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Founder's Award Gala

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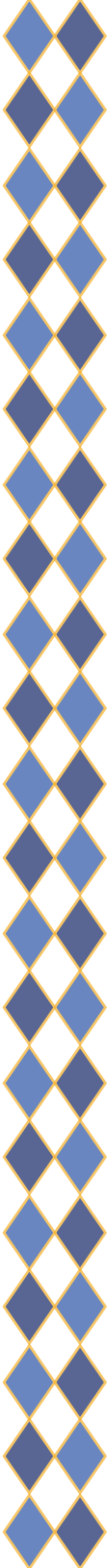
2025 Gala
March 15, 2025

Winter Park Racquet Club
Winter Park, Florida

The ESU Founder's Award
Bestowed on
Dr. Earl Quinn Peeper



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Vice-Chairman's Message

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2025 Founder's Award Gala!

I'm delighted that you've joined us for this special occasion to celebrate the English-Speaking Union's mission and recognize an extraordinary individual who has contributed so much to it – Dr. Quinn Peeper, our Chairman, past National President and one of the ESU's most dedicated champions.

Established in 1991, the ESU Founder's Award represents the highest honor bestowed by the English-Speaking Union in recognition of extraordinary contributions to Anglo-American relations, international friendship and the promotion of English as a tool for global communication and understanding. The Award's inaugural recipient was none other than Lady Margaret Thatcher, and in the more than three decades since, only eight other individuals have received this prestigious recognition.

Tonight, we proudly add Dr. Quinn Peeper's name to this distinguished legacy.

Dr. Peeper embodies the very spirit of the ESU. His rise from ESU member and Branch activist in New Orleans to National President and Chairman is a remarkable testament to his vision and unwavering commitment. Dr. Peeper's leadership and personal generosity have strengthened our educational programs, deepened our global connections and ensured that the ESU continues to thrive.

We are also honored to welcome Lady Caroline Emma Stanley, Countess of Derby, a dear friend of tonight's honoree, who joins us in celebrating his remarkable contributions. Among our distinguished guests tonight are also Dr. Laurence C. Morse, a generous philanthropist, ESU Luard Scholarship alumnus and recipient of the ESU 2020 Centennial Founder's Award; and Ms. Bolormaa Jamiyansuren, President of ESU Mongolia and Chairman of the International Council of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth.

I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you—our generous donors, international guests, and ESU members—who have joined us for this special occasion. Your presence is a powerful testament to the ESU's enduring purpose.

Enjoy the Gala!



Darryl McCormick

Vice Chairman, The English-Speaking Union Board of Directors

Welcome from Central Florida

The Central Florida Board is thrilled and proud to host the 2025 Founders' Award Gala in our beautiful little city of Winter Park. You will enjoy our spring weather and brilliant azalea blooms as you stroll along Park Avenue, popping in and out of unique boutiques and restaurants along one of the most famous shopping avenues in the world. You will see some of the breathtaking waterfront estates from the deck of a Scenic Boat Tour winding along the shores of our 12 interconnected Chain-of-Lakes. The docents at the Morse Museum at the north end of the Avenue will take you through the world's most comprehensive and amazing collection of Tiffany artwork in any museum in the world.

The crown jewel of the weekend's experiences, however will be the celebration in appreciation of our National Chairman, Dr. E. Quinn Peeper. An elegant Black Tie dinner will be held at the exquisite Winter Park Racquet Club on beautiful Lake Maitland, just a short ride from The Avenue.

Celebrate! sums up Quinn's approach to every aspect of his professional, charitable, and social life. He appreciates and celebrates the skills and unique talents of his colleagues in the medical community, the dedicated efforts of his fellow philanthropists and the diversity of his many friends around the globe.

A multi-talented man with both flair and serious purpose, Quinn exemplifies the model of lifelong learning to which we all aspire. We can just see him still delivering babies well into his dotage, while simultaneously redecorating and redesigning the Delivery Room!

Thank you, Dr. Quinn Peeper! We are grateful to celebrate you as our capable and joyful leader!



