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Ambassador DeTrani addressed various global challenges and stated:



"...with your education and training, coupled with your determination to help bring peace and stability to so many people affected by some of these critical issues, it requires a POSITIVE attitude that progress can be achieved; that you can make a difference; that you should never give up on HOPE - hope that many of these seemingly intractable issues can and will be resolved[.]



"North Korea is just one example of the many issues that all of you - all of us - must work diligently on to ensure that we start to move the world in a different direction. A direction toward more diplomacy, more negotiations for peace, more cooperation on pandemics, climate change, narcotics trafficking, international organized crime, nuclear proliferations, food insecurity, — the list goes on and on.



"Stop the wars in Ukraine and Gaza and the myriad of other conflicts throughout the world and move the world in another direction. That is what leadership is all



about –bringing the world together for the betterment of all people.”

Ambassador DeTrani concluded, “You will join the ranks of the ambassadors for peace. Much will depend on all of you to move us in this direction, for the common good. Leaving a better world for future generations.”

The class of 2024 was represented by 23 graduates. In his congratulatory remarks, Dr. Thomas Walsh, President, shared that in a recent speech given by HJI Co-Founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon in Munich Germany on May 19, she discussed that we are living in a Golden Age. “[Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon] explained we live in a time where it is possible to overcome all the obstacles to peace.[.] It is the best of times to overcome and solve the worst of times[.] So if you want to change the world you are here at HJI at the right time and at the right place.

“You graduate today not only as holders of a prestigious graduate degree but also as persons of spiritual insight and wisdom needed to discern and navigate successfully through the competing social-cultural-spiritual currents of today’s world.”

Dr. Walsh continued by sharing a quote from Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon’s memoir, *The Mother of Peace*, “The purpose of all these schools [including HJI], is to ensure increasing numbers of talented young people who know God’s heart have access to education to support their commitment to creating a peaceful world.” He concluded “Onward and upward, let’s work together to fulfill the hope of all the ages– a world of lasting peace, one family under God, our Heavenly parent.”

The class of 2024 graduate responses were delivered by Ms. Bruna Allen, representing students in the MA in Religious Studies and Mr. John Koester on behalf of students in the MA in Peace Studies. Doctor of Ministry recipients were represented by Ms. Silvana Colmenares.

Following the conferring of degrees and the graduate responses, six students were inducted into Theta Alpha Kappa, the national honor society for the field of religious studies, by Dr. Thomas Ward, Provost.

Mr. John Koester was presented with the Distinguished Service Award. The Public Leadership Award was presented to Mr. Man Ho Woo.

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HJI holds its Third Annual Research Day

HJ International Graduate School for Peace and Public Leadership held its Third Annual Research Day Program at 7 PM on Tuesday May 14, 2024. This year's research projects were represented [...]



MAY 15, 2024

HJI at Annual Spring Fest

On Saturday, May 4 representatives from HJI attended the annual Spring Fest organized by the Belvedere Family Church at the Belvedere Estate in Tarrytown, NY. It was an exciting celebration [...]



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Honorary Doctorate To Be Conferred Upon Ambassador Joseph DeTrani at the Graduation Ceremony for HJI

New York, NY, May 1, 2024 – The HJ International Graduate School for Peace and Public Leadership is proud to announce the conferral of an honorary doctorate upon Ambassador Joseph [...]



APRIL 19, 2024

Report on HJI Conference Session Published in "Bitter Winter"

Dr. Massimo Introvigne, Founder, CESNUR; Editor, Bitter Winter, commented on the success of the HJI International Conference in Bitter Winter. "While there are other critical situations, including in France, what is happening in [...]"



APRIL 19, 2024

1st HJI International Conference on Peace and Public Leadership

HJI held the 1st International Conference on Peace and Public Leadership: Addressing the Challenges of Our Times on April 11-13, 2024 with distinguished panelists from around the world. Ten sessions discussed topics central to the challenges facing [...]



APRIL 03, 2024

HJI Welcomed Masato Sudo to 43rd Street

On April 3rd, HJI welcomed Masato Sudo, son of HJI alum and early FFWPU pioneer educator, Rev. Ken Sudo (M.Div. 1995). Rev. Sudo passed away on December 22, 2023 at [...]



MARCH 31, 2024

HJI President Speaks to HJI Alumni and Friends in Montreal, Canada

HJI President, Dr. Thomas Walsh, visited Montreal on March 30-31, 2024, for meetings with Dr. Franco Famularo, and HJI Alumni and Chairman of HJI's Board of Trustees, and with other [...]



MARCH 26, 2024

Family of International Alumni Visits HJI Campus

On March 26, HJI was pleased to welcome the family of Pr. Sudheer Kumar Kondru from India, HJI Doctor of Ministry Graduate; Class of 2019. His family is very proud of his [...]



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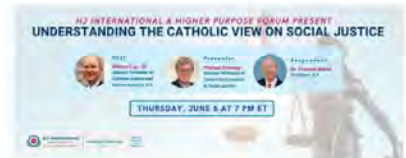
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June 6 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Understanding the Catholic View on Social Justice

Online

HJ International Graduate School for Peace and Public Leadership is pleased to co-host a special program with the Higher Purpose Forum (HPF). We invite you to register for the presentation on "Understanding the Catholic View on Social Justice" to be held on June 6 at 7 PM ET. William Lay, Esq., Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice and Human Security will be the host of [...]



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