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- President Duque met with the heads of the World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF), Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and executives from Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan Chase, among others.
- He discussed a series of investments in initiatives to address climate change and help improve the lives of Colombians:
 - World Bank Portfolio 2022: Resources of up to \$2 billion to support youth employment, climate change and environmental conservation
 - IDB: A \$200 million line of credit for financing the construction, operation and maintenance of Puerto Antioquia
 - Green Climate Funds: \$279 million for seven countries in the region, including Colombia
 - IMF: Request to extend the flexible credit line of \$12.4 billion beyond next year




Kristalina Georgieva 
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Bienvenido Presidente de #Colombia @IvanDuque a Washington DC!

We at the IMF will continue our steadfast support for Colombia—including its important efforts to overcome the pandemic, promote inclusive+sustainable+green growth, protect the vulnerable, & wisely deploy new #SDRs.



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President Duque Confers Colombian Citizenship on Howard Buffett for His Steadfast Commitment to Improving Lives in Colombia



- The Colombian Head of State honored Howard Buffett, Chairman and CEO of the Howard G. Buffett Foundation, with Colombian citizenship in a ceremony on Monday, October 11th.
- Buffett's Foundation has engaged with the Colombian Army on humanitarian demining, assisted small farmers through several rural initiatives, and worked with the National Government to secure opportunities for disadvantaged Colombian youth, among many other projects.
- Notable dignitaries attending the ceremony, in addition to President Duque, Mr. Buffett and Colombian Ambassador to the United States Juan Carlos Pinzón included:
 - Undersecretary of State for the Western Hemisphere Brian Nichols;
 - National Security Advisor to President Joe Biden, Juan González;
 - Congressmen Rubén Gallego and Jeff Fortenberry; Washington, DC Mayor Muriel Bowser; Andrew Steer, President and CEO of Bezos Earth Fund; the President of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Deborah Rutter; Atlantic Council Vice President Adrienne Arsht; Nestlé Vice President Jean-Marc Duvoisin; and Judy Woodruff of the PBS NewsHour, among many others.



Iván Duque 
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Con profundos sentimientos de gratitud otorgamos ciudadanía y Gran Cruz en la Orden del Mérito a un gran amigo de Colombia: Howard Buffett, filántropo íntegro, que no duda extender su mano para apoyar proyectos sociales en el Catatumbo o acabar con las minas antipersona. Gracias



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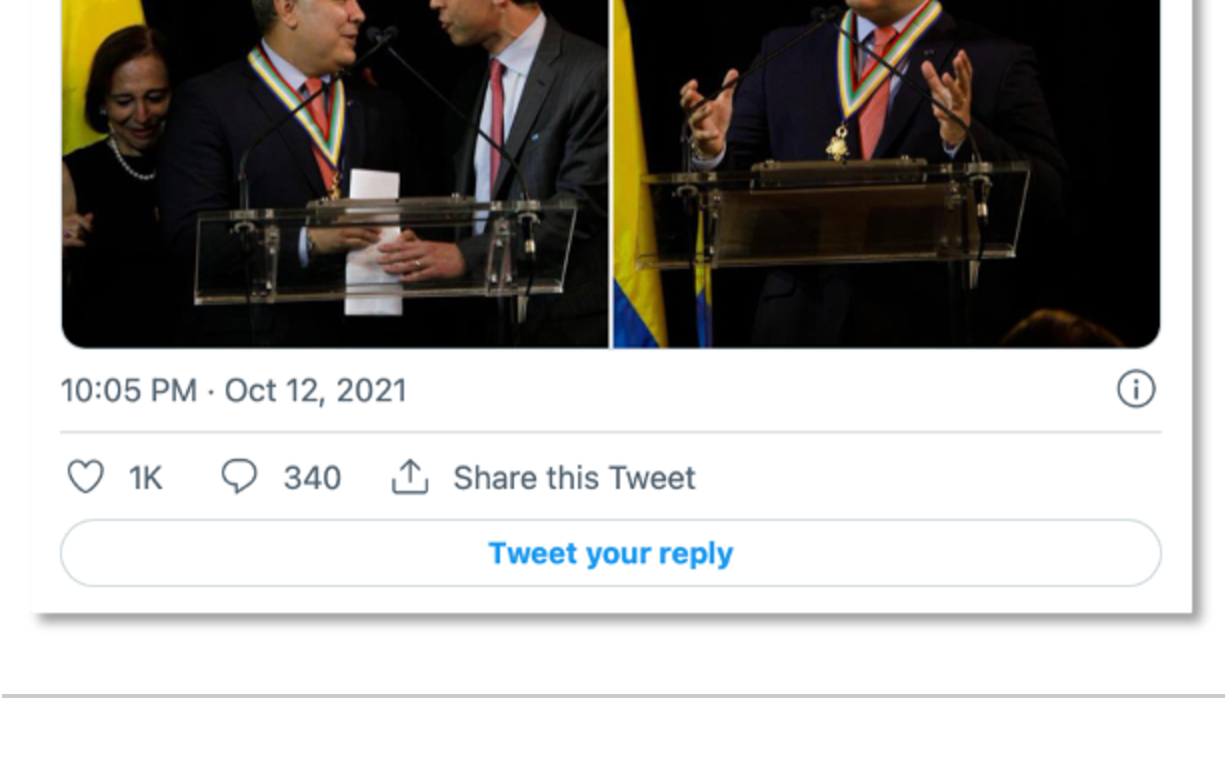
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"As we move into the future, let us do so in the same spirit as Mr. Buffett, working together to face our region's greatest challenges and striving to take care of the most vulnerable among us. I would like to extend my personal thanks to Mr. Buffett for his continued support of the people of Colombia."