Jan McClure
President
ESU Central Florida Branch

Congratulations



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

I am sorry that I cannot be with you this evening in Florida, but I would like to extend my congratulations to you for being honoured with the English Speaking Union of the United States (ESUUS) Founders' Award. It is the highest honour that is given to a member of your organisation.

Dr. Peeper, your outstanding contributions to fostering the mission of the ESU and enhancing international connections through the English language is exemplary. When I visited the ESUUS in October 2022 in New York City, I enjoyed meeting the many beneficiaries from your outstanding programmes. During the English Speaking Union's Centennial Gala event, which had to be postponed twice due to COVID-19, I was impressed by your contribution on the piano.

Please have a wonderful event this evening and please extend my greetings to your many members who will be in attendance. I send my best wishes to you and the English Speaking Union of the United States as it moves forward into its second century.



Congratulations



Sheila DeCiccio

Mayor

March 15, 2025

Dear English-Speaking Union friends,

On behalf of the City of Winter Park, I welcome each of you to the City of Culture and Heritage. We are so very happy that you have chosen to hold your 2025 Founder's Award Gala here in Winter Park at several of our wonderful venues.

We love to welcome visitors and share with them all that our city has to offer. I would like to extend my congratulations to E-SU National Chairman, Dr. E. Quinn Peeper, as he is awarded the highest of accolades for his exceptional contributions to E-SU. The Founder's Award honors individuals who have made a lasting impact on your organization. Therefore, we celebrate with Dr. Peeper, and each of you who are in attendance at this gala.

As Winter Park is located within the area covered by the Central Florida Branch, I find it appropriate to use this opportunity to specifically acknowledge your efforts in regard to teacher scholarships, guest lectures, high school and middle school programs and your overall investment in our community. Thank you for your dedication to these efforts.

While you enjoy the exciting events that have been planned, I encourage you to also find some time to explore the many treasures that make Winter Park so special. From our state-of-the-art Library & Events Center, to our renowned shopping, dining and internationally acclaimed museums and galleries, there is truly something for everyone.

For more information about our city's many offerings, I invite you to access our official website at cityofwinterpark.org. I do hope you enjoy your time in Winter Park.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheila DeCiccio".

Sheila DeCiccio
Mayor, City of Winter Park



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Washington**

From the Ambassador

**Dame Karen Pierce DCMG
(Mrs C F Roxburgh)**

His Majesty's Ambassador
3100 Massachusetts Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20008

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Dr. Quinn Peeper
British Honorary Consul General in Louisiana

Dear Quinn,

I wanted to send my warmest congratulations to you on receiving the English-Speaking Union's (ESU) highest recognition, the Founder's Award. Your visionary leadership, advocacy and tireless work to strengthen Anglo-American relations as Chair of the US ESU is an inspiration.

Your service to the ESU exemplifies the vision of the organisation's founder, Sir Evelyn Wrench, and this award is an appropriate recognition of your commitment to international friendship and the promotion of English as a tool for global communication. Your work helping to bring together the community in New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina is particularly admirable as is your role in establishing the Andrew Romay New Immigrant Center and the educational services it provides.

Since being elected as Chair in 2021, you have continued to serve the ESU tirelessly, overseeing numerous celebrations and fundraising efforts; I was pleased to host the celebration for the 50th Anniversary of the Luard Morse Scholarship at the Ambassador's Residence in Washington DC in 2023. As you're probably aware, Margaret Thatcher was the first to receive this prize and it is fantastic to see her legacy in strengthening ties between the UK and the US live on.

We are also extremely grateful for all your work as the United Kingdom's Honorary Consul in Louisiana, assisting British citizens abroad and promoting relations between the U.S, and the UK.

Again, let me express my heartfelt congratulations on receiving this much-deserved award.

With all best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Pierce".

**Karen Pierce
British Ambassador to the United States**

The English-Speaking Union Founder's Award

Established in 1991, the Founder's Award honors individuals who exemplify the vision of Sir Evelyn Wrench, the ESU's founder. Recipients are recognized for their outstanding contributions to Anglo-American relations, international friendship, and the promotion of English as a tool for global communication.

