

# THE PEOPLE'S PITZER CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

TPP Newsletter 10/24/2022

## Weekly Spotlight: [Fall 2022 Civic Engagement Grant](#)



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## Upcoming Events

### Do No Harm: Witnessing War Crimes in Ukraine, Collecting the Evidence

Monday, October 24, 12:00pm

CMC Athenaeum

[Register here](#)

Based on her experience as an investigative journalist in Ukraine, Anna Romandash explores the role of information framing for understanding the Russian attack on Ukraine and other violent conflicts. With over 25,000 crimes currently under investigation in Ukraine, Romandash will highlight some of the challenges of researching, reporting, verifying real-time testimonials, and data management all while trying to tap international networks for world-wide coverage in real time. The role of social media as a facilitator and impediment will be highlighted alongside important ethical issues about the relationship between accountability and privacy.

Ms. Romandash's Athenaeum presentation is co-sponsored by the Mgrublian Center for Human Rights and the Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies, both at CMC.

### U.S. Department of Treasury's Office of International Affairs - Info Session

Monday, October 24, 5pm

Virtual event  
[Register here](#)

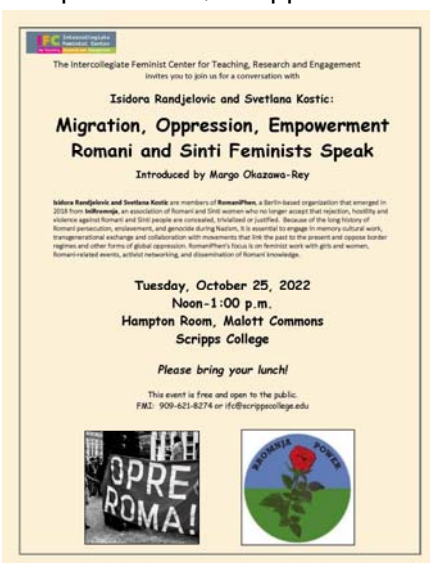


Pitzer Career Services was recently notified of an upcoming info session with the U.S. Department of Treasury's Office of International Affairs for their Junior Fellowship program. Once you register for this event on Handshake, you'll be required to register for their event through zoom. Also, view their job description through Handshake [here](#).

About: The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of International Affairs is now accepting applications for its 2023-2025 cohort of Junior Fellows. The Junior Fellowship program is a highly selective, fixed two-year program for new college graduates to work shaping international economic policy for the United States. To apply, email a cover letter, resume, and transcript(s) attesting to academic qualifications and career goals to [IAfellows@treasury.gov](mailto:IAfellows@treasury.gov) by October 30, 2022. Students from all academic backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

[Isidora Randjelovic and Svetlana Kostic: Migration, Oppression, Empowerment Romani and Sinti Feminists Speak](#)

Tuesday, October 25, 12pm  
Hampton Room, Scripps



The Intercollegiate Feminist Center for Teaching, Research and Engagement  
invites you to join us for a conversation with

**Isidora Randjelovic and Svetlana Kostic:**  
**Migration, Oppression, Empowerment  
Romani and Sinti Feminists Speak**  
Introduced by Margo Okazawa-Rey

Isidora Randjelovic and Svetlana Kostic are members of RomaniPhox, a Berlin-based organization that emerged in 2018 from *Bellegarda*, an association of Romani and Sinti women who no longer accept that rape, health and violence against Romani and Sinti people are concealed, trivialized or justified. Because of the long history of Romani persecution, enslavement, and genocide during history, it is essential to engage in memory cultural work, transgenerational exchange and collaboration with movements that link the past to the present and oppose border regimes and other forms of global oppression. RomaniPhox's focus is on feminist work with girls and women. Romani-related events, activist networking, and dissemination of Romani knowledge.

