

Virginia E. Palmer

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Virginia E. Palmer credits University City High School with teaching her to appreciate real diversity and laying the foundation for everything she has done since high school graduation.

Palmer is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service. She arrived in Lilongwe on Jan. 27, 2015 to assume her responsibilities as the U.S.

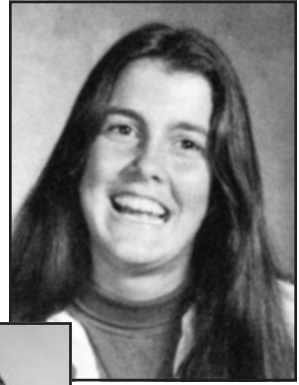
Ambassador to Malawi, East Africa. Prior to serving in Malawi, she was the deputy chief of Mission in Pretoria, South Africa, from

2011 to 2014, including extended service as Chargé d'Affaires. She served in similar capacities at the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi, Vietnam.

She served in the Department of State as the deputy coordinator for Counterterrorism from 2005 to 2008 and director of the East Asia Bureau's Office of Economic Policy from 2004 to 2005. She was economic counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya. Her other postings include Beijing, Hong Kong, Harare, Calgary, the office of Maghreb Affairs and the Operations Center.

She is the recipient of two Department of State Senior Performance awards, two Superior Honor awards and three meritorious honor awards.

She received her masters from the University of Virginia and BSFS from Georgetown University. She also attended Washington University in St. Louis and speaks both Chinese and French.



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