Past Founder's Award Recipients

- 1991: The Right Honorable Margaret Thatcher LG OM FRS MP
- 1995: Hon. J. Sinclair Armstrong OBE
- 2009: William R. Miller CBE KSt.J.
- 2015: H.E. Dr. Paul Beresford-Hill CBE KSt.J and Hon. Edwina Sandys MBE
- 2017: Dr. Andrew Romay and Marie Dora "Doe" Thornburg OBE
- 2019: Robert P. Morse (posthumously)
- 2020: Dr. Laurence Morse, ESU Luard alumnus

These esteemed individuals represent a diverse range of backgrounds and accomplishments, all united in their commitment to international understanding and cooperation.

The Founder's Award: Supporting the ESU's Mission and Growth

The Founder's Award Gala drives ESU's capacity building through philanthropy. It empowers our network to expand programs, enhance mentorship, and launch initiatives. In this way, we foster lifelong learning and connection, fueling individual, branch and organizational growth. Through our collective effort, we can continue to open doors of opportunity for individuals eager to learn and connect through the power of the English language.

The 2025 Founder's Award - Announcing the ESU Capacity Building Campaign

The ESU Capacity-Building Campaign launched at the 2025 Founder's Award Gala will support the financial strength of the English-Speaking Union of the United States. Sustaining this 105-year-old nonprofit organization requires an expanded endowment, and increased funding to continue the provision of international and cultural education, scholarships for students and teachers, and language and job preparedness programs for new arrivals to the United States. The Campaign will also bring new resources to support a strong Branch system for local, regional, and national impact. The Campaign's goals, naming



Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal and Dr. E Quinn Peeper

opportunities, and case for support are being developed in collaboration with the English-Speaking Union's stakeholders through a campaign feasibility study. This significant fundraising effort will coincide with the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the historic National Headquarters building in 2026.

2025 Honoree: *Dr. Earl Quinn Peeper*

Dr. Earl Quinn Peeper is a Board Certified Physician of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the New Orleans Touro Infirmary, Fellow of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and His Britannic Majesty's Honorary Consul to New Orleans.



Since joining the New Orleans Branch in 1994, Dr. Peeper's dedication to the ESU is exemplified by his rise from Local Board Member to New Orleans Branch President, and ultimately to his roles as National Board Member, President and National Chair. He is the first Founder's Award recipient to have risen through the ranks of the ESU Branch system and his steadfast commitment to advancing the ESU's mission at local and national levels while cultivating international understanding and goodwill make him an exemplary choice for this honor.

As President of the ESU New Orleans Branch, Dr. Peeper significantly enhanced the Branch's international, national, educational, and cultural exchange programs with Great Britain. In 1999, he founded the first Shakespeare Competition in New Orleans, affiliating it with the Tulane Shakespeare Festival. His love for British culture also led him to organize the first New Orleans ESU Patron Tour in 2000, which became a beloved annual event, along with the Shakespeare Competition, lecture series, and the Queen's Birthday Jazz Brunch.



Dr. Peeper's leadership was crucial during the challenging aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. He sought help from the ESU Memphis Branch, which graciously welcomed displaced New Orleanians.

Once the city reopened, Dr. Peeper organized several initiatives to rebuild the community, including an English-in-Action program for Vietnamese immigrants in New Orleans East and a successful fundraising weekend symposium on British Historic Homes and Gardens.

King Charles III Coronation event

In 2008, just three years after Katrina, he brought the ESU Annual General Meeting to New Orleans to support local recovery efforts and strengthen the bonds between the local community and ESU members nationwide.



In 2008, Dr. Peeper joined the National ESU Board of Directors, where he served on numerous committees and co-founded the ESU Legacy Society, which supports estate planning for the organization. His contributions to the ESU's immigrant services were also significant, leading to the establishment of the Andrew Romay New Immigrant Center. In 2014, Dr. Peeper was elected President of National ESU, where he led a successful fundraising campaign and organized events such as the centenary gala in New Orleans.