**Tuesday, October 25, 2022**  
**Noon-1:00 p.m.**  
**Hampton Room, Malott Commons**  
**Scripps College**

*Please bring your lunch!*

This event is free and open to the public.  
FNU: 959-621-8274 or [ifc@scrippscollege.edu](mailto:ifc@scrippscollege.edu)

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**The Republican Civil War: What Liz Cheney's Wyoming Tells us about the Past, Present, and Future of the American Right - Stephanie Muravchik and Jon Shields**

Tuesday, October 25, 5:30pm

CMC Athenaeum

[Register here](#)

Although MAGA conservatives endlessly faulted Liz Cheney for fighting Donald Trump instead of "woke" identity politics on the left, her primary defeat had everything to do with the triumph of an identity politics that is remaking the American right. Stephanie Muravchik and Jon Shields, both professors at CMC, have been traveling Cheney's home state of Wyoming in an effort to understand the right's new obsession with identity—and what it means for all of us.

**[Claremont City Council Meeting](#)**

Tuesday, October 25, 6:30pm

207 Harvard Ave.,

Claremont, CA

**First United Farm Workers Collegiate Support Group Info Session**

Tuesday, October 25, 6:30pm

Scripps Student Union

The United Farm Workers (UFW), United States' biggest and most enduring farmworker labor union, is establishing their first collegiate support groups at the Claremont Colleges! If you're interested in organizing with the UFW, fill out this [form](#).

At the info session is a longtime UFW supporter, Daniel Orellana-Rogers, who recently completed a 335-mile, 24-day march from Delano to Sacramento alongside farmworkers for Governor Newsom's signature on Assembly Bill 2183.

Thanks to Kenny Le for sharing this information.

**Race and the Political Economy of Criminal Justice Predation - Joe Soss**

Wednesday, October 26, 5:30pm

CMC Athenaeum

[Register here](#)

Joe Soss, the inaugural Cowles Chair for the Study of Public Service at the University of Minnesota, with faculty positions in the Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs, the departments of political science and of sociology, will explore how government and corporate actors systematically use criminal justice practices to strip resources from poor communities of color. Taking a historical view, Soss will discuss the fundamental roles that criminal justice predation has played in race-making and political and economic development in the U.S.

Professor Soss's Athenaeum presentation is part of the "Race Across Disciplines" series which explores how different academic disciplines approach research, insights, and findings around race and is supported by CMC's Presidential Initiative on Anti-Racism and the Black Experience in America.

[Mudd Talks: "From Chemistry to Climate Policy"](#)

Wednesday, October 26, 5:30pm

Virtual Event

California has invested more than any other state in developing regulations and tools to protect the climate and air quality experienced by its citizens. If you have every wondered "How does California increase renewables on the electricity grid while maintaining reliability?" or "How are we sure that cars meet the state's aggressive emission standards?" the answer is with significant contributions from passionate state workers! Come to learn about the many opportunities for scientists, engineers and mathematicians to perform technical work and develop policy for the state of California. Camille Sultana '10 will also share her thoughts on applying to state jobs, her experience on the California Air Resources Board and the impact of working on climate and air pollution topics for a national policy leader such as California.

[OLC: Rights to the City: Volunteering, Infrastructures and Citizen-making](#)

Thursday, October 27, 12:15pm

Oldenborg Center, Pomona

Join the Oldenborg Center, for a talk with Ka-mong Wu, Associate Professor in the Department of Cultural and Religious Studies at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. This talk examines a dimension of citizenship, which she calls infrastructural citizen making, in contemporary China. Wu discusses volunteering practices that grow out of mega-event-sponsored urban infrastructures in Beijing and Guangzhou. She explores what it means when infrastructural projects are understood as spaces for civic rights articulations. Wu examines how do we understand these "non-confrontational" volunteering with the rights to the city in a larger context of the infrastructural upgrade.

