Alley on a phonograph as he wrote of the ancient ruins and scenery in his diary: "I think I shall always remember the amazing Palmyra sunsets. The sun is down behind the mountains and the fierce glow barely

filters itself through the haze of sand beginning to roll and roll across the desert before the rising wind."

His time in the region came to an end after an Allied victory in Sicily prompted preparation for the invasion of the Italian mainland, which was occupied by German troops. Bayly joined 120 ambulances, 60 support vehicles, and more than 200 men from AFS 485 Company who crossed the Mediterranean Sea in tank landing ships (LSTs) destined for Italy.

CAUGHT UNDER FIRE

A week after arriving in Taranto, Italy, Bayly's section was sent to Nocera to practice waterproofing and unloading ambulances from LSTs. It quickly became clear that they were taking part in an amphibious operation. Speculation on where spread through the group, with guesses ranging from Yugoslavia to southern France. The section was sent a public relations representative, their vehicles were loaded onto LSTs, and on January 21, their convoy made its way up the coast to their destination: Anzio.

The AFS volunteers were assigned to the evacuations surrounding the Allied amphibious landing in the areas of Anzio

and Nettuno during the Italian Campaign, in what was known as Operation Shingle. The AFS ambulances were among the first vehicles to come ashore during this landing; as soon as they left one of the LSTs, enemy planes shot at the ambulances, forcing one ambulance driver to jump into the sea. Despite the suddenness of the attack, the AFS volunteers and equipment remained intact. The LST carrying Bayly's section withdrew after this shelling, and he landed the following morning on the American beach near Nettuno. There was no pontoon landing available, and the first ambulance from his section nearly sank

Cover: When the Brenner Pass first cleared, Bayly (right) traveled from Austria to see his old AFS company in Venice, Italy. Here he shakes hands with Bernard Curley on May 6, 1945. Photograph by Loftus B. Cuddy.

1. An AFS ambulance during the African Campaign in the Western Desert, ca. 1942-43.

2. Bayly in his youth. He loved to sing throughout his life and would belt out the national anthem at Princeton football games, often to the embarrassment of his son. Courtesy of the Winder family.

3. Bayly in France in April 1945. He was awarded an Africa Star and received a "Mention in Dispatches" for his AFS service.

4. Bayly (center) helping to load a wounded soldier onto a stretcher during World War II.



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while trying to drive through water that was deeper than expected.

Bayly and fellow AFSer Henry O. Rea, Jr., joined in the advance to occupy the land south of the overpass of Campoleone. On February 1, Bayly's ambulance was shot at

while he was evacuating the wounded from this position. He was later awarded a Purple Heart for the wound he received during this evacuation. Bayly continued his duties with AFS after receiving medical attention, and he evacuated casualties with Rea during a counterattack by the enemy on February 3, under intense fire. At one spot, they were within an eighth of a mile from the Germans; his ambulance, which had just been repaired, was hit again and put out of commission.

Bayly took leave from AFS in June 1944, only to return again in early 1945 to serve in the France-Germany Campaign with AFS unit FR5. He was put in charge of personnel records at the headquarters in Belfort, France, and was promoted to lieutenant in June. Bayly was sent to Belgium after the cessation of wartime hostilities and helped arrange for the repatriation of AFS men to the United States.

A FORMATIVE EXPERIENCE

Bayly returned to the United States and married Viola Hitti in October 1946. Their son, Bayly Philip (called Philip), was named for Hitti's Lebanese father, who created the

first Middle Eastern studies program in the United States at Princeton University in 1947.

Inspired by his own experience in the Middle East during the war, Bayly embarked on a career in Arabic and Middle Eastern studies. Philip reflects on the formative influence AFS had on his dad's career: "AFS was a seminal event in his life. He was catapulted into this unknown romantic sphere. He originally intended to be an English major! Instead of writing the great American novel, he learned Arabic and the culture. It was no doubt a life-changing event for him."

Bayly obtained multiple degrees from Princeton and traveled extensively with his young family. He amassed an impressive record of academic achievements, from teaching Arabic and Middle Eastern studies at Princeton, the American University of Beirut, and New York University (NYU), to helping lay the groundwork for an overseas program in Arabic for American undergraduates on behalf of the Carnegie Corporation. He went to Syria on a Ford Foundation Fellowship to conduct research on modern Arabic history and later served as a consultant for the

foundation on education. His publications include *An Introduction to Modern Arabic* (1957) and *Saudi Arabia in the Nineteenth Century* (1965). In 1967 he established the Middle East Language and Area Center, now known as the Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, at NYU.