In 2021, he was elected Chairman of the ESU, overseeing memorable celebrations, including the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the 2022 Gala in the presence of The Princess Royal, Princess Anne. His role as Honorary Consul to New Orleans has



further strengthened his contributions, including securing the British Embassy for the 50th Anniversary of the Luard Morse Scholarship. After 30 years of commitment to the ESU, he is also honored to be listed as one of its current top three individual benefactors.

Ambassador Karen Pierce, Karen Karpowich, and Dr. E. Quinn Peeper

Special Guests

Dr. Lawrence C. Morse

Co-founder and Managing Partner,
Fairview Capital Partners
ESU 2020 Centennial
Founder's Award Honoree
ESU Luard Scholarship
Recipient 1971-1972
London School of Economics



Dr. Morse is Co-founder of Fairview. Prior to co-founding Fairview, Dr. Morse held positions with TSG Ventures, Equico Capital Corporation and UNC Ventures. Dr. Morse serves on a number of advisory boards of venture capital partnerships including U.S. Venture Partners (USVP), Battery Ventures, Sierra Ventures and Trinity Ventures. He is a member of the board of directors of Webster Financial Corporation (NYSE: WBS), and a member of the board of trustees of Harris Associates Investment Trust (The Oakmark Mutual Funds). He is currently Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Howard University.

Dr. Morse graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Howard University, having spent his junior year at The London School of Economics and Political Science as an ESU Luard Scholar. He earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Princeton University and has been a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard University.

Dr. Morse has been a generous ESU benefactor and champion. From 2003 to 2009 he served on the ESU National Board of Directors. In 2009, on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Luard Scholarship Program he led a drive to strengthen the program's endowment, himself making a major gift. In gratitude for his generous support of the ESU Luard Scholarship Program, by a resolution of the ESU Board of Directors in September 2012, it was renamed the ESU Luard Morse Scholarship Program. In 2020 Dr. Morse was honored with the ESU Centennial Founder's Award.



Lady Caroline Emma Stanley, Countess of Derby



We are honored to welcome Lady Caroline Emma Stanley, Countess of Derby, as a special guest at the 2025 ESU Founder's Award Gala. A lifelong patron of the arts and heritage preservation, Lady Derby is a dear friend of our honoree, Dr. Quinn Peeper, and joins us in celebrating his remarkable contributions to the ESU.

Born into a distinguished British family as the daughter of the 10th Baron Braybrooke, Lady Derby holds

dual honors in History and History of Art from the University of London. Her expertise led her to serve for nearly a decade as Exhibition's Assistant to the Surveyor of The Queen's Pictures at the Royal Collection, working closely with one of the world's most prestigious art collections.

In 1995, she married Edward Stanley, 19th Earl of Derby, and dedicated herself to the restoration of Knowsley Hall, the Stanley family's ancestral estate. Today, Knowsley Hall is an architectural and cultural treasure, known for its extraordinary art collection and historical significance.

Bolormaa Jamiyansuren

Chairperson, ESU Mongolia
Chairperson, ESU International Council

Professor Bolormaa Jamiyansuren, a prominent leader with twenty-two years at ESU Mongolia, has been elected Chairperson of the ESU International Council. Her journey began as a National Public Speaking Contest (IPSC) winner in Mongolia, leading to her presentation at the IPSC in London. She later became the country's first national coach for public speakers. Her extensive leadership includes serving as a Board Member and Chairperson at ESU Mongolia. Outside ESU, she is an economics professor and leads the Mergers & Acquisitions team at a major commercial bank, seamlessly merging academic and corporate expertise.



