Guest Speakers

January 1, 2018 through May 20, 2021

Elizabeth Acevedo, National Book Award-winning poet and author
Stuart Agnew ’12, Peace Corps volunteer
Alexandria Police Forensics Team
Harry Alford and Ajit Vergheese, co-founders, humble ventures
Azza Altiraifi, disability justice advocate
Imam Naeem Baig, Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center
The Rev. Captain Andrea Baker, U.S. Army chaplain
Kimberly Belflower, playwright and fellow at Emory University
Dr. Matt Bellace, comedian and expert in neuropsychology
Guido Berguido, director, ADOPTA Panama Rainforest
Dr. Deb Berry P’16 ’19, Georgetown University research scientist; Matt Collins, National Institutes of Health fellow; Maureen Colburn, executive director, Just Tryan It; Dr. John Marshall ’79 P’11, chief of hematology and oncology, Medstar Georgetown University Hospital; Liza Marshal P’11, cancer survivor; Dr. Victoria Sardi-Brown, co-founder, Mattie’s Mom
Tamela Blalock ’98, executive at National Cooperative Business Association CLUSA International
Richard Blanco, poet
James Blue ’87, producer, PBS NewsHour
Scott Boehm P’20, retired U.S. Army, U.S. Department of Defense expert
Dr. Kathleen Boggs, NASA
Megan Bracy, associate director for community integration, U.S. Commission for Refugee Integration
Alison Broadbent, physician assistant
Arthur Brooks, best-selling author, Atlantic magazine columnist
Mark Brown, public speaker
Ray Brown, educator, former EHS faculty
Tyler Brown ’99, political consultant
Dee Buchanan, former Republican Capitol Hill staffer, and Amy Andrysza, former Democratic Capitol Hill staffer
James Carville P’16, Democratic strategist, and Mary Matalin P’16, Republican strategist
Mary Kate Cary, former speechwriter for President George H.W. Bush, filmmaker, podcaster
Nathalie Cerin, singer and songwriter
Lt. Shepard Chalkley ’11, U.S. Navy
Tony Chase ’73, entrepreneur
Brett F. Clements, attorney, Schiff Hardin; Stephen Smith, attorney
Rachael Coad, professional instructor, Washington Ballet
Alumni Rasheed Cole ’03, Olabisi Fraser ’11, Aliyah Griffith ’11, Wayne Johnson ’80, Azizi Marion Jones ’02, the Rev. Rodney Rice ’79
Kay Coles James, president, Heritage Foundation
Elizabeth Closmore, product strategist, Sprinklr software
Robert Colossi, senior manager, U.S. Census Bureau
Elliott Conklin ’01, psychologist, Kingsbury Wellness and Learning Group
Preston Cory, policy and communications advisor, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Air and Radiation
Amy Fannon Cupic ’94, program coordinator, Arlington Montessori House
The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church
Dr. Greg Dale, director of Duke University’s Sports Psychology and Leadership Program
Beth Kane Davidson, director of Addictions Treatment Center, Suburban Hospital
Jennifer Pharr Davis, hiker, author, and speaker
Gen Demo, resident teacher at Kadampa Meditation Center
The Rev. Dr. Kevin E. Donalson Sr. P’19 and The Rev. Essentino A. Lewis Jr. P’19
Dr. Erica Dunbar, author, professor at Rutgers University
Robert C. Ekstrand, attorney and managing partner, Ekstrand & Ekstrand LLP
Mo Elleithee, former Democratic National Committee spokesperson; scholar at the Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy
Dr. Jillian Evans, psychiatrist
Susan Francia, Olympic gold-medalist, U.S. women’s rowing
Peter Fasano, managing partner of digital transformation, Ogilvy Consulting
David Fite P’23, senior professional staffer, U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
Eka Akpakip Fleming, senior official, U.S. Housing & Urban Development
Rabbanit Dasi Fruchter, founder, South Philadelphia Shtiebel
Ana Forte, nutritionist, Flik Dining Services
Michael Fryer, facilitator, Kroc School of Peace Studies, University of San Diego
Tim Garon ’99, partner, Prime Media Partners
Chris Giblin ’86, principal, Ogilvy Government Relations
Maya Glenn ’16, Ph.D. student in sociology, University of Michigan
Bill Goodwin ’95, founder and president, Goodwin Executive Search
Greg Graber, sports performance consultant
Jim Gray, Kentucky Secretary of Transportation, former Lexington mayor
Patrick Gray and Justin Skeesuck, authors and founders of I’ll Push You
David Gregory P’19, former journalist, TV anchor, political analyst
Morley Greene, director of legislative affairs, BAE Systems Inc.
The Rev. Canon Broderick Greer, St. John's Cathedral, Denver
Andrew Grossen, United Coalition of Reason, political and communications strategist
Dr. Shelly Gunn, chief medical officer, Research Dx; Dr. Kathryn Stephenson, physician and scientist, Harvard University and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center; Dr. Ethan Weiss, cardiologist, University of California San Francisco
Jennifer Hamady, author, voice coach
Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, theologian and professor, Texas Tech University
Dr. Robert C. Henderson, National Spiritual Assembly
Imam Yahya Hendi, Muslim chaplain, Georgetown University
Dr. Debby Herbenick, author and Indiana University researcher, scientist
Chris Herren, former NBA player, founder of the Herren Project for addiction recovery
Pamela Hess, executive director, Arcadia Farm & Mobile Market
Tim Hightower '04, retired NFL player
Jim Hobart, partner, Public Opinion Strategies
Alicia Holloway, principal dancer, Dance Theatre of Harlem
Sarah Holley, director of brand management, ThinkFun Inc.