Bayly maintained contact throughout his life with the men he met during his service with AFS, the source of his inspiration. They were his personal “band of brothers,” according to Philip. Bayly also volunteered with the AFS student exchange programs, serving as a director and trustee between 1961 and 1968. During this time, AFS began operations in Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia.

Bayly’s beliefs about cultural understanding were strongly in line with those of AFS. He tried to influence policy and educate the public on their perceptions of the Middle East. His son felt that he would have described himself as “a bridge, a way to bring the two sides closer together”; rather than succumb to passion in cultural misunderstandings, he tried to be

“reasoned and measured in his responses.”

In a 1981 piece for the *New York Times*, Bayly warned against national stereotypes, writing that many of them, “favorable or unfavorable, tend to be dangerous. There are good Iranians, and there are bad Algerians. There may even be bad Americans.”

A MULTIGENERATIONAL THING

Dr. Richard Bayly Winder IV passed away on August 8, 1988, after a fruitful and impassioned career dedicated to fostering other cultures’ understanding of the Middle East. His life served as an inspiration to many, including his own family members.

Philip followed in his father’s footsteps at Haverford and continued his legacy of international engagement. He serves on the board of the American University of Beirut, which established a scholarship in his father’s name for students studying Arabic. Bayly’s grandson was the recipient of a Fulbright to Kuwait and works at the US State Department. His grandson credits his career interests to his grandfather: “I inherited his intellectual curiosity focused on the Middle East. When people ask me how that came about, I explain to them that it kind of runs in the family; it’s a multigenerational thing!”

Reflecting on AFS’s humanitarian efforts to save lives during World War II, Philip

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—B. Philip Winder

observes that today “AFS is a force for positive change in an environment where we desperately need one.” His father’s long and passionate career is a “shining example of the kind of productive output organizations like AFS can have” in challenging times, showing “the power a personal experience can have to change things.” While Bayly’s inspiration to build bridges of understanding to the Middle East came from his wartime service with AFS, his life and career now inspire others to do the same.



5. Viola and Philip Winder in Damascus, Syria, on September 20, 1955. Viola taught English to Arabic-speaking students both at home and abroad and was an accomplished writer. Philip married Diane Hallock in 1987, and they have two children, Julia Alexandra Rayhill and Bayly Philip Christopher. *Courtesy of the Winder family.*

6. An AFS ambulance in the thick of action in Anzio, Italy.

7. Bayly reclining on an AFS ambulance. *Photograph by Irving Penn.*

8. Bayly teaching Arabic at New York University in 1967. *Courtesy of the New York University Archives.*

9. A Saudi Arabian newspaper showing Dr. Bayly Winder shaking hands with King Faisal of Saudi Arabia in 1964. *Courtesy of the Winder family.*

10. Bayly (left) shaking hands with King Faisal of Saudi Arabia, with Dr. Philip Hitti (right), in the United States. *Courtesy of the Winder family.*

AFS and Africa: Engaging with Youth on the Fastest-Growing Continent

by Terry Little and Milena Miladinović



As AFS prepares for the 50th anniversary of its activities in Ghana, we find ourselves reflecting on our longstanding ties to Africa. With 54 countries, 2,000 languages, and 1.216 billion people, the continent of Africa is incredibly diverse and fast growing. AFS has been active in Africa from its very beginning as a volunteer organization, and continues to create impactful and meaningful experiences with students and communities there today.

AFS has roots in Africa as early as World War II, when the organization sent ambulances and drivers to Kenya and then set up an AFS overseas headquarters in Cairo in 1941. During their experience evacuating the wounded in Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, and Algeria, the AFS volunteers interacted with local communities and civilians.

Many of the same men who served in North Africa during the war helped create the AFS secondary school exchange program in 1946. The first African students traveled to the United States on an AFS program from South Africa in 1958, and they were followed over the next decade by students from Algeria, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco,

Swaziland, Tunisia, Uganda, and Zimbabwe (then known as Rhodesia). AFS opened regional offices in Uganda and later Kenya in 1972 to further coordinate the exchange of youth from that region.