Program

Program Opening

Toasts to the Office of the President of the United States of America & His Majesty The King

Dr. E. Quinn Peeper

Chairman, English-Speaking Union

Welcome and Celebration

Ms. Karen Karpowich, President & Executive Director,
English-Speaking Union

Ms. Jan McClure, President, ESU Central Florida Branch

Reading of the letter from the Mayor of Winter Park, Florida

Greetings from the International ESU Community

Ms. Bolormaa (Bella) Jamiyansuren,

Chairperson of the ESU International Council

Special Guest Remarks

Lady Caroline Emma Stanley, Countess of Derby

A Glimpse into Knowsley Hall

Video Presentation

Dinner

The ESU 2025 Founder's Award

Welcome

Ms. Karen Karpowich

A Tribute to Dr. Quinn Peeper

Reading of congratulatory letters from
HRH The Princess Royal and

Her Excellency Dame Karen Pierce,
former UK Ambassador to the United States

Ms. Karen Karpowich

Video Presentation

The ESU 2025 Founder's Award

Presentation

Dr. Laurence C. Morse, ESU 2020 Centennial Founder's Award
Honoree

Acceptance

Dr. Quinn Peeper

Closing Remarks

Ms. Karen Karpowich

Dr. E. Quinn Peeper,

With admiration and appreciation, we celebrate you as the ESU 2025 Founder's Award Honoree. Your leadership, generosity, and unwavering dedication have made a lasting impact on the ESU community and its mission.

It is an honor to work alongside you. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!

With our deepest gratitude,

Karen Karpowich
Geraldo Arvelo
Anastasiia Biriukova
Grace Darling
Anthony DiFilippo
Karl Hart
Matthew Hudson
Rossana Ivanova

Maryellen Liotta
Radhika Patel
DeAndre Short
Alice Uhl
Deborah Unger
Rona Weitz
Noel Williamson



ESU Staff

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To All Those In Attendance at this Gala hosted
By the English-Speaking Union of the United States.

In Recognition and Appreciation

Of his Leadership and Inspiration to many,

❧ *Dr. Earl Quinn Peeper* ❧

Has served with,

Distinction and Excellence In support of
The ESU's Mission of Unity and Harmony through its,
Cultural Programs and Educational Commitment.

While elegantly maintaining the Social Graces,

Of Kindness, Generosity of Spirit and

Life Affirming Humor.

He continues to make the World a Better Place.

For over four decades, these characteristics

Have helped to transform,

The English-Speaking Union of the Unites States

In more ways than we can imagine.

Therefore, On This Day of

March 15, 2025, it is affirmed that, We Celebrate

Our Extraordinary Friend and Colleague as,

A Man for All Seasons!

Karen and Ian Calderon 03.15.25

Congratulations on Receiving the
ESU Founder's Award,
Dear Quinn!
Warmest Best Wishes

Natalie Pray MBE



We extend our heartiest congratulations to our friend Dr. E. Quinn Peeper on his receipt of the prestigious ESU Founder's Award. His myriad accomplishments stem from his love for the English language and the many opportunities it offers, and for British culture.

In gratitude for how ESU has nurtured him over the years, Dr. Peeper has devoted a tremendous amount of "time and treasure" into helping create a variety of experiences for students, teachers, immigrants and lovers of the English language at many different levels. Because of Quinn, we have experienced National Patron tours that we never would have been able to do on our own. We have formed friendships with interesting people whom we otherwise would not have met.

ESU is extremely fortunate to have someone like Quinn who works so hard to advance the ESU mission - expanding minds, strengthening friendships, unlocking opportunities.

Congratulations on your award, Dr. Peeper - you truly are a "National Treasure!"

Loveday Conquest and Fred Kleinschmidt,
ESU Seattle Branch



Honoring
Dr. E. Quinn Peeper

Your leadership and contribution to the English Speaking Union has made a lasting and meaningful impact. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition.

Thank you to
The English-Speaking Union of the United States
for our 25 year partnership.

We have been honored to steward the ESU's endowment and to help provide financial security to carry forward your mission.

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Sarah C. Morse

Robert B. Morse

Parker M. Morse

Sarah S. Morse



The English-Speaking Union
of the United States

2025 Founder's Award Honors

Dr. E. Quinn Peeper

*"For his Visionary Leadership and
Strengthening Global Bonds"*

March 15, 2025,
Winter Park, Florida

Dr. Peeper stands as a remarkable role
model for students, teachers, English-
language learners, and ESU members
at local and national levels.

Congratulations, Dr. Peeper, on
receiving this well-deserved
Founder's Award.

