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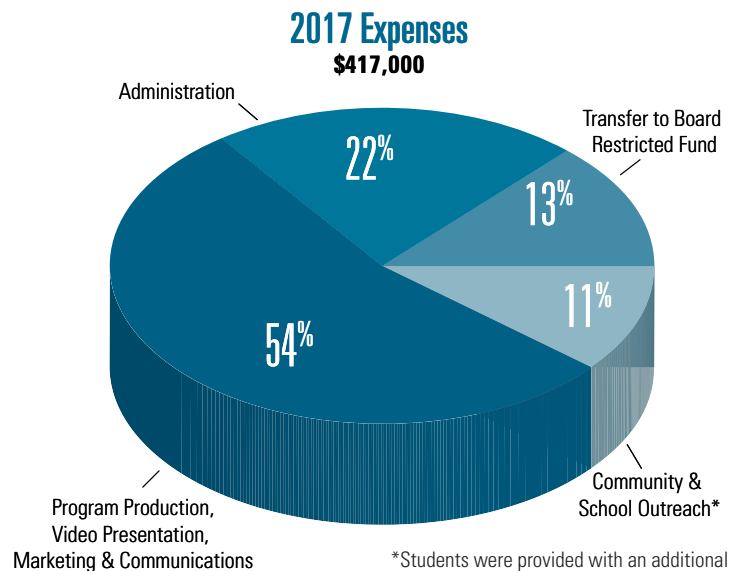
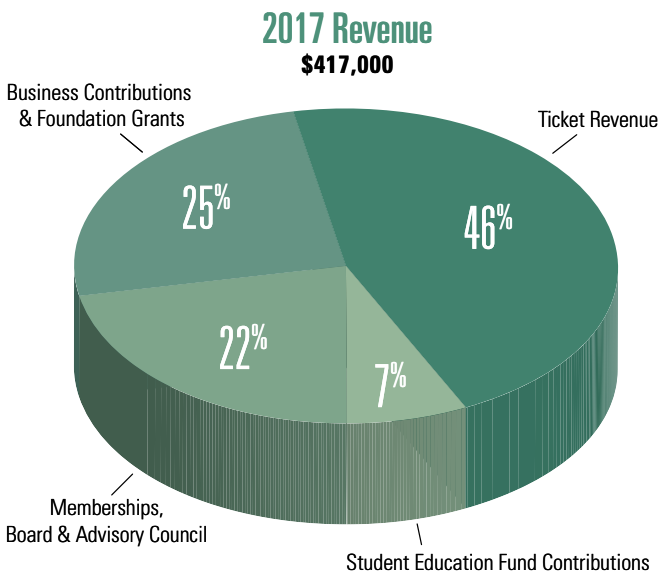
The Camden Conference is a renowned global citizens forum and the largest of its kind in the U.S. Now in its 31st year, the Conference offers an opportunity to learn from and engage with leading experts on issues that affect our lives and our world.

The Conference has earned a reputation for outstanding quality and timely topics. The growth of the Conference has been exponential. China, Russia, Europe, Japan, Africa, Southeast Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East all have had their moments in the spotlight—as have other topics covering the environment, globalization, food and water, energy, and the refugee crisis.

The Conference attracts a wide variety of top level speakers. The impressive roster of former speakers includes dozens of the best and brightest minds from every continent but Antarctica—focusing on some of the most significant regional and global issues of our time.

We have created a Camden Conference community. More than a thousand people attend the February Conference held at the Camden Opera House and streamed live in HD to the Strand Theatre in Rockland, Hutchinson Center in Belfast and University of Southern Maine in Portland. Many of our attendees return year after year.

Our outreach in Maine is extensive. In addition to the annual Conference, we offer nearly one hundred free Community Events each year in partnership with local libraries, adult education programs and cultural organizations. Dozens of professionals from Maine with expertise related to the annual Conference topic share their knowledge with audiences throughout the state.



The Camden Conference is a non-profit, non-partisan, volunteer-driven organization committed to its mission to foster informed discourse on world issues.

