“Courage is the ladder on which all the other virtues mount.” —Clare Boothe Luce

Connecting and Inspiring Conservative Women

Luce’s annual Western Women’s Summit is changing the lives of young conservative women leaders. Read more about the 2014 Summit on page 4.

“I had an incredible weekend full of learning from the speakers, solidifying my beliefs, and making friends. It was such a blessing to get off my campus and spend the weekend with likeminded individuals.”

—Devon, Princeton University, Summit scholarship recipient

“It was undoubtedly one of the most unforgettable and enlightening experiences I’ve had during my college career.”

—Samantha, University of Michigan, Summit scholarship recipient

Bay Buchanan’s speech on illegal immigration at Virginia Tech draws threats from liberal groups

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Author Emily Miller is one of 12 outstanding women featured in Luce’s 2015 calendar

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Congresswoman Michele Bachmann headlines the 7th annual Western Women’s Summit

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This is an exciting time in America as new bold women leaders head to Congress to fight for conservative values. As we celebrate these women—like Iowa Senator Joni Ernst and New York Congresswoman Elise Stefanik—we are mindful that the Left will do their best to disparage and belittle women who don’t subscribe to the liberal agenda. As the nation’s leading organization for conservative women, you can be sure that the Luce Policy Institute will be there to promote and defend our conservative women leaders who come under attack. All of these women shared their values successfully.

Your Luce Institute explains to young women the connection between conservative principles and personal activism—something their professors, leading organization for conservative women, the media, and popular culture won’t do.

With your help, our work at the Luce Policy Institute is having a national impact. Not only are we making incredible progress by expanding the influence of conservative women in America, we are training more young women than ever to grow into effective, strong leaders—and the future is looking bright because of it.

I hope you enjoy reading in this newsletter about a few of the women we promote, as well as some of the young ladies who have been inspired and motivated through the Institute’s recent programs and events.

Michelle Easton
President

Campus Lecture Spotlight

Lauren McCue, a 2014 Luce summer intern, made waves on her Virginia Tech campus by working with the Institute to host a lecture by author and TV news commentator Bay Buchanan.

Bay’s talk on illegal immigration captured the attention of liberal student groups who threatened to protest and disrupt the event. As a result, an over-capacity crowd turned out for the lecture, completely filling the room and spilling out into the hall. Despite a few hostile liberal attendees, most students listened respectfully and were able to hear a conservative perspective on a critical national issue—a rarity on many college campuses today.

Young women like Lauren are empowered and motivated to greater leadership by the experience of organizing an impactful event. To learn more about Luce’s lecture program, visit cblpi.org.

Celebrating Conservative Women

Luce releases its 2015 calendar, providing young women with role models who believe in traditional values, economic freedom, and love of country

Lucie’s Great American Conservative Women Calendar celebrates the women often ignored by the media: smart, successful leaders who believe in conservative principles. A few of the women featured in our 2015 calendar (pictured above, from left): author and gun-rights activist Emily Miller; Jessi, Jana, Jinger, and Jill Duggar of the reality TV show 19 Kids and Counting; and Amanda Carpenter, Communications Director for U.S. Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX).

Order your copy of the calendar today at cblpi.org/calendar. The calendar is free to students.
Conservative women from across the country gathered in Santa Barbara, California, in October for the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute’s seventh annual Western Women’s Summit at the Reagan Ranch Center. This unique retreat for women of all ages provides attendees with a chance to network, learn about key issues, and hear from top women in the Conservative Movement.

2012 Presidential candidate and U.S. Congresswoman Michele Bachmann (R-MN), gave the keynote speech at the Summit’s dinner banquet. Other Summit speakers included writer and TV news commentator Rachel Campos Duffy, Regnery Publishing President Marji Ross, and co-authors of the new book What Women Really Want, Dr. Gina Loudon, Ann-Marie Murrell, and Morgan Brittany. Entrepreneurs Debbie Saucedo and April Humphrey spoke on a panel about women in leadership, and several students spoke on a panel about activism on campus.

Catherine Engelbrecht, who founded an organization to prevent voter fraud and was subsequently targeted by the Obama Administration with intrusive IRS audits, received the Institute’s Woman of Exceptional Courage Award at the Summit luncheon.

The Summit included a special training session for students on how to effectively defend conservative values on campus and stand up to liberal intimidation. The conference concluded with a tour of President Ronald Reagan’s former ranch home in the hills of Santa Barbara.

Videos of all Summit speeches can be found on the Institute’s website, cblpi.org.