Dr. Julia Churchill Van de Water

ESU National Board Member
ESU Lexington, Virginia
Branch President



Sunset Cruise at the 2022 AGM
in Charleston, SC

Congratulations, Quinn, on your well-deserved honor!

You truly embody the spirit of the mission of the
English Speaking Union through your tireless efforts
and selfless devotion.

It is a pleasure to be part of your team.

Darryl McCormick

Congratulations to Dr. E. Quinn Peeper for your longstanding unwavering commitment to further the mission of the English Speaking Union.

With your visionary leadership over many years, the educational and cultural programs of the English Speaking Union have grown and flourished.

The ESU Founder's Award is a fitting recognition of your integrity, ingenuity, and always good humor as a leader. You bring out the best in people and you are an example to us all.

Mary Lee and Martin O'Hara

All of us at The English-Speaking Union are in your debt for your determination, courage and hard work as Chairman of the Board.

You have voluntarily faced difficult decisions, endless travel, and countless hours in correspondence and on the phone, while still maintaining a medical practice.

You are an inspiration to all of us.
We can never say "thank you" enough!

Sincerely,

Robin Sinclair



"...And a Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square"

Out of this popular WWII romantic ballad, set in London's iconic Berkeley Square, comes the sweet, melodic song of a nightingale, a harbinger of spring, of hope, and of new beginnings.

And who better personifies the ideal of new beginnings that have led to innumerable successes within the English-Speaking Union, than National Chairman, Dr. E. Quinn Peeper, a true lover of all things Anglophile!

So with verve and flair, Quinn's talents, on and off the keyboard, set the tone and the tempo of ESU contributions to its many good works and its noble mission.

Congratulations, Quinn, on 31 years of vision and leadership benefitting us all!

Paul T. Boghosian, President, ESU Boston Branch



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Congratulations from the Denver Branch of the English-Speaking Union to Dr. E. Quinn Peeper on this prestigious and well-deserved award!

ESU Denver Branch

Congratulations to Dr. Quinn Peeper!

Dear Friend
Fellow Musician
Exacting Gourmet
Shared Traveler
Endless Laughter
Unforgettable!

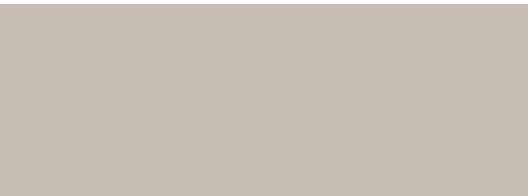
Bettie McGowin Miller


Congratulations to Natalie Pray
and Quinn Peeper
and best wishes to the ESU
for future endeavors.

Barbara and Jim Stark

Congratulations on your
well-deserved honor!

Mark Lawhorn





Congratulations and Thank You
to

Dr. E. Quinn Peeper

for His extraordinary leadership

in

Expanding minds

Strengthening friendships

and

Unlocking opportunities

*Dr. Laurence C. Morse and
Mrs. Pamela D. McKoin*

Congratulations to Dr. Quinn Peeper on receiving the
ESU Founder's Award.

The Kentucky Branch members and Board of Directors
wish to thank Quinn for all of his support through the years.

We wish you many years of continued success.

ESU Kentucky Branch

Upcoming events

ESU 2025 National Shakespeare Competition

April 26 – April 28, 2025

Various locations

NSC Branch Champions from across the country will gather in New York City for an unforgettable weekend of inspiration, learning, and performance:

- A welcome brunch to kick off the weekend
- An exciting NYC sightseeing tour
- Acting workshops with industry professionals
- A top Broadway show

The weekend will culminate with

Final Competition

Monday, April 28, 2025

The Stanley H. Kaplan Penthouse

Samuel B. & David Rose Building

165 West 65th Street, 10th Floor

Lincoln Center, New York City

Information: Maryellen Liotta, mliotta@esuus.org, 212-818-1200 ext 246

2025 ARNIC Graduation

June 12, 2025

June 12, 2025

5:00 – 7:00 PM

ESU House, 144 E 39th Street, New York City

The ESU will celebrate the achievements of its 2025 immigrant graduating class. 140 immigrants from 60 countries will be recognized for their determination, dedication and success in completing our year-long educational programs.