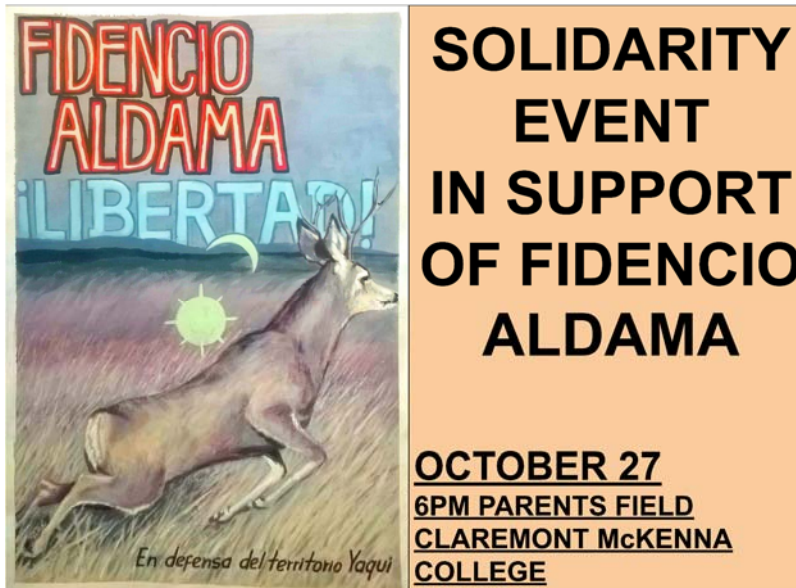
Ka-ming Wu is trained as a cultural anthropologist, she has taken up ethnographic research to examine the cultural politics of state and society, waste, and most recently, gender and nationalism in contemporary China. Her first book is *Reinventing Chinese Tradition: The Cultural Politics of Late Socialism* (UIP 2015). Her second book *Feiping Shenghuo: Lajichang De Jingji, Shequn Yu Kongjian* (CUHK 2016) (*Living with Waste: Economies, Communities and Spaces of Waste Collectors in China*) discusses the socio-cultural impacts of waste. Her academic papers have been published in many journals such as *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Modern China*, *Hau: Journal of Ethnographic Theories*, *The China Journal*, *Urban Geography*, and *China Perspectives*.

Meal swipe required for 5C students.

### Solidarity Event for Fidencio Aldama

Thursday, October 27, 6pm

Parents Field, CMC



On October 27, 2016, Fidencio was unjustly arrested and framed for murder after a violent, premeditated attack on his Yoeme community, Loma de BÁCum. This attack was orchestrated by Sempra Infrastructure because the community did not consent to a natural gas pipeline through their territory. Fidencio was targeted for his opposition to the pipeline and was sentenced to 15 ½ years in prison.

On Thursday, October 27, we are holding an event to recognize the 6th year Fidencio has been unjustly imprisoned, to raise mutual aid for him and his family, and to call for his freedom. We will be demanding justice by calling on Sempra to pay reparations for their colonial violence and calling on Claremont McKenna College to remove trustees Kravis and Roberts of KKR who are major investors in Sempra Infrastructure.

You may also donate to Fidencio's official support committee:

Venmo: fidenciolibre



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Paypal: @fidenciolibre

Thanks to [Malcolm McCann](#) for sharing this information.

### **Weak Strongman: The Limits of Power in Putin's Russia - Timothy Frye**

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CMC Athenaeum

[Register here](#)

Conventional wisdom treats Russian politics as either an extension of Vladimir Putin's worldview or Russia's unique history, but in *Weak Strongman*, Timothy Frye, the Marshall D. Shulman Professor of Post-Soviet Foreign Policy at Columbia University, emphasizes Russia's similarities to other autocracies and highlights the difficult trade-offs that confront the Kremlin on issues from election fraud and repression to propaganda and foreign policy. Balancing personal anecdotes from his 30 years of researching Russia and cutting-edge social science, *Weak Strongman* offers the best evidence available about how Russia actually works, why Russia invaded Ukraine, and what the future holds for US-Russian relations.

### **Celebrate the United Nations' 77th Birthday**

Thursday, October 27, 6:30pm

Louise Roberts Room, United Church of Christ

233 W. Harrison St., Claremont

Attend In-Person or on Zoom

[Register here](#)

Don't miss the live concert from Michael Ryan singing *Songs of Peace*, John A. Moore, author of definitive books on the UN, speaking on "Nourishing Peace", and a student presentation on the UN's work to end hunger and achieve food security.

One in ten of people worldwide are currently suffering from hunger. Optional donations to the UN's World Food Program may be made at the door or with cash, or check payable the UNA/Pomona Valley, 1015 N. Indian Hill Blvd., Claremont, CA 91711, or Venmo @UNA-PV. Contributions are tax deductible.

