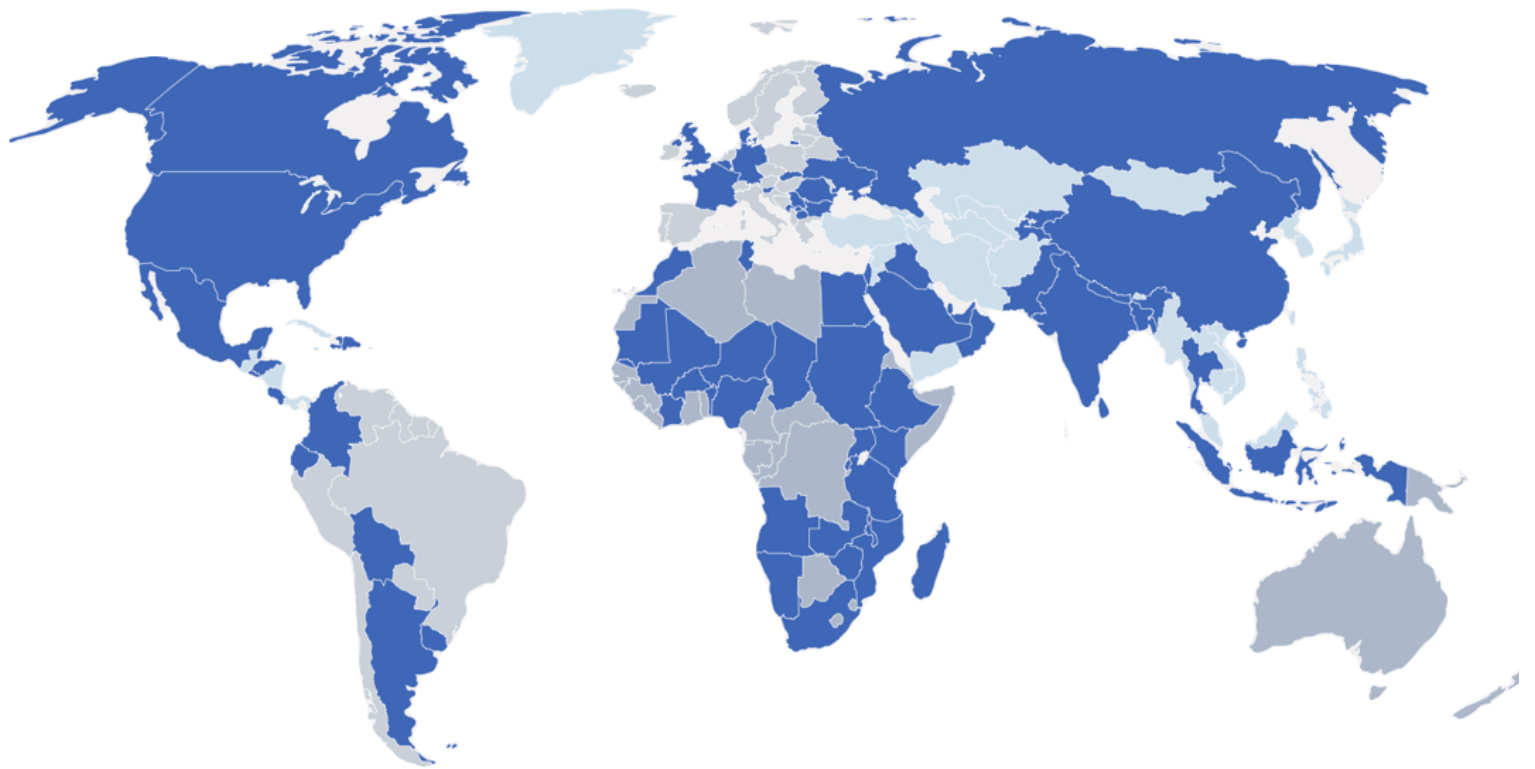


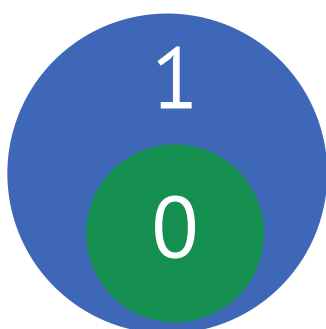
COLLEAGUES INTERNATIONAL

Bringing inspiring leaders from across the world to engage with all of Kalamazoo

2018 VISITOR COUNTRIES



WE ARE GROWING



Outbound exchanges



International visitors



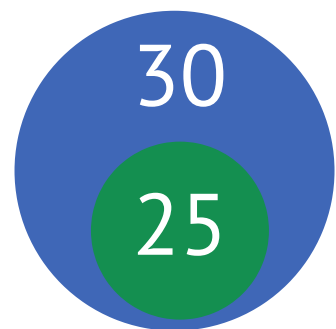
Countries



Hotel nights



Volunteers and professional hosts



Number of programs

● 2018

● 2017

Colleagues International works with grassroots citizen diplomats throughout West Michigan, enriching local community with global diversity, one relationship at a time



EXCHANGES CREATE CHANGE IN WEST MICHIGAN

A FEW THEMES EXPLORED IN 2018



Women in Entrepreneurship

Dynamic, creative women from across the world came to Kalamazoo to inspire and be inspired by local entrepreneurs and civic leaders.



Disinformation in Journalism

Journalists, bloggers and digital media managers from South and Central America shared best practices and challenges with their peers in West Michigan.



Government Accountability & Transparency

Leaders from both government and nonprofit sectors met with elected officials and watchdogs to examine ethics and civic engagement.




Youth Empowerment and Leadership

Teens, youth workers and policy makers engaged with amazing people in Kalamazoo working to lift up local youth, and with young people who are leading the way.

"The best place we visited. True American hospitality."

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"The people were more welcoming in Kalamazoo than in any other American city."