One Kenyan student who traveled to the United States during this time was Peterson M. Munene, who later became secretary of Kenya's Public Service Commission. Munene credited his AFS experience in 1961 as a key inspiration for his professional success in public service, noting, "Intercultural learning experiences are possibly the only proven way to world peace and progress."

Unfortunately, political upheavals and conflicts led to the permanent closure of several AFS offices in Africa in the 1970s and 1980s. The challenges AFS faced in Africa were similar to but perhaps more acute than those the organization faced around the globe: relevance, accessibility, and impact. To combat some of the challenges, AFS began exploring new types of programs and strategies, including establishing an "African Desk" at the AFS office in Rome, Italy, between 1986 and 1989. Among other projects, the African Desk coordinated the delivery of a program for African museum

professionals with the International Centre for Conservation and Restoration, which, over four years, hosted more than 60 participants from 22 countries. The program had a huge impact on the heritage field in Africa and eventually led to the creation of museum training centers in Kenya and Benin.

In addition to coordinating new initiatives, in 2015 AFS created a regional body to foster closer regional cooperation and to





represent AFS to regional stakeholders. The AFS in Africa (AiA) group was responsible for putting together the winning bid, submitted by AFS Ghana, to host a network-wide AFS meeting with participants from more than 50 countries in 2017. In AFS's long history, this is the first time a major event is being held on the African continent. Rev. Allan Okomeng-Mensah, the board chair of AFS Ghana, expressed his enthusiasm for the meeting: "It is our hope that the meeting will provide the AiA the opportunity to showcase the celebrated diversity of the African continent and engender a new image of the continent. We in Africa and Ghana await the rest of the world with our warmth and smiles."

The international meeting, which was held in October, included a panel featuring young AFS alumni from Africa and a public-facing global citizenship education

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—Rev. Allan Okomeng-Mensah

forum, hosted by the British Council. The forum focused on connecting local educators, students, and intercultural learning practitioners and researchers with policy makers, nonprofit organizations, employers, businesses, and others interested in ensuring quality education relevant for the 21st-century job market in Africa.

We are pleased to highlight some outstanding AFS initiatives in Africa in this article. Moving forward, AFS is dedicated to developing active global citizens, globalizing schools and institutions, and increasing access to intercultural education in Africa. Africa is not only a continent where AFS continues to run our flagship school exchange programs but also a place that offers ample opportunities to expand the ways we pursue our mission of creating a more just and peaceful world.

Empowering Underserved Communities in Egypt

In 2014, AFS Egypt launched a program called Tanweer ("enlightenment," in Arabic) to help children from underserved communities get a better education and take an active part in improving their communities. To date, 300 children have participated in exploring intercultural learning, improving leadership skills, learning about healthy lifestyles, and developing sustainable urban green spaces. Organized in collaboration with NGOs in several small villages and towns, this program was awarded the 2016 AFS Changemaker Award and is shortlisted for the United Nations Intercultural Innovation Award.

Building Bridges of International Understanding

Developed in the aftermath of September 11, 2011, the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Program is an innovative high school exchange program funded by the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. AFS works with like-minded organizations to coordinate the exchange of students from predominantly Muslim countries, including many in Africa, to the United States and vice versa on full scholarships.

On the Forefront of Global Education in Tunisia

In July 2017 the AFS in Africa: Global Citizenship Education Forum addressed the status of and possibilities to advance global citizenship education in Africa. It included



experiential learning workshops with 150 teachers to enhance their intercultural skills. This was the first forum of its kind in Africa, organized under the official patronage of the Tunisian Ministry of Education and featuring a distinguished group of keynote speakers, including Wided Bouchamaoui, 2015 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, and representatives from UNICEF, the Anna Lindh Foundation, University of Tunis El-Manar, and the Intercultura Foundation.

1. AFSers in Egypt in 2017. *Courtesy of AFS Egypt.*

2. AFS Americans Abroad participant Joseph Harrison with his host family in Uganda in 1972.

3. AFS Tunisia volunteers and alumni welcoming participants to the AFS in Africa: Global Citizenship Education Forum in July 2017. *Photograph by Terry Little.*

4. AFS YES Program alumni implementing social change activities in Kenya on May 23, 2015. The AFSers raised funds for playground equipment and sports uniforms for the Hands of Love School, founded by Terry Little, in the Kariobangi slum of Nairobi. *Photograph by Terry Little.*

5. AFS volunteers educating Egyptian children as part of the Tanweer program. *Courtesy of AFS Egypt.*



This experience has made me more curious about other cultures and helped me be more open-minded.