Sponsored by the United Nations Association of Pomona Valley

Co-sponsors: Blue Planet United, Rotary Club of Claremont, League of Women Voters of the Mt. Baldy Area, and UNA of The Claremont Colleges

Thanks to Robert Green for sharing this information.

### **The November Election, Public Opinion Polling, and California's Future - Mark Baldassare**

Friday, October 29, 12pm

CMC Athenaeum

[Register here](#)

Public Policy Institute of California president and survey director Mark Baldassare will review the partisan races and state propositions on the November ballot, present the results from recent statewide surveys, and discuss the policy issues that will shape California's future.

Mr. Baldassare's Athenaeum presentation is co-sponsored by the Rose Institute of State and Local Government at CMC.

### [American Dreams/Asian Nightmares](#)

Saturday, October 29, 3pm

Garrison Theater, Scripps



A sonic exploration of the Asian American experience, and its many beautiful contradictions.

This performance is a follow-up to the 2021 theatrical podcast Blood on Gold Mountain, which gained national recognition for its portrayal of the 1871 LA Chinatown Massacre.

American Dreams/Asian Nightmares engages with Anti-Asian violence and rhetoric from the inside out. The three-part program combines Asian and American music traditions, Data Sonification and Anti-Colonial performance art to break down barriers of Race and Nationality, and spark new dialogues about what it means and how it feels to be Asian-American.

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Civic engagement doesn't stop on Halloween! On this day in political history:

**1531:** Martin Luther posted on a church door in Wittenberg, Germany, his Ninety-five Theses, a manifesto that turned a protest about an indulgence scandal into the Protestant Reformation.

**1864:** Nevada became the 36th state of the United States.

**1917:** Indira Gandhi, the first female prime minister of India, was born.

**1968:** U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson ordered an end to American bombing in North Vietnam.

Information from [Britannica History](#).

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Tuesday, November 1, 5:30pm

CMC Athenaeum

In recent years, state legislatures in Georgia, Texas, Florida, and elsewhere have changed election law to strengthen voter identification requirements, limit mail elections and ballot collection, or tighten absentee ballot deadlines. Critics argue that these laws represent "Jim Crow 2.0," an attempt to suppress the votes of blacks and other racial minorities.

Supporters argue that they are

necessary to ensure secure elections and that they pose no unfair barriers to voters of any race. In a conversation facilitated by Zachary Courser, visiting assistant professor of government at CMC and director of the CMC's Policy Lab, John Fund of the National Review and Gowri Ramachandran of the Brennan Center, will share their perspectives on this nationally debated issue.

This event is co-sponsored by the Jerome H. Garris Dialogue Series at CMC with additional support from the Open Academy and the Presidential Initiative on Anti-Racism and the Black Experience in America, all at CMC.



### [Free at Last? Race, Sports, and the Evolution of Black Athletes - Jesse Washington](#)

Wednesday, November 2, 5:30pm

CMC Athenaeum

Jesse Washington, journalist and documentary filmmaker for ESPN's *Andscape* and co-author of the John Thompson autobiography *I CAME AS A SHADOW*, will examine the ongoing emancipation of Black players in college and pro sports and discuss the most recent developments in Black athlete and executive empowerment.

Mr. Washington's Athenaeum presentation is co-sponsored by the Gould Center for Humanistic Studies at CMC.



[Nelson Series: Biologist Ayana Elizabeth Johnson](#)

Wednesday, November 2, 5:45pm  
Shanahan Center, Harvey Mudd

The 2022-2023 Nelson series, "Climate Storytellers," will explore the power of storytelling to promote conversations about climate change and to inspire climate action. We know that the impacts of climate change are already bringing great harm to the most vulnerable in our societies. We are all beginning to

experience the effects of a warming planet in heat waves, fires, droughts, and extreme weather events. We know that the scientific consensus is clear: emissions from industrial activity are to blame. And yet political action to reduce emissions and to prepare for our future feels frustratingly slow. Publishing increasingly comprehensive scientific reports isn't working. Neither is language and imagery designed to induce fear and panic.

