

PASSPORT TO *France*



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Our flagship event, "Passport to France," will take place this year on **November 17th, 2022!**



WHAT IS "PASSPORT TO FRANCE"?

Passport to France is an annual tribute to the relationship between the United States and France and aims to strengthen it. This 38th edition of Passport to France will focus on bilateral economic relations.

This year's program will feature a keynote conference and exchanges with French companies' experts in their fields.

In addition, Passport to France will also be a culinary journey to France, showcasing many of Chicagoland's most refined French foods, wines, and spirits.

HOW IS "PASSPORT TO FRANCE"?

This celebration is a great way to spend a memorable evening with friends, colleagues, and clients and a valuable opportunity to network with many international guests.

Indeed, over the years, Passport To France has become one of the most significant events bringing together the French-American community in the Midwest.

The place will be divided into themes: large French companies based in Illinois, SME, education, hotel-restaurant, and a conference room for speeches. The schedule of activities will be shared in the fall 2022.



WHY DOES THE FACC ORGANIZE "PASSPORT TO FRANCE" EVENT?

\$1.01B

In 2019, Illinois exports to France totaled \$1.01B.

\$3.87B

Illinois imports from France totaled \$3.87B, a 275% increase since 2009.

\$139B

Over \$139 billion in trade of goods & services per year.

8th

France is Illinois' 8th largest import market.

12th

France is Illinois' 12th largest export market.

WHO WILL THE FUNDS FROM PASSPORT TO FRANCE PROFIT?

Funds raised through Passport to France allow the French American Chamber of Commerce of Chicago to continue serving, connecting, and promoting the local French-American business community and showcasing the midwest region as a destination for French businesses and investments.



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PAST HONOR GUESTS

- Franck Riester, Current Minister Delegate for Relations with Parliament (2021) and former Minister Delegate for Economic Attractiveness and Foreign Trade
- Guillaume Lacroix, Consul General of France in the Midwest (2017-2021)
- François Delattre, Ambassador of France to the United States and former President of the United Nations Security Council (2011-2014)
- Irene Rosenfeld, Chairman and CEO of Kraft Foods (2011)
- Rahm Emanuel, Mayor of Chicago (2011)
- Doug Porter, CEO of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland (2010)
- Pierre Vimont, Ambassador of France to the United States (2008)
- Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor of Illinois (2008)
- Jean-Baptiste Main de Boissières, Consul General of France in the Midwest (2007-2010)
- John D. Bliven, Managing Director of Areva (2007)
- Michael McMurphy, President of Areva (2007)
- Richard Barbeyron, Consul General of France in the Midwest (2006)
- Paula Newby-Fraser, Greatest all-around female athlete in the world (2006)
- Jeffrey A. Joerres, Chairman and CEO of Manpower (2005)
- Richard M. Daley, Mayor of Chicago (2004)
- Harry Stonecipher, President/CEO at The Boeing Company (2004)
- Jean-François Boittin, Minister for Economic and Commercial Affairs at the French Embassy in the United States (2004)
- Yves Galland, President of Boeing France (2004)
- Maurice Lévy, Chairman and CEO of Publicis Group (2003)
- Jean-David Levitte, Ambassador of France to the United States (2002-2007)
- Jim Skinner, President Europe Group McDonald's Corporation (2001)
- George Ryan, Governor of Illinois (2001)
- Philippine de Rothschild, Baroness and owner of Château Mouton Rothschild (1998)

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