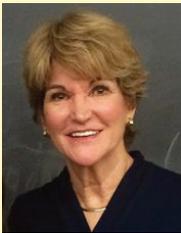


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"Courage is the ladder on which
all the other virtues mount." —Clare Boothe Luce

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A few of the young women attendees at Luce's 2014 Western
Women's Summit held in Santa Barbara, California

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





LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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, 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

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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.



2014 Luce summer intern Lauren McCue (left) with Bay Buchanan



Students fill the room at Bay Buchanan's lecture at Virginia Tech

Conservative Women's Network

The Conservative Women's Network (CWN) is a monthly luncheon co-hosted by the Luce Policy Institute and The Heritage Foundation. Held in Washington, DC, the luncheons provide attendees with the opportunity to learn about current issues from conservative leaders and connect with other women in the Washington area. For more information about CWN, visit www.cblpi.org/events or contact Camille Hart at chart@cblpi.org.

> In September, CWN featured prominent Washington attorney **Cleta Mitchell** who gave an update on the investigation into Obama Administration's IRS scandal. Cleta is the attorney responsible for exposing the scandal in 2013 and she is still fighting to uncover the truth about this extraordinary abuse of power.

> **Mollie Hemingway**, senior editor at The Federalist, a website about politics and culture, spoke at the October CWN luncheon. Her talk, titled "Hot Mess: Beyonce, J-Law, and the Incoherence of Third Wave Feminism," was an insightful look at how today's celebrity culture gets feminism and women empowerment wrong.



October CWN speaker Cleta Mitchell gave an update on the Obama Administration's IRS scandal.



October CWN speaker Mollie Hemingway (center) with Luce Accounting Manager Diane Sinclair (left) and Program Director Catherine Rodriguez.

Women from across the DC area filled the room at our September CWN to hear attorney Cleta Mitchell speak about the IRS scandal. Now in its 16th year, CWN remains one of the most unique programs in the DC area bringing together conservative women to hear from the Conservative Movement's top women leaders.

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



Luce'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; Jessa, 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.

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2014 Western Women's Summit speakers, from left: Rachel Campos Duffy, Morgan Brittany, Dr. Gina Loudon, Ann-Marie Murrell, Marji Ross, Debbie Saucedo, and April Humphrey.



Lisa Ebner Gavit from the University of Southern California

WESTERN Women's SUMMIT

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.



Catherine Engelbrecht accepting Luce's 2014 Woman of Exceptional Courage Award



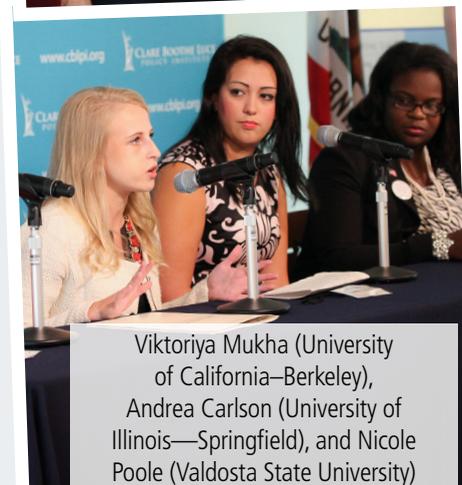
CBLPI Vice President Jeanne O'Connor and Education Director Lil Tuttle

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.



Congresswoman Michele Bachmann with Katherine Telford from Sewanee, The University of the South

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.



Viktoriya Mukha (University of California—Berkeley), Andrea Carlson (University of Illinois—Springfield), and Nicole Poole (Valdosta State University)

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.



Devon Nicole Naftzger (Princeton University), Lauren McCue (Virginia Tech), and Chelsea Andrews (Liberty University)

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