The speakers in this series are doing something different. Drawing on a range of experiences and expertise in the sciences, arts and the humanities, each of our speakers will share how they use storytelling as a powerful tool of climate communication. We will learn how different kinds of stories can reach different audiences, with the goal of inspiring climate justice and climate action.

[Monique Truong in Conversation](#)

Wednesday, November 2, 6pm  
Vita Nova 100, Scripps



Please join us for a conversation with Monique Truong and Scripps College Assistant Professor of English Leila Mansouri.

Monique Truong is the Vietnamese American author of the bestselling, award-winning novels *The Book of Salt*, *Bitter in the Mouth*, and *The Sweetest Fruits*. She is also a former refugee, essayist, avid eater, lyricist/librettist, and intellectual property attorney.

Leila Mansouri, assistant professor of English is a fiction writer, essayist, and scholar of American literature. She will be joining Monique in conversation.

This program will be presented in partnership with the Scripps College English Department and the Dean of Faculty.

[OLC: Tiananmen 1989: A Photographic Retrospective on a Movement that Inspired the World](#)

Thursday, November 3, 12:15pm  
Oldenborg Center

As a resident of Beijing and photographer, Ed Nachtrieb witnessed the dramatic sequence of events that began on April 15, 1989, and ended with People Liberation Army tanks rolling into Tiananmen Square on June 4. This presentation features images that show the progression of this protest movement, during which he will describe his first-person experiences.

Edward Nachtrieb was a photojournalist for Reuters News Pictures Asia and covered stories throughout the region. As Chief Photographer in China, he smuggled film out of Tibet, helped uncover previously unreported unrest in Xinjiang, and led a photo team that covered the pro-democracy movement from the first student protests to the bloody crackdown in Tiananmen Square. He is currently a DGA/PGA film and television director/producer in Los Angeles.

Meal swipe required for 5C students. 7C faculty and staff may sign in.

[Can Banks Earn the Trust of the Diverse Majority? - Alex Ehrlich](#)

Thursday, November 3, 5:30pm  
CMC Athenaeum

The majority of Americans are paid hourly wages and live paycheck to paycheck. Yet, argues Alex Ehrlich, CEO of startup financial services company Percapita Group, banks are built to thrive when they serve the minority of Americans who are high-margin customers. Low-income consumers and communities are often perceived by banks as dilutive of their return on capital. Can banks that consistently fail to look like the communities they serve earn and deserve the trust of those communities? Or is there a way out of the conflict between capitalism's profit imperative and the individual's need to hold, save, borrow, and spend money?



Mr. Ehrlich's Athenaeum presentation is co-sponsored by the Financial Economics Institute at CMC.

### [Public Service Career Meet-Up Fall 2022](#)

Friday, November, 11am

Virtual Event

Thinking about a career in public service but don't know where to start? Explore a range of programs through the Pitzer College virtual Public Service Career Meet Up (Fellowships, Internships, Research, and more...). These opportunities are designed to be short-term whether it's before graduate and professional school, working abroad, or getting additional job experience.

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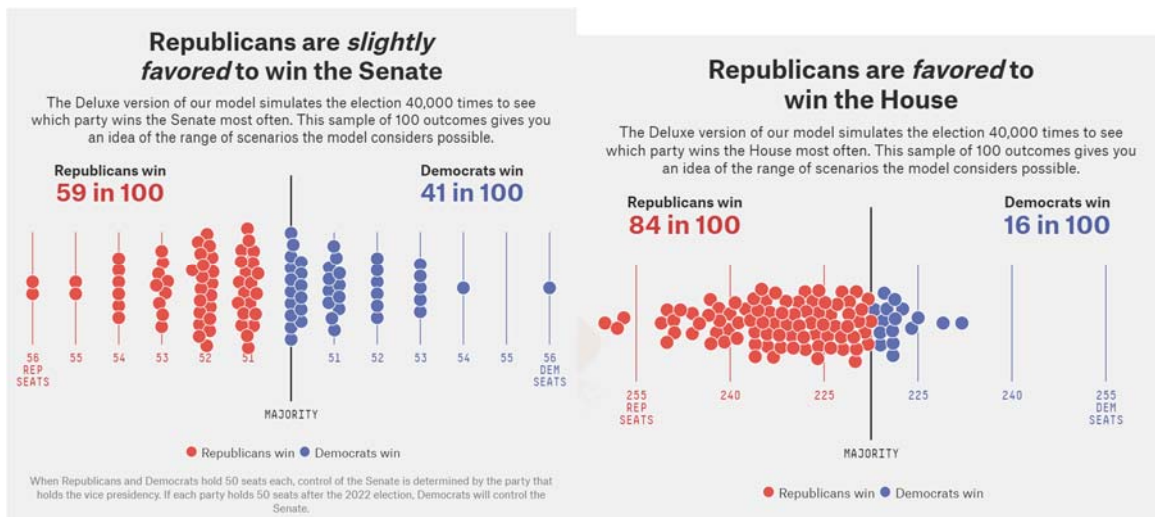
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TODAY IS ELECTION DAY!



