

## AMBASSADOR JOHN A. FERCH

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High School, Toledo, Ohio	
Princeton, Class of 1958	
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Principal officer	
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Economic counselor	
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National War College	1975-1976
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