—Bosompemaa Dankwa

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Strengthening a Community in Ghana

In 2012 AFS Ghana started a partnership with the Yale Alumni Service Corps (YASC) to engage in sustainable development and cultural exchange with the village of Yamoransa. Since then, YASC participants have spent each summer teaching children, conducting sports and arts workshops, running a medical clinic, and providing college and business mentoring. This partnership also resulted in a new information communication technology center and library, a venue for expanding access to information and for community meetings.

Learning about Wildlife Conservation in Kenya

Since 2016 AFS students from the United States have had the opportunity to participate in a Global Prep program focusing on wildlife conservation in Kenya. In addition to learning some Swahili while staying with local host families, the participants engage with Kenyan culture and diverse communities while exploring the sustainability of Kenya's wildlife. In the words of Sunwoo Kim from San Diego, who participated in this program in 2016: "Kenyan culture is so different, and yet so similar, to ours. Learning about it—living it—gave me an inexpressible appreciation for diversity."

Investing in Africa's Future Leaders

Launched in October 2015, the "Investing in Africa's Future Leaders" program has provided scholarships to nearly 50 African high school students from Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, South Africa, and Tunisia. One scholarship recipient, Bosompemaa Dankwa from Ghana, reflected on her yearlong exchange program in the Czech Republic in 2016: "One of the most important lessons I learnt is how to socialize with people from all over the world, from different cultures and with different opinions. It is fascinating to have two different families and homes and still call both of them my homes and loving both families. They unconsciously shaped my opinions about life and how I see the world. This experience has made me more curious about other cultures and helped me be more open-minded."



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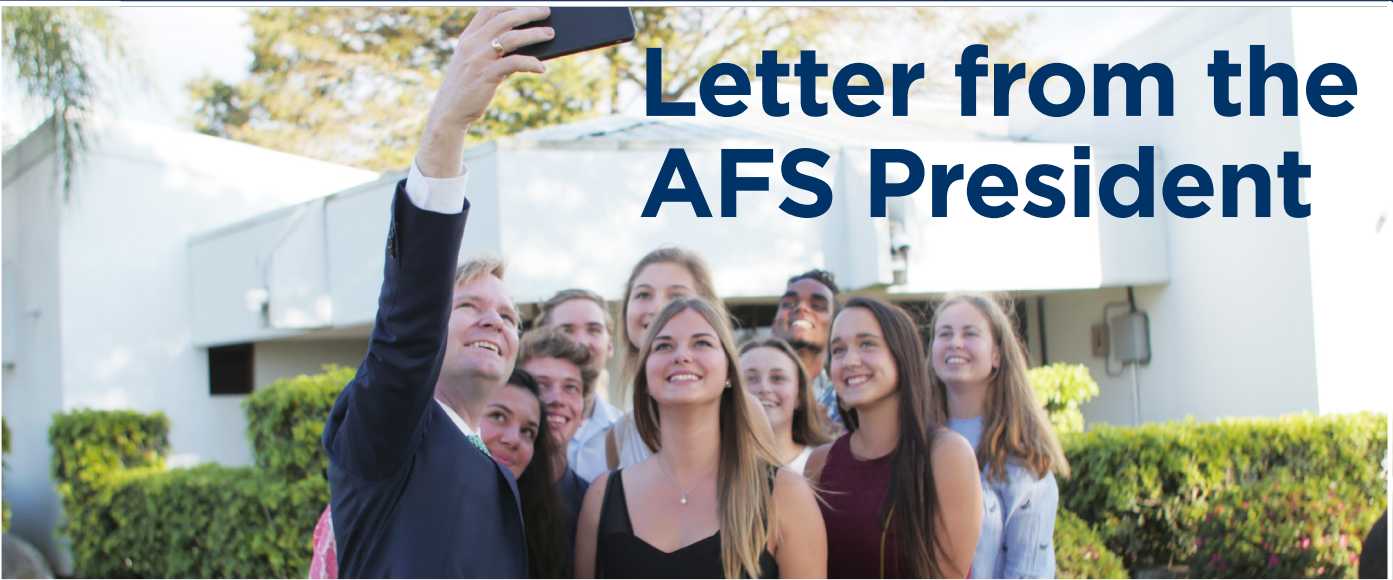
6. Ghanaian AFS scholarship recipient Bosompemaa Dankwa with friends in the Czech Republic in 2016. *Courtesy of Bosompemaa Dankwa.*