Our graduation ceremony takes place during Immigrant Heritage Month. Every June across the nation we recognize the diversity and collective contributions of immigrants to the United States. Highlights of the event will include stories of immigrant journeys, students reading original published writings and alumni showcasing the impact of the ESU programs.

The Andrew Romay Immigrant Center (ARNIC) is a free program that facilitates the integration of immigrants into U.S. life. The center offers hope and opportunity for newcomers to this country. ARNIC helps immigrants to gain the skills and resources they need to thrive in the U.S., overcome barriers and build successful lives. More than 3,000 immigrants have benefitted from our programs since the center opened its doors more than 10 years ago.

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With Author and Lecturer Flora Fraser

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For more information about the tour contact

Rossana Ivanova at

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About the English-Speaking Union



Founded in 1920, the English-Speaking Union (ESU) of the United States is dedicated to fostering cross-cultural understanding, advancing unity and promoting individual achievement through the power of the English language. With over 3,000 members across 64 branches in the United States, the ESU provides a range of educational, cultural, mentoring, and workforce development programs that enhance the lives of immigrants, students, educators, and English language learners.

Each year, the [ANDREW ROMAY IMMIGRANT CENTER \(ARNIC\)](#), empowers more than 350 newly arrived immigrants to build new lives in the U.S. by providing them with the language skills, knowledge, and resources they need to succeed. We encourage them to leverage their strengths, resilience, and prior education and experience to seize opportunities and thrive in their communities.

[ENGLISH IN ACTION](#) matches learners of English with volunteer tutors for one-to-one weekly conversation practice. Volunteers help students improve English proficiency, build confidence and provide newcomers with a window into U.S. life and culture. A hallmark of the program is comprehensive training and support for volunteers, emphasizing best practices in cross-cultural learning.

The [EVELYN WRENCH SPEAKER PROGRAM](#) connects renowned experts in a range of fields with our Branches across the country, during which they give lectures regarding their research, work, or authored books. Past Wrench Speakers have been acclaimed historians, politicians, and authors.

The merit-based [LUARD MORSE SCHOLARSHIP](#) provides students of exceptional ability from Historically Black Colleges and Universities with the opportunity to study for a semester at a British university of their choice. Since 1969, 89 scholars have benefited from this transformative experience, broadening their horizons and gaining invaluable academic and cultural enrichment to support their future success.

In partnership with Claremont McKenna College, the [MIDDLE SCHOOL DEBATE PROGRAM](#) equips students in grades 5-8 with critical thinking, public speaking, and argumentation skills through structured debate. By engaging in thoughtful discourse, students learn to analyze complex issues, express their ideas confidently, and build a foundation for lifelong learning and civic engagement.

With a rich history of more than 40 years, the [ESU NATIONAL SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION](#) engages high school students in reading, analyzing, performing, and reciting Shakespearean monologues and sonnets in three qualifying stages: school, ESU Branch, and national. More than 400,000 students have benefited from this rigorous competition and the insight from a celebrity panel of judges.

The merit-based [SECONDARY SCHOOL EXCHANGE](#) offers high school graduates the opportunity to spend a semester or year (gap year) in the UK and U.S. with full tuition, room, and board provided. This immersive experience broadens their horizons, fosters independence, and equips them with the skills and global perspective to thrive in college and their future careers.

