



# THE JOURNEY OF DAVE C.

Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange  
Young Professional Alumnus, 1988-1989  
Senior Director, Federal IT, Dell

**Dave credits his CBYX experience with launching a successful career managing a large international team.**

Growing up in a small town in Michigan, Dave had little exposure to international cultures but elected to take German courses and "was ready for an adventure."

As part of his CBYX exchange, Dave did an IT internship with a German beverage company. He experienced "personal growth on every level" and expanded his skills, ultimately driving his interest in IT management rather than software development.

After returning home from CBYX, Dave attended the University of Michigan, earned a Rotary Ambassadorial Exchange scholarship and pursued a Master's degree in Switzerland.

As Senior Director of Federal IT at Dell, Dave manages an international team of 200 employees.

Due to his positive experience with CBYX, Dave champions exchange programs and teamwork. His son is now also a CBYX alumni and they were recently awarded a State Department Citizen Diplomacy Action Fund grant.

My path has continued to be decidedly more international because of my experience 35 years ago. Had I not done [CBYX], my trajectory would've been completely different.

I think the CBYX experience led me to be a better manager and leader... I think that experience makes me a lot more empathetic to other people, cultures, and situations.