7. Yamoransa Primary School students and their craft creations in Ghana in August 2016. *Photograph by Terry Little.*

8. AFS Ghana national director Kwame Otchere, AFS Tunisia volunteer Mohamed Sarr, and AFS South Africa board member Phokwame Moloele at the AFS in Africa: Global Citizenship Education Forum in Tunisia in 2017. *Photograph by Terry Little.*

9. AFS Global Prep program participants taking a selfie with local students in Kenya in 2016. *Courtesy of AFS-USA.*

Letter from the AFS President



This November marks my one-year anniversary as president and CEO of AFS Intercultural Programs, an organization dedicated to fostering peace and intercultural understanding. In a world where nationalism and inequality are on the rise, it's increasingly important for AFS to find ways to best promote our "learning to live together" agenda and to ensure that all young people have an opportunity to engage in international and intercultural experiences. How can we best enable people to act as responsible global citizens working for peace and understanding in a diverse and often divided global community? How do we grapple with inequalities to ensure that our intercultural educational experiences reach and benefit the most people?

I am excited to announce that within the last year, I have been working with staff and volunteers throughout the AFS network to set our new strategy and vision for the future.

AFS is dedicated to seizing the full potential of our mission by delivering impact in three key goals:

- 1. Developing Active Global Citizens**
- 2. Globalizing Schools and Institutions**
- 3. Expanding Access to Intercultural Education**

Through our international exchange programs, education, volunteerism, and advocacy efforts, we will provide more people with the intercultural skills and understanding to actively contribute to society and create change. I am inspired by our incredible volunteers who propel these efforts forward, and also by individuals I've been meeting in government, business, the private sector, and other NGOs who recognize the important work we do at AFS.

I was particularly inspired this past July when Nobel Peace Prize winner Wided Bouchamaoui, a Tunisian businesswoman and the head of the Tunisian Confederation of Industry,

Trade, and Handicrafts, commended AFS for our role in building a better world at the AFS in Africa: Global Citizenship Education Forum in Tunisia. Despite many difficulties caused by intolerance, isolationism, ignorance, and violence in the world, her experience in Tunisia has shown her that living together peacefully is possible and that the efforts involved in open dialogue between cultures, which AFS facilitates, help to reinforce these values. Bouchamaoui noted, "L'histoire nous apprend qu'à chaque fois que les cultures se sont rencontrées en paix pour des échanges d'idées et de savoir, l'humanité a progressé. Il est de notre devoir donc de garder cette flamme vive" (History teaches us that every time cultures come together in peace to exchange ideas and knowledge, humanity has progressed. It is therefore our responsibility to keep this flame alive). She feels that this concept is exemplified by the work of AFS.

AFS will continue keeping this flame alive, as we continue reaching more individuals and communities across the globe. Please help support our **One Welcoming World** campaign, which is helping us to create peace as we train and empower our volunteer network and improve and expand our educational programs. We hope you will support our campaign and new strategy, as we continue to find ways to work together to deliver the biggest impact in our global community.

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Obst', with a long, sweeping underline.

Daniel Obst
President and CEO, AFS Intercultural Programs, Inc.

Photo: AFS participants and future global citizens who will create impact in their home communities posing with AFS President and CEO Daniel Obst in Costa Rica in 2017.



Volunteerism on Display

by Nicole Milano

AFS is built on volunteerism. After the end of World War II, ambulance drivers who had served in both world wars pledged to continue the AFS mission of volunteer service—working to promote global peace and understanding through student exchange. Today, our volunteers continue their legacy as a movement of active citizens determined to build bridges among cultures. Each year, this long history of volunteerism serves as a source of inspiration to museum curators and to the people around the world who view their exhibitions. From an original AFS letter exhibited at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC, to an original AFS ambulance prominently on display at the Franco-American Museum at the Château de Blérancourt in France, we are proud to share our story and artifacts with others!

