From the Co-Chairs:

We are proud to present the activities of the Baltic-American Freedom Foundation in support of our mission “to deepen the ties between and among Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and the United States through programs of education and exchange centering on economic growth and democratic values.”

Our enduring legacy is found in the people who have completed research, education, and professional internships through BAFF Scholarships. From the outset, BAFF has sought to fulfill its mission by creating a vibrant alumni network of professionals with strong ties to each other and to the United States, equipped with the skills and experience to lead the next generation of Baltic business, educational institutions, and social enterprises.

During 2022, BAFF celebrated two important milestones. BAFF marked its tenth anniversary with well-attended day-long panel discussions and networking opportunities organized by the BAFF Alumni Council, capped by a formal dinner in Riga. In September, BAFF and the Joint Baltic-American National Committee, with support from Senator Chuck Grassley, co-chair of the Senate Baltic Freedom Caucus, commemorated the 100th anniversary of U.S. diplomatic recognition of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. Ambassadors H.E. Mr. Kristjan Prikk, H.E. Mr. Maris Selga, and H.E. Ms. Audra Plepyte, as well as U.S. Congress Baltic Caucus leaders Senator Dick Durbin and Representative Don Bacon, attended. Against the backdrop of war in Ukraine, these events underscored BAFF commitment to the Baltic-American relationship.

We are grateful to our team and the Alumni Council for continuing to deliver innovative programming. Demand for our in-person programs and events is strong in the Baltics and U.S., and as 2023 opens, we look forward to welcoming the next cohort of Professional Interns and Research Scholars.

We are pleased to share the reports below and hope you will also visit other sections of our website to learn more.

Sincerely,
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Co-Chairs