Americas Society Honors President Duque for His Exceptional Handling of the Venezuelan Refugee Crisis



- The Americas Society announced the recipients of its 2021 Honorees.
- President Duque received the Gold Insignia for his exceptional handling of the Venezuelan refugee crisis by granting temporary protected status to almost 2 million Venezuelans.

"President Iván Duque is an example for the region dealing with the worst refugee crisis," said Americas Society/Council of the Americas (AS/COA) President and CEO Susan Segal.



Iván Duque 
@IvanDuque

Con mucho orgullo y en nombre de los colombianos, recibimos el premio Insignia de Oro de @ASCOA, un reconocimiento al sentido humanitario y de hermandad que hemos tenido en el país con los migrantes venezolanos que huyen de la dictadura. #AgendaDeTrabajoEnEEUU



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President Duque Talks About Refugee Resettlement and Humanitarian Aid with CNN's Julia Chatterley



Julia Chatterley 
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"This is a humanitarian sentiment. We know there are people suffering and we want to be part of the solution."

Colombian President @IvanDuque on welcoming 1.8 million Venezuelan #refugees and offering to help #Afghans too.

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Colombia Recognizes Admiral Craig Faller, SOUTHCOM Commander, with 'Order of San Carlos'





- In an October 5th ceremony, Colombian Ambassador Juan Carlos Pinzón presented Admiral Craig S. Faller, Commander of the Southern Command of the United States (SOUTHCOM), with the "Order of San Carlos," a designation instituted by the National Government to honor and exalt Colombian and foreign citizens who have distinguished themselves for their well-known services to the country, especially in the field of international relations.

"We are looking to the future and see challenges and risks, and there is only one thing that can keep our countries moving well forward and that is following the steps of those who like you said the right thing and did the right thing. So for that, thank you, Admiral Faller," said Ambassador Pinzón upon presenting the decoration.

U.S. Congressional Delegation Visits Colombia

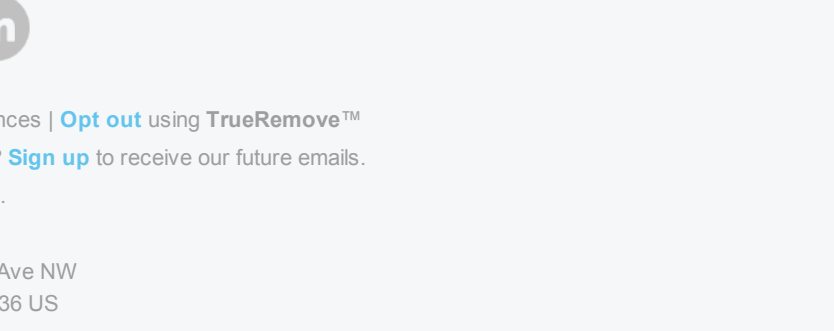
- Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and [Joni Ernst \(R-IA\)](#) and U.S Representative Lisa McClain (R-MI) were among a congressional delegation that recently visited Colombia.






Joni Ernst 
@SenJoniErnst

Over the past several days, I led a congressional delegation mission to Panama & Colombia to meet with senior leaders in the countries and discuss US border security & national security challenges.

I was glad to be joined by @RepFeenstra & @RepLisaMcClain.ernst.senate.gov/public/index.c...




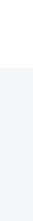
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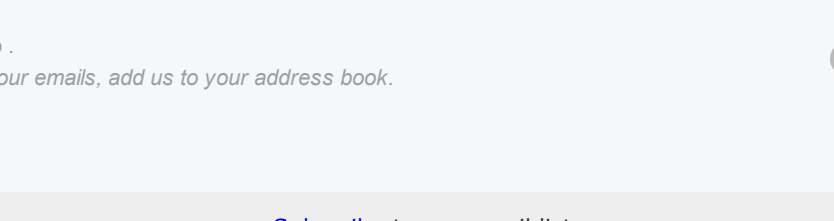
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- [Listen here](#) to Rep. McClain speak with W Radio Colombia about the ongoing cooperation between the governments of Colombia and the United States.



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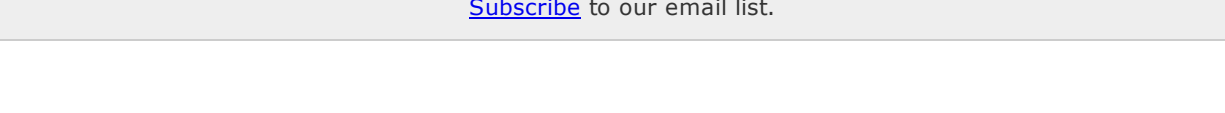


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Musicians Showcase Colombian Culture While Performing at DC Ceremony Honoring Howard Buffett



- As part of the ceremony honoring Howard Buffett earlier this week, Niko Andreas, a classic guitarist from Colombia, put together a show with Bianca Gonzalez, a Colombian violinist and Chris Michael, an Ohioan percussionist.
- Their show highlighted traditional Colombian rhythms like Bambuco, Pasillo, Porro and other Pacific rhythms combined with classical music.

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