

◆ *"My participation in the 'Promoting Tolerance' program reinforced my belief in the power of democracy and tolerance as a motor force for prosperity of every individual citizen and, hence, of entire nations."*

Solomon Passy

Bulgaria, 1995 Graduate

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria (2001-2005)

Former Member of the Bulgarian Parliament

◆ *"For the participants coming from post-Communist and post-war countries, this program succeeded in adding precious ideas to my mind and soul. The cooperation of the AJC and FNF was inspiring. This teamwork provided a model for promoting the values of tolerance, an example which is necessary to develop in Europe in this post-war era."*

Edita Tahiri

Kosovo, 2003 Graduate

Minister of Public Administration of Kosovo

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kosovo, (1991-2000)

◆ *"Tying people together by common values and a common language is an excellent basis for successful nation-building. Certainly the most emotionally impressive experience for me was our visit to the Holocaust Museum in Washington. Estonia has been one of the theatres of the two most terrible genocides in modern history. My obligation as a leading politician is to make sure that this will never happen again."*

Kristiina Ojuland

Estonia, 1996 Graduate

Member of the European Parliament

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Estonia (2002-2005)

◆ *"A good example of the diversity of the United States: very interesting and stimulating discussion."*

Wojciech Borodziej-Smoliński

Poland, 2007 Graduate

Co-ordinator of the Eastern Programme,

Centre for International Relations

◆ *"The program gave not only clear visions what, how and why people should tolerate each other, but also how valuable is cooperation, partnership and simple contacts among the ordinary people; opening borders and all political and other artificial barriers for peaceful relationship."*

Gia Jandieri

Georgia, 2008 Graduate

Vice-president of the New Economic School – Georgia

◆ *"This experience brought a level of self-awareness that I never dreamed of. It provided me with a raw model on what relationships should be between the state and its citizens on the one hand, and between community members on the other."*

Adina-Ioana Vălean

Romania, 2000 Graduate

Member of the European Parliament

Former Member of the Romanian Parliament

◆ *"There were exchanges of views and opinions on the current situation in the U.S., the world as a whole, the perception of Russia and somehow helped to break several stereotypes."*

Dr. Galina Khartulari

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