After closing more than 10 years ago for renovations, Blérancourt reopened its doors this past summer. The 17th-century château served as the base of operations for the American Committee for Devastated France (CARD), a volunteer organization operating in the war-torn region of Picardy during and shortly after the First World War. Founded in 1917 by American Anne Morgan, the youngest daughter of financier J. Pierpont Morgan, the women of CARD rebuilt villages and brought

relief to the devastated region. Today, the museum at the château highlights Franco-American friendship and CARD's shared humanitarian history with AFS.

Representatives from the American Friends of Blérancourt, descendants of AFS volunteers from World War I, and AFS alumni, volunteers, and staff attended the museum reopening on June 24, 2017. In addition to the original AFS World War I ambulance, visitors viewed an AFS uniform and letters written by an AFS volunteer, among many other artifacts demonstrating the important ties between France and the United States. In her speech at the event, French minister of culture Françoise Nyssen emphasized the importance of American volunteers during the First World War.

AFS volunteer Lucas Richard, who went on an AFS exchange program from France to Australia in 2014, noted that learning more about the history of AFS at the museum's reopening was an "incredible experience." He felt that the AFS story provided another perspective on the typical lessons about war: "It is not often that we hear about volunteers being right behind the trenches trying to save as many people as possible with a mission of peace within chaos." What Lucas found most interesting is that "through the artifacts and testimonies

from that time, I felt that many of the AFS values today are still the same: the will to help others and to create a peaceful and multilateral world based on the cooperation with and understanding of others."

Michèle Ruffat, who went on an AFS exchange program from France to the United States in 1956-57, valued the opportunity to meet with more recent AFS alumni like Lucas at the reopening: "It was a pleasure to find how easy it was to connect with them, even with a gap of two generations between us." She also confirmed that "the knowledge of AFS history is certainly a strong incentive toward sharing a sense of common purpose" with all AFSers.



Michèle actively volunteers with AFS through the French alumni group known as Cercle des Amis.

The ambulance and many other artifacts are part of a permanent display dedicated to AFS at the museum in Blérancourt. You can also visit one of the many other exhibitions in the United States and Europe that currently include or feature AFS volunteers and history:

Voices of War:

Americans in World War I, 1917-1918

New England Historic Genealogical Society

Boston, Massachusetts (USA)
April 18-October 31, 2017

New York and New Yorkers in World War I

New York State Capitol
Albany, New York (USA)
June 12-November 8, 2017

Permanent display on American involvement in World War I

MAPS Air Museum
North Canton, Ohio (USA)
Opened August 26, 2017

Irving Penn

Grand Palais
Paris, France
September 21, 2017-January 29, 2018

World War I and the Trenches

Frist Center for the Visual Arts
Nashville, Tennessee (USA)
October 6, 2017-January 21, 2018

Permanent display on Americans in Belgium

New visitor center
Waregem, Belgium
Opening November 11, 2017

The Volunteers:

Americans Join World War I, 1914-1919

Morton Museum of Collierville History
Collierville, Tennessee (USA)
December 18, 2017-March 9, 2018

My Fellow Soldiers:

Letters from World War I

Smithsonian National Postal Museum
Washington, DC (USA)
February-November 2018

Mapping Generation Z: AFS Study Finds Teenagers Eager to Explore Cultures

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Scope

Reach: 27 Countries
of Responses: 5,255



Data Collection

Online: 89%
Paper-based: 11%
Timeline: Mar '16-Dec '16



Surveys

Translations: 16 Languages
Translation Content: Consistent



Respondents

Ages: 13-18
Been On Exchange: 0%
Considered Exchange: 60%

Last year, AFS explored attitudes about high school international study among students across the globe. The goal of this groundbreaking study, titled Mapping Generation Z, was to explore the motivations for and hindrances to international study, as well as the attitudes and perceptions of today's high school students (known as Generation Z) about studying abroad, experiencing new ideas, and immersing themselves in cultures drastically different from their own.

While affordability remains a significant hurdle to many students, the first-of-its-kind study found that cultural exploration is the prime reason students want to study abroad. AFS will continue to expand access to intercultural education through scholarships and other opportunities in years to come, to overcome this hurdle and allow even more students to experience intercultural understanding firsthand.

