



## United States Diplomacy Center

This month, we highlight our Founding Ambassador's Concourse [dedication](#), diplomacy stories about [pirates](#) and [World War II](#), and student-testing a new simulation on infectious diseases.

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### Honoring our Diplomats

On May 3rd, the United States Diplomacy Center museum was proud to host the American Foreign Service Association's reception celebrating Foreign Affairs Day and honoring the service of America's diplomats. Director Mary Kane spoke to the attendees about how the Diplomacy Center will tell the story of America's diplomats who have served their country in posts around the world.

[Read about the exhibit.](#)

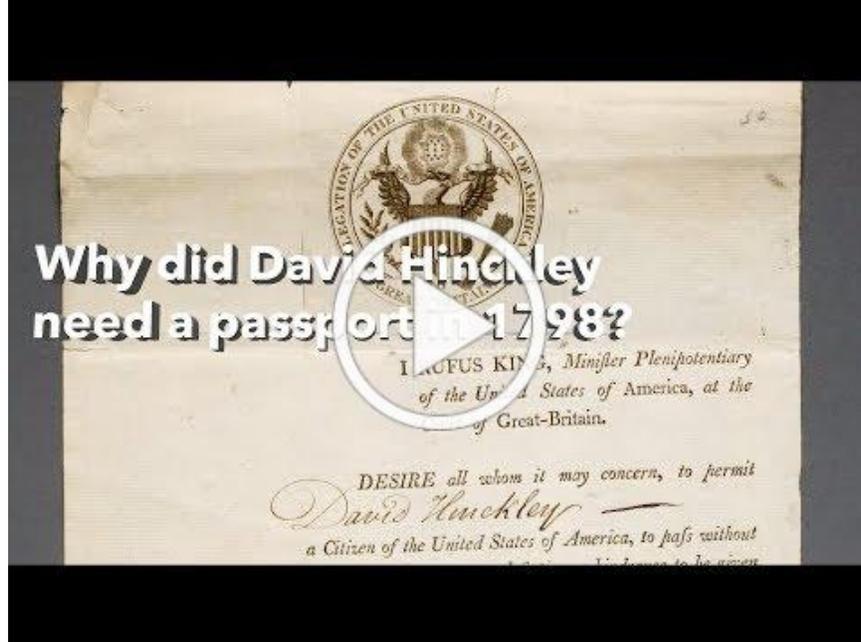


### Dedicating the Founding Ambassadors Concourse



On May 8th, the Diplomacy Center Foundation, the private sector fundraising partner for the United States Diplomacy Center museum, hosted a celebratory luncheon to dedicate the Founding Ambassadors Concourse. This special dedication honored the Founding Ambassadors, all individual donors who have received presidential appointments and donated \$100,000 or more to the creation of the museum, which is set to open in 2022. [Read more.](#)

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## Diplomacy History Spotlight: Pirates and Passports

Today passports are a requirement for international travel, but in 1798 that wasn't the case. The United States Diplomacy Center museum's Public Historian Dr. Alison Mann explains why a Bostonian merchant named David Hinckley had a passport in an era when he wasn't required to have one to abroad. [Read the full story.](#)

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## Collections Spotlight: Medal of Freedom



This medal was awarded to Foreign Service Officer James H. Keeley by President Johnson for his efforts in during World War II. James H. Keeley bravely served as Consul General at U.S. Consulate in Antwerp, Belgium from 1944-1945. [Read more.](#)

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**Students run test on new Ebola outbreak simulation**

The United States Diplomacy Center museum is delighted to partner with the Office of International Health and Biodefense in the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs to create a new diplomacy simulation focused on a diplomatic response to an outbreak of the Ebola virus disease. A Department of State intern, Mr. Jared Tucker, worked with infectious disease experts and conducted extensive online research to draft the simulation. Other interns stepped up to run a test of the simulation, which will be ready for publication in the fall. [Check out our other simulations.](#)

## Join Us!

*Please support the United States Diplomacy Center, the first museum and education center dedicated to telling the story of American Diplomacy!*

The support needed to make the vision of the United States Diplomacy Center a reality is based on a public-private partnership. The Department of State, representing the public sector, is providing the space, staff and security. The Diplomacy Center Foundation (DCF), a 501(c)(3) organization, is representing the private sector. DCF has raised \$50 million and is working to raise the other \$40 million needed to complete the project and set up the endowment necessary to maintain the collection.

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