Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Peace Corps

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 marks the 60th anniversary of when then Senator John F. Kennedy gave a speech on the steps of the Michigan Union that first introduced the concept of the Peace Corps. Learn more about the University of Michigan’s rich history with the Peace Corps [here](https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/abroad/peace/history) [1].

An Emmy award winning documentary was also created to highlight the student advocacy that started at the University of Michigan, which ultimately led to the founding of the Peace Corps. The documentary, “A Passing of the Torch,” can be viewed [here](https://vimeo.com/73799145) [2].

Throughout this week, the Global Michigan Twitter account will be featuring quotes and photos from the U-M RPCV community in celebration of the 60th anniversary. Follow along @GlobalMichigan.

A larger celebration of the 60th anniversary is being planned for March 2021.

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