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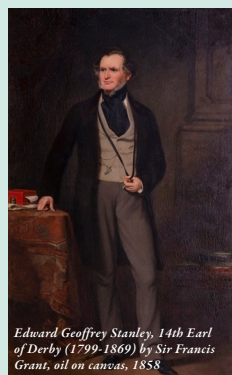
The American Journal of Edward Geoffrey Stanley, later Prime Minister and 14th Earl of Derby

“We might even in time perhaps have a black President”

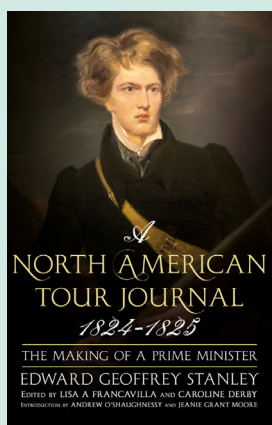
In July 1824, Edward Geoffrey Stanley arrived in New York City at the end of a nearly five-week voyage from Liverpool. The young MP and future 14th earl of Derby was under a cloud before his departure. His political career was off to a rough start and he was in love with a young lady that he was forbidden to marry. A lengthy tour, or as Stanley termed it, a “banishment,” had been imposed upon him.

From July 1824 into March 1825, Stanley travelled extensively throughout the eastern half of North America. He crossed mountains and lakes, journeyed up and down rivers, and trekked through pine barrens, swamps, and marshes. He travelled by stage, steamboat, canoe, horseback and sometimes on foot, studying every aspect of the towns and countryside he passed through. Stanley was sometimes surprised, and sometimes shocked, by what he saw.

Complicated interactions between the Catholic French and their Protestant British neighbours in Canada, the horrifying lives of those enslaved in the U.S. South, the poverty of Irish immigrants in the north, the degradation of Native Americans everywhere: all of these left deep impressions on Stanley. Everything he learned during this journey shaped his future career as a political reformer and distinguished statesman.

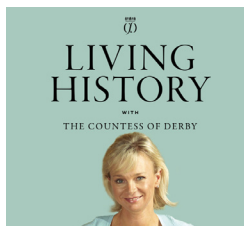


Edward Geoffrey Stanley, 14th Earl of Derby (1799-1869) by Sir Francis Grant, oil on canvas, 1858



The Hon. Edward Stanley by Sir George Hayter

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Caroline Derby is a historian, curator and visual storyteller. Born a Neville, she married a Stanley and grew up on the Audley End Estate before studying History and History of Art at London University and then working for nearly a decade in all the royal palaces as Exhibitions Assistant to the Surveyor of The Queen’s Paintings of the Royal Collection. She married the 19th Earl of Derby in 1995 and they have 3 children. She is convinced that education and knowledge of history have the power to change lives.

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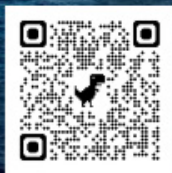


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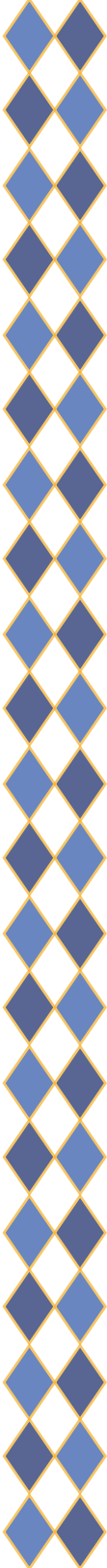
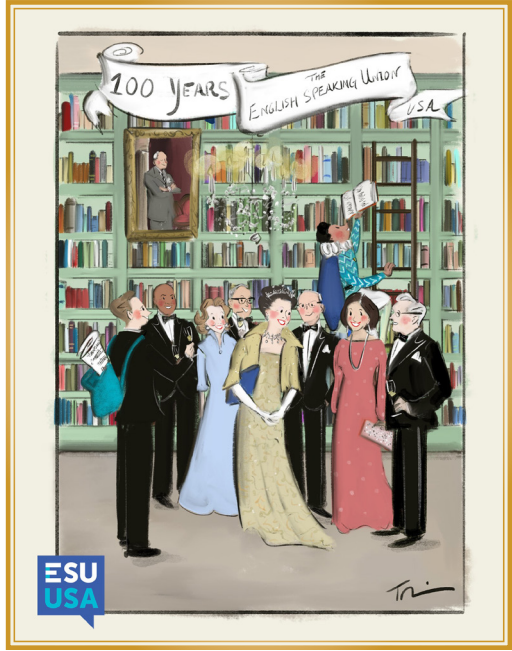
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