

**Ambassador Mull's Remarks at the PAFF's  
2014 Internship Program Send-Off  
June 10, 2014**

Thank you very much, Ambassador Koźmiński. Congratulations to the Polish American Freedom Foundation for implementing another round of this fantastic internship program. Thanks to the Educational Enterprise Foundation for your coordinating program logistics, and special thanks, as well, to the participating American companies: Boeing, Citi Bank, Chevron, Westinghouse, and PGW. This program would not be possible without you.

Twenty-five years ago, Poland emerged from communism and set forth on a project to build a democratic society and a prosperous economy. And from the very beginning, U.S. businesses have been involved in that effort. In the early 1990s, U.S. companies started small with modest investments, but then quickly recognized the tremendous potential for growth. Poland benefited from American companies' investments and experience, and the companies benefited from the Polish people's strong work ethic and determination to succeed in a market economy.

Now, with over 300 American companies invested in Poland, U.S. firms have created over 200,000 jobs across all sectors, from retail and services to manufacturing. American companies can be proud of their role in contributing to Poland's economic transformation – a transformation that President Obama recently called “the new Miracle on the Vistula.”

Today, we send off fourteen young and talented Polish professionals to the United States for summer internships. You will have the privilege of working in dynamic corporations that run successful business operations in the United States, Poland, and in many countries around the world. You will be immersed in American corporate culture and gain insight into the daily operations of big business. This is an exciting opportunity, and we are counting on you to share your fresh ideas, high motivation, and creativity with your future colleagues.

Most importantly, we are counting on you and your peers to keep Poland's economic miracle going. Poland is in the midst of transforming its economy into a high tech, innovation-driven model, and you are critical to that transformation process. It will be up to you to take risks, try new ideas, and create the products and services that will drive Poland's economy in the future. At the same time,

you will help deepen commercial and personal relationships between Poles and Americans.

As of this day, you are part of the strong economic ties between the United States and Poland. We all look forward to seeing what miracles you have in store for us during the next 25 years.

Thank you.