The Conference is committed to students and teachers. An important part of our mission is to help prepare the Maine students of today to be the global citizens of tomorrow. 20% of our total number of attendees are high school and college students, most of whom are enrolled in for-credit classes designed around the annual Conference topic. Our Student Education Fund subsidizes student attendance and supports other events and programs for students throughout Maine.

The Conference provides an economic benefit to Midcoast Maine. We attract many people to our community in February and to the local businesses where they stay, eat and shop. Our attendees have a substantial impact on the local economy at a time when it is especially appreciated. In fact, a study by the University of Maine concluded that the Conference generates over \$750,000 of economic impact in our area.

We are almost entirely an all-volunteer organization. With only one full-time and one part-time employee, the Camden Conference truly relies on volunteers to make it happen! The talent and energy of fewer than a hundred people have created and continue to sustain our year-round programs and our Conference weekend, recognized as one of the outstanding annual events in Maine.

Please consider supporting the Conference through membership, donation, and volunteering.

Past Conferences and Speakers

- 2017 Refugees and Global Migration: Humanity's Crisis**
Keynote speaker: Paul James
- 2016 The New Africa**
Keynote speaker: Ofeibe Quist-Arcton
- 2015 Russia Resurgent**
Keynote speaker: Matthew Rojansky
- 2014 The Global Politics of Food and Water**
Keynote speaker: Fred Kirschenmann
- 2013 The Middle East: What Next?**
Keynote speaker: Robin Wright
- 2012 The U.S. in a 21st Century World: Do we have what it takes?**
Keynote speaker: Gov. Bill Richardson
- 2011 The Challenges of Asia**
Keynote speaker: Chas W. Freeman, Jr.
- 2010 Afghanistan, Pakistan, India – Crossroads of Conflict**
Keynote speaker: Ahmed Rashid
- 2009 Global Leadership and the U.S. Role in World Affairs**
Keynote speaker: Brent Scowcroft
- 2008 Religion as a Force in World Affairs**
Keynote speaker: Rev. J. Bryan Hehir
- 2007 Europe: Old Continent in a New World**
Keynote speaker: David Calleo
- 2006 China on the World Stage**
Keynote speaker: James Lilley
- 2005 The Middle East: Compromise or Conflagration?**
Keynote speaker: General Anthony Zinni
- 2004 Foreign Policy for the 21st Century: Seeking a Balance?**
Keynote speaker: Robert Kaplan
- 2003 Two Worlds Under Pressure: The Growing Crisis of Population and Movement**
Keynote speaker: Phyllis Oakley
- 2002 The Politics of Energy and Water**
Keynote speaker: Matthew Simmons
- 2001 Globalization: Its Impact on You and Me**
Keynote speaker: Michael Sandel
- 2000 Southeast Asia**
Keynote speaker: David Wurfel
- 1999 Africa: South of the Sahara**
Keynote speaker: Margaret Dongo
- 1998 Latin America: Troubled Past, Uncertain Future**
Keynote speaker: Peter Winn
- 1997 The World's Only Superpower: Challenge or Curse?**
Keynote speaker: Robert B. Zoellick
- 1996 Islam and Politics in the Middle East**
Keynote speaker: John Voll
- 1995 China**
Keynote speaker: Roderick MacFarquhar
- 1994 Russia: Today and Tomorrow**
Keynote speaker: James Collins
- 1993 The United States and Japan: A Critical Relationship**
Keynote speaker: Gerald L. Curtis
- 1992 The New World Order ... What Will It Be?**
Keynote speaker: Edward C. Luck
- 1991 The Global Environment ... A Foreign Policy Agenda**
Speakers included: Sen. George J. Mitchell, Udo Knapp, Eileen Claussen
- 1990 U.S. Foreign Policy and International Trade: The Mutual Impact**
Keynote speaker: C. William Verity, Jr.
- 1989 The Influence of the News Media in shaping U.S. Foreign Policy**
Speakers included: Dr. Dennis Driscoll, John Hughes, William Baker, Bernard Kalb, William Cohen
- 1988 The Making of American Foreign Policy ... Myth and Reality**
Keynote speaker: Gen. Brent Scowcroft