**For more information on the survey and its results,
please visit [afs.org/research](https://www.afs.org/research).**

1. The original AFS World War I ambulance, affectionately known as the "Hunk o' Tin," on display at the Franco-American Museum, Château de Blérancourt in June 2017.

2. AFS Returnees Guillaume Flagollet (France-Russia), Lucas Richard (France-Australia), Michèle Ruffat (France-USA), and Jean Marboeuf (France-Ghana), at the Château de Blérancourt in June 2017.



AFS WWII Ambulance Drivers Last Post



Frank S. Allor
(FR 4)

Frank Steven Allor passed away on March 8, 2016, at age 92. Allor volunteered with AFS between November 1944 and 1945. After the war he worked for Zenith Carburetor and TRW, Inc. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth, and son Gregory. He is survived by his children Mary Ann and Steven, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.



Howard R. Blair
(ME 37)

Howard Richardson Blair passed away on September 13, 2016, at age 91. Blair volunteered with AFS in Syria and Italy between 1943 and 1944. He later opened The Cottage Bookshop and taught in the College of Marin English Department for more than 25 years. He is survived by his wife, Sue, his former wife, Annie, four children and stepchildren, and five grandchildren.



Gilbert Collamore
(CM 41)

Gilbert Collamore passed away on December 28, 2015, at age 93. Collamore was 20 years old and a personnel clerk in Michigan when he volunteered as an ambulance driver for AFS in 1943. He took part in the Italian Campaign and returned home in June 1944. Collamore is survived by his wife, Margaret, three sons, and four grandchildren.



Robert W. Cooper
(IB 55)

Robert Wayne Cooper passed away on December 13, 2016, at age 90. Cooper volunteered with AFS in India between May and October 1945. After the war, he earned his BA and MA at Ball State Teachers College in Muncie, Indiana, and later taught for 35 years. He is survived by his wife, Martha, daughter, Mary, and grandson, Robert.



Richard Edwards
(ME 11, ME 16, FFC)

Richard Edwards passed away on March 25, 2016, at age 99. Edwards was the first American art historian to specialize in Chinese painting, a field of study inspired by his volunteer service with AFS and the British Friends Ambulance Unit during World War II. He was predeceased by his wife, Vee Tsung Ling, and is survived by three children and five grandchildren.



Rafael N. Gosovich
(IB 57)

Rafael Noel Gosovich passed away on September 19, 2013, three days before his 89th birthday. Gosovich volunteered with AFS between May and October 1945. After the war he worked for Bank of America, became a sales representative, and owned a carpet supply company. He was predeceased by his wife, Lois, and two sons and is survived by a son and two grandsons.



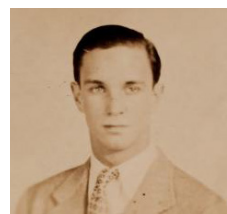
Dudley A. Hawley, Jr.
(IB 57)

Dudley Allen Hawley, Jr., passed away on May 16, 2017, at age 90. Hawley was 18 years old and a student at Williams College when he volunteered as an ambulance driver with AFS. He was sent overseas to India in May 1945 and was repatriated in October 1945. He is survived by his wife, Marias, two children, and two grandchildren.



Augustus L. Hemenway
(ME 36)

Augustus Lawrence Hemenway passed away on April 6, 2014, at age 91. Hemenway volunteered for AFS in Italy and Egypt between 1942 and 1944. After the war, he went to seminary and worked in parishes in San Francisco, England, and Providence, Rhode Island. He was survived by his wife, Edith, 8 children, 14 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.



Charles W. Henry, Jr.
(IB 54)

Charles Wolcott Henry, Jr., passed away on February 17, 2015, at age 88 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Henry was 18 years old when he volunteered as an ambulance driver with AFS in January 1945. He arrived in India in May and served until his repatriation in October 1945 due to the cessation of wartime hostilities.

In Memoriam



Richard C. Hobson
(ME 16, FFC)

Richard Curry Hobson passed away on October 28, 2011, at age 88. Hobson was 18 years old and a newspaper reporter at the Evanston Review in Illinois when he volunteered for AFS in March 1942. He arrived overseas in September 1942 and served as an ambulance driver until his enlistment with the British Army's Royal Air Force in July 1943.



