



Coach's Remarks:

Welcome Sport Fans! Welcome to our nonpartisan and always civil IFE Innovation Salon!

We are now celebrating the 25th season of IFE and of our mission: engaging the global community in finding common ground, collaborating, and harnessing the power of data, innovation, technology and soft diplomacy. We are honored to be continuing this tradition this evening at the Netherlands gorgeous and elegant residence. Thank you my dear, old friends, Lena and His Excellency, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Henne Schuwer. We go back a very long time to when Henne and I were both on the board of WIS and the Ambassador was the DCM, no. 2. Thank you, Lena and His Excellency for hosting IFE, and welcome back to our Capital City!

Thank you, Haley Van Dyke, co-founder of the United States Digital Service, for being our special guest. Haley, you join a distinguished list of over 280 IFE INFO Speakers including Nobel Prize winners, a Vice President, a White House Chief of Staff, governors, countless Cabinet Secretaries, CIA and FBI directors, a Miss America, two United States Chief Technology officers, professional athletes, and five Supreme Court Justices. There is no doubt that IFE INFO forums are an insiders, opinion leaders, Washington institution, and a mainstay in the Washington public policy arena.

We also welcome our extraordinary and plenipotentiary Excellencies with us this evening, and I look forward to hearing your thoughts and comments. Allow me to applaud our IFE Leadership: Jim Valentine, co-founder and trustee; Devika Patil, IFE Digital Ambassador, and our CTO, Mark Schulte. As well, a grateful shout out to our IFE team support, Jennifer Rudy: Microsoft; Peter Ruffo: ZTE; Catherine Bohigan: Charter Communications; Jim Valentine; John Paul Farmer; Jan Smith, and Hud Batmanglich. And to our IFE Young Global Leaders: Max Dickinson, MXD Services, and Jackie Kazil.

Now, please take a look and notice the people with ribbons and decorations around their necks. These are the White House Presidential Innovation Fellows, PIF's! White House Presidential Innovation Fellows, please stand up. The Presidential Innovation Fellowship is President Obama's signature program, and the Presidential Innovation Fellows are the best tech talent our nation has. They are entrepreneurial leaders in design and technology. They are harnessing new ideas to remake government and taking a user-centric approach. The PIF's are the bad asses, the superheroes, who are leveraging their experience from industry expertise and applying it within the government.

I'm also excited to announce an update on a major IFE initiative: being a founder of computer science at University of Southern California, aka CS@SC. This is a free summer coding camp for underrepresented student populations in 3rd to 9th grade. This being our second summer, the camps once again have endless wait lists. BUT thanks to our awesome Jackie Kazil teeing up the Python Foundation, and GitHub's Social Impact team and their generous support, CS@SC will enroll 125 more kids this summer. Jackie you are something and your leadership in IFE is outstanding, a great example.

I invite you all, if not already a part of IFE team support, to join us in celebrating 25 years and to join us in this season's remarkable upcoming programs. To support IFE and CS@SC, speak with Jim Valentine, Devika Patil, Mark Schulte, John Paul Farmer, Jackie, our IFE interns & Fellows, our Deputy, Elise, and Peter Ruffo. Check out our upcoming events on the website, the July 11th DRONE Demo and Panel at the Italian Embassy, and much more.

Please join us in tweeting during tonight's event using: #IFEInfo - @InstituteforEdu - @heleyvandyck - @henneschuwer



Intro by Todd Park, Former Chief Technology Officer of the United States:

Haley is the cofounder and deputy administrator of the United States Digital Service, a remarkable new startup organization inside the U.S. Government that is helping agencies deliver ever better digital services to the American public at ever lower costs. She has been working on building a more awesome government, for the people, by the people for a long time. After her work on the Obama for America 2008 campaign, Haley signed up to serve her country, first at the FCC, then USAID, then the White House, working to leverage the power of technology and innovation to do everything from increasing citizen participation in government rulemaking processes, to fighting famine in the Horn of Africa, to liberating government data as fuel for entrepreneurship and better governance, to delivering better services to veterans, immigrants, students, and more.

But beyond all of her accomplishments, beyond all of the contributions she has already made to the future of our country, I would also like to say that Haley is one of the most utterly brilliant, kindest, biggest-hearted people with whom I have ever worked. Her heart is the size of the Orion Nebula -- and I believe that it is the size of one's heart that is perhaps the biggest predictor of the impact someone will have on the world.

Haley has already had a huge impact on our world for the better -- and will continue to do so for a long, long time! Please welcome the amazing Haley Van Dyck!