

WASHINGTON, D.C., MEMBERS SUPPORT UNITED NATIONS COMMUNITY DAY

Residents of the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area celebrated the 54th anniversary of the United Nations Oct. 23 at the Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies. The SGI-USA cosponsored the United Nations Association-National Capital Area's U.N. Global Community Day that focused on "Kosovo and Its Aftermath: Implications for the International Community."

An award went to the SGI-USA Youth Division for its "Victory Over Violence" campaign. Washington journalist Gail Scott presented 16 organizations with the 1999 UNA-NCA Blue Ribbon Awards for program excellence in furthering the ideals of the United Nations, including Africare, the American Bar Association, Carnegie Corporation of New York, the League of Women Voters (D.C.), Youth for Understanding and others.

The SGI-USA Chorus led a rendition of "Happy Birthday" to the United Nations and sang several original songs, including "Peace Begins With Me."

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