Brandi G. Howard, attorney, McGuire Woods; Brett F. Clements, attorney, Schiff Hardin; Stephen J. Smith, attorney, National Courts Section, U.S. Department of Justice
The Hon. J.P. Howard, administrative law judge, District of Columbia
Capt. Andrew Hutcheon, U.S. Marine, founder of Marine Coding
Debby Irving, diversity education consultant
Sarah Isgur, political commentator and expert, Harvard Kennedy School Institute of Politics
The Rev. Jesse Jackson GP'21, civil-rights activist
Ashleigh Johnson, gold medalist with the U.S. women's water polo team
KC Johnson, Harvard University visiting professor and blogger
Tripp Johnson, CEO; Wendy Kimball, admissions director; Ben Shuford '09, Founder, Green Hill Recovery
Alex Jones '64, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist
Kentavious Jones, musician
Kevin LaMarr Jones, artistic director, Claves Unidos
Dr. Peniel Joseph, Dr. Martin Luther King scholar at the University of Texas at Austin
John Kasich, former governor of Ohio
Dr. Ibram Kendi, National Book Award-winning author, historian
Katie Koestner, executive director, Take Back the Night Foundation
Alyssa Kovach, small business owner, AVA Apparel
Bryan Lanza, Mercury Political Consulting, former campaign official for President Donald Trump
U.S. Navy Capt. Tom Leary, chief legal advisor to National Security Advisor Robert O'Brien
Gregory Lee, musician; Synnika Lofton, poet
Richard Lee '05, director of government relations, Equifax
Dr. Tom Lillie, U.S. Air Force retired, former military liaison to U.S. Department of the Interior
Seth Gordon Lipkin, Anti-Defamation League education director, Washington, D.C. region
James Loehlin, director of the Shakespeare at Winedale program, the University of Texas at Austin
Sundi Lofty ’94, television writer and producer
Reggie Love, author, former special assistant to President Barack Obama
Jeff MacKinnon P’21, partner, Farragut Partners
Kristen Edwards Marquardt ’97, cyber security expert and former CIA agent
Lauren Marshall, senior policy advisor, U.S. Senator Mark R. Warner
Shannon Foley Martinez, former violent white supremecist
Jimmy Mavrikes, co-artistic director, Monumental Theatre Company
Cindy McCain, business executive, widow of Sen. John McCain ’54
Terry McAuliffe P’13, former governor of Virginia
Dr. Ali Michael and Dr. Eddie Moore Jr., diversity education consultants
Wade Miley, history teacher at Lovett School
The Hon. Becky Moore, chief judge, General District Court, Alexandria, Va.
Wes Moore, author and CEO, the Robin Hood Foundation
Dan Morehead P’21, CEO of Pantera Capital
Lumah Mufleh, founder, Fugees Family
Joan Trumpauer Mulholland, civil rights activist, Freedom Rider
Lois Nichols, counsellor of defense acquisition & technology, UK Ministry of Defense, British Embassy
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Mike Otoo ’15, medical student, Rutgers University
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Meghan Pennington, senior director, HPS Strategies
Marlon Peterson, DEcarcerated podcast host
Daniel Porterfield, president, Aspen Institute
Dr. Mayumi Prins and Dr. Meeryo Choe, neuroscientists, University of California, Los Angeles
Dr. Michelle Purdy, author and professor at Washington University in St. Louis
Brooklyn Raney, author, speaker, facilitator
Ethan Richardson, staff member at Mockingbird Magazine
Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., U.S. Supreme Court
Dr. Loretta J. Ross, professor at Smith College, activist
Steven Rushing, senior director, Lateral Link
Paul Ryan P’20, former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representative
Richard Ryan, co-founder, Creative Drug Education
Mark Salter, writer, aide to Sen. John McCain ’54
Anthony Scaramucci, former White House director of communications
Bob Schieffer, broadcast journalist
Lauryn Schothorst, director of workplace management, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce; former chief of staff for U.S. Rep. Jim Gerlach
Camille Senne, managing director, Evolent Health
Kerry Simmons, Olympic gold-medalist, U.S. women’s rowing
Benjamin Skipper, Jefferson Scholars Program
Dr. Tommie Smith, Olympic gold medalist, civil rights activist
Rabbi David Spinrad, Beth el Hebrew Congregation
Leslie Morgan Steiner P’20, author and consultant, women’s leadership
Dr. Catherine Steiner-Adair, author, clinical psychologist
The Rev. Becca Stevens, author and founder, Thistle Farms
Stuart Stevens ’71, former campaign strategist for President George W. Bush
Melissa Stockwell, U.S. Army veteran, Paralympic world champion triathlete
Henry Stoever ’84, U.S. Marine Corps retired, president & CEO of the Association of Governing Boards of Colleges and Universities
Sam Streed ’13, children's book author and illustrator
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Jasmine Turner, Emmy Award-winning journalist
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Justice Laurance VanMeter ’76, Kentucky Supreme Court
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Lauren Wicklund, senior associate athletic director for leadership, University of Richmond
Lizzie Widdicombe, writer, the New Yorker
Dr. Amber Wiley, professor of art history, Rutgers University
David Zahl, theologian, author, and executive director of Mockingbird Ministries