

Ali Cinar

President-Turkish Heritage Organization (THO)

A Turkish American, Cinar has dedicated much of his life to Turkish American causes and joined THO to help advance U.S.-Turkey relations. Previously, he took leadership roles with the two of the oldest Turkish-American umbrella organizations. From 2009-2011, Cinar served as the Northeast Vice President of the Assembly of Turkish American Association (ATAA) and from 2012-2014 Cinar served as the President of the Federation of Turkish American Associations (FTAA).

Prior to joining THO, Cinar worked as a businessman and journalist. In his career, Cinar has developed and implemented international programs for top global clients and agent networks. He is a credentialed reporter with the United Nations and the U.S. State Department and has been published in domestic and international publications including The Hill, Washington Post, Washington Times and Hurriyet Daily News. He frequently appears on CNN Turk, France 24, CCTV, Skynews Arabia, TRT, Haberturk and other major news outlets worldwide to provide insights on latest developments and U.S.-Turkey relations.

Over the course of his career, Cinar has earned a number of accolades including Leader of the Year by the Assembly of Turkish American Association (ATAA), One of the Top 10 Most Successful Young People by Junior Chamber International (JCI), and one of the 50 Most Influential Turkish Americans by Turk of America Magazine. After receiving his undergraduate degree from the Istanbul University, Cinar moved to the United States to continue his education. While completing his master's degree at the University of New Haven, he worked as a Research Assistant at the Communication Department and Center of Professional Ethics. During that time he also served as the President of the International

Students Association and was awarded the “Outstanding International Student” Award.

Cinar has earned various executive certificates from Harvard University, MIT and New York University.