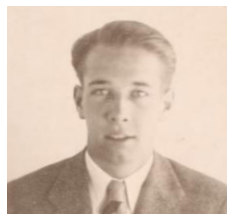
Walter W. Pollard III
(IB 57)

Walter Weird Pollard III passed away on February 3, 2017, at age 90. Pollard volunteered as an ambulance driver with AFS in India between June and October 1945. After the war, he worked as a stockbroker for more than 50 years and retired from Wells Fargo. He is survived by his wife, Hildegard, two children, and three grandchildren.



Charles L. Ritchie, Jr.
(ME 38, CM 90, IB 59-T)

Charles Lothrop Ritchie, Jr., passed away on January 18, 2015, at age 91. Ritchie volunteered with AFS in North Africa, Europe, and India between 1944 and 1945. After the war, he became an investment advisor. He was predeceased by his wife of 66 years, Mary Anne, and their daughter, and survived by two children, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.



Robert A. Sawhill
(IB 57)

Robert Arthur Sawhill passed away on May 29, 2017, at age 91. Sawhill was 19 years old and a student at Lehigh University when he volunteered for AFS in March 1945. He was sent to India until his repatriation in October 1945. Sawhill was predeceased by his wife of 61 years, Margaret, and is survived by 4 children and 15 grandchildren.



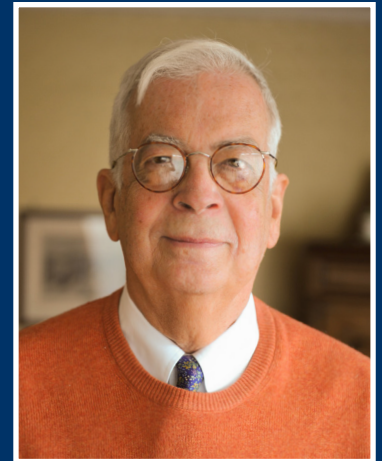
Romeyn Taylor
(CM 86, IB 59)

Romeyn Taylor passed away on June 4, 2017, at age 91. Taylor volunteered with AFS in Italy and India between July 1944 and September 1945. After the war, Taylor was a professor of Chinese history at the University of Minnesota for more than 30 years. He was predeceased by his wife, Irene, and is survived by five children and eight grandchildren.



Howard M. Wells, Jr.
(ME 37)

Howard Myers Wells, Jr., passed away on December 30, 2016, at age 93. Wells volunteered with AFS in the African Campaign in the Western Desert and in the Italian Campaign between 1943 and 1945. After the war, he worked as a social worker for United Way. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Elizabeth, three children, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.



Jürgen Blankenburg

Jürgen Blankenburg, honorary president of the AFS Foundation, passed away on August 31, 2017, at age 82. Jürgen was a lifelong AFSer who served our organization in multiple ways, always grounded in his belief in youth exchange and the power of young people. His AFS experience started in 1952, when he participated as an AFS exchange student in Alabama (USA). He was a key supporter of AFS Germany for more than 25 years, including as the founder of the German foundation AFS-Stiftung für Interkulturelle Begegnungen. He was an AFS trustee from 1993 to 2000, serving as chairman of the Finance Committee, and as a member of the Risk Management Committee until 2004. Among many other achievements, Jürgen will be remembered for initiating the creation of the AFS Foundation in 2004.

Outside of AFS, Jürgen worked for Thyssen Steel and later as an independent insurance broker. Philanthropist and trustee of several foundations, he was also an avid collector of art and an important supporter of cultural institutions in his city of Hamburg and beyond. In 2009 the Federal Republic of Germany bestowed on him the Federal Cross of Merit (Bundesverdienstkreuz).



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In these times of conflict and unrest, the world can seem unwelcoming and our differences insurmountable. The legacy of the AFS volunteers in World Wars I and II lives on, however, in our current AFS volunteers and supporters, who keep the spirit of service alive today.

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To further our mission of promoting a more just and peaceful world, our goals for 2018 are even bigger. We believe that intercultural skills can change the world—whether by promoting empathy, making it easier to communicate across languages and cultures, or building more diverse and competent workforces.

With your continued support, we will develop active global citizens, globalize schools and institutions, and expand access to intercultural education. Let's make the world a little more welcoming, together.

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