Here's today's House and Senate forecasts from [FiveThirtyEight](https://www.fivethirtyeight.com). Another reminder for how important it is to **VOTE!!!**

If you haven't voted yet, there's still time! Voting Centers close **today at 8pm!** Mail-in ballots must be put in a mailbox or ballot drop box **today!**

As we close out election seasons, TPP would like to thank every member of our community who helped register and turn out voters. No matter (and maybe because of) what happens today, civic engagement is important and our community plays the most important role in fostering that value. Thank you!!!!!!!!!!

While voting ends today, we may not know the results for weeks - check out this [podcast](#) to learn more about the history of election outcomes and when we can expect to hear results.



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Wednesday, November 10, 2pm

Atherton Hall

Meet with Recruiter Neng Lee, who volunteered with the Peace Corps in Kyrgyzstan. He will discuss the program specifics such as the length of time, positions available, and timelines. As well as he will walk students through the application process.

Info Session: 11:00am-12:00pm

Application Workshop: 12:00-1:00pm

Note: The Application Workshop will be for Seniors who want to make the January 1, 2023 application deadline for departures in the Summer (Jul-Sep) of 2023, as well as First years-Juniors who want to see what the application process is like.

About: "As the preeminent international service organization of the United States, the Peace Corps sends Americans with a passion for service abroad to work with communities and create lasting change. Volunteers develop sustainable solutions to address challenges in education, health, economic development, agriculture, environment and youth development. Through their Peace Corps experience, Volunteers gain a unique cultural understanding and a life-long commitment to service that positions them to succeed in today's global economy. Since President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps in 1961, more than 240,000 Americans of all ages have served in 142 countries worldwide."

## [PBI Lecture Series: Curating Performative Space within Eleng Luluan's Indigenous Creative Sovereignty in Taiwan and Beyond](#)

Thursday, November 10, 8am

[Virtual event](#)

This talk will explore and examine how collaborative curatorial practices may facilitate new relations between Indigenous-to-Indigenous cultural exchange and collaboration by articulating the works of Taiwanese Indigenous Rukai Nation artist Eleng Luluan. This talk will examine Luluan's series of work, her dialogical trajectories of art production and her collaborative partnerships with a Bunun Nation independent curator that combines the performance and the exhibition as a springboard for questioning how non-colonial curatorial actions look, feel and sound.

## [Seeing Iraq in Ukraine - Peter Mansoor, in conversation with Evan Wollen](#)

Thursday, November 10, 5:30pm

CMC Athenaeum



On March 20, 2003, U.S. forces dropped precision-guided bombs over a complex believed to be hosting the Iraqi president, Saddam Hussein, and his senior staff. The following invasion and occupation by U.S. forces lasted until December 15, 2011. On February 24, 2022, Russian forces invaded Ukraine, sparking a war that is continuing today. What do these wars have in common, and what lessons from the Iraq War can be applied to Ukraine? Dr. Peter Mansoor, Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired), will join Evan Wollen (LTC, retired), in conversation about the intersections between the Iraq War and the war in Ukraine.

Colonel Mansoor's Athenaeum visit is supported by the CMC Chapter of the Alexander Hamilton Society, a national organization headquartered in Washington, DC, with a mission to launch students into the fields of foreign policy and national security. This event commemorates 2022 Veterans' Day in recognition of all retired and active service men and women.

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