



September 3, 2008 - Council Identifies City's Emerging Leaders; Eighteen Selected to Participate in New Program



Chicago is one of the world's top global cities because its farsighted leaders understood how to transform it from an industrial powerhouse to an agile modern city deeply integrated in the international economy. A new generation is now rising to leadership, and The Chicago Council on Global Affairs, with the support of the McCormick Foundation, has established an Emerging Leaders Program to identify those who will make the decisions that will equip the city to compete and thrive in the global era.

Eighteen emerging leaders from the government, private, and nonprofit sectors were selected from a competitive pool of nominated candidates to participate in the inaugural year. The program is designed to deepen their engagement in and understanding of global affairs.

Each year, a selection committee will identify a new class of leaders to participate in the two-year program. During the first year, the Emerging Leaders will meet as a group in a series of seminars to examine timely issues such as the global economy, foreign policy, the environment and climate change, energy, and migration. In the second year, they will develop, produce, and present a report on a pressing global challenge that affects Chicago and the Midwest.