

# The Mayor's International 2023

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# TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

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## Welcome Remarks

### Melissa Werner



Melissa Goitia Werner CSEP, is Executive Director of the Office of University Events & Protocol and the Office of University Ceremonies. She is a Protocol Officer at Arizona State University and the co-founder of the North American Association of Commencement Officers [naaco.co] (NAACO) a professional association for commencement and graduation planners from across the United States and Canada. Melissa has more than 30 years' experience in event production and has produced commencement and other ceremonies for ASU for more than 20 years.

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## City of Phoenix Global Citizen Award Presented by Mayor Kate Gallego



Kate Gallego has a vision for Phoenix: she sees it as a place that is vibrant and growing, and one where every person is treated with dignity and respect.

Mayor Gallego is a strong advocate for smart business growth and investment – she recently helped land the city's largest-ever business development deal, a \$40 billion semiconductor manufacturing plant that will bring significant economic development for decades to come. She is leading the city to global status as a leader in bioscience, research, and advanced medical manufacturing.

The Mayor is also leading Phoenix to meet its goal to become the most sustainable desert city in the United States. She has fostered investments in cool solutions, including the nation's first, publicly funded Office of Heat Response and Mitigation; launched the city's successful cool pavement pilot; and led the charge toward building EV infrastructure to support a sustainable future.

Mayor Gallego is the second elected female Mayor in Phoenix history and one of the youngest big city Mayors in the United States. In November 2020, she was returned to office with the highest number of votes ever cast for a mayoral candidate in Phoenix.

A graduate of Harvard University, she earned an MBA from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. She was elected to the Phoenix City Council in 2013, representing south Phoenix and the city's downtown core. Prior professional pursuits include strategic planning and economic development for one of Arizona's largest utility companies and service in state government, as part of the Governor's team.

Mayor Kate Gallego enjoys a desert hike and a good read. She is Mom to six-year-old Michael.

## CITY OF PHOENIX GLOBAL CITIZEN AWARD

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The award recognizes outstanding individuals or organizations, demonstrating tireless and selfless commitment to our community and serving as visionaries who inspire us all to take action and do more. Specifically, awardees:

- Exemplify global citizenship through their leadership and vision
- Promote international understanding
- Contribute to advancing the City of Phoenix as a global leader
- Serve as a proud representative of his/her nation while remaining respectful of the diversity of others

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### SANJEEV KHAGRAM



Dr. Sanjeev Khagram is CEO, Director-General and Dean of Thunderbird School of Global Management, ASU Foundation Professor of Global Leadership, and a member of ASU’s Global Institute of Sustainability’s board of directors. He is a world-renowned expert in global leadership, the international political economy, sustainable development, and the data revolution. He has worked extensively with global start-ups, corporations, governments, civil society groups, nonprofit organizations, cross-sectoral action networks, public-private partnerships, foundations, professional associations, and universities worldwide. Dr. Khagram holds a bachelor’s degree in Development Studies and Engineering, and a master’s degree and doctorate in Political Economy, all from Stanford University.

## EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT

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### THE ARIZONA WILDFLOWERS



The Arizona Wildflowers is a family bluegrass band that lives on a working ranch in southern Arizona. They have been featured on The Cowboy Channel's "Wild Rides" and on two episodes of "Woodsongs" in Lexington, Kentucky. They have opened for country legend Michael Martin Murphey and bluegrass greats, The Cleverlys. They are one of the 2023 IBMA bluegrass bands in Raleigh, NC and just won the prestigious Pickin' in the Pines band contest. Every member plays the fiddle and each is a state and national fiddle champion in addition to Ranelle's recent win of The Grand Master's Fiddle Contest in Nashville. Audiences love their sweet 3- and 4-part sibling harmonies and the girls' 3-part fiddle on old Western swing tunes. Follow The Arizona Wildflowers on Facebook and YouTube.



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Bruce Meyerson and  
Mary Ellen Simonson

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