Great American Conservative Women

Catch a glimpse into what life is like for today’s leading conservative women when they step outside the spotlight.

Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute Calendar 2012
Dear Friend,

For seven years, the Luce Policy Institute’s Great American Conservative Women Calendar has been an exceptional way to showcase part of the Institute’s mission by highlighting the achievements of America’s top conservative women leaders. Each year, thousands of these calendars are put into the hands of students, supporters, media, and those serving in the military.

Our 2012 calendar’s theme is “Life Outside the Spotlight.” This year’s edition gives you a unique look at the lives some of your favorite women live outside of their everyday jobs as Conservative Movement leaders. Each of this year’s calendar ladies chose her own location to tell something about her life outside of the political spotlight, and each photo is paired with a personal quote about the picture.

The women featured in this calendar play an integral part in advancing the Institute’s mission to prepare and promote conservative women leaders. These outstanding role models prepare young women for leadership by speaking to them at our monthly Conservative Women’s Network events, leadership training seminars, mentoring lunches, and our Leading Ladies Campus Lecture Program.

Founded in 1993, the Luce Policy Institute fills a unique and valuable niche within the Conservative Movement, reaching America’s young women with conservative ideas and helping them fight back against liberal bias on college campuses. We work closely with young women, preparing them to advance individual freedom, economic liberty, limited government, traditional values, and personal responsibility.

We hope you enjoy the 2012 calendar’s “Life Outside the Spotlight” theme, and we thank you for all you do to support the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute!

Sincerely,

Michelle Eaton
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Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute
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"However often I may go, the moment of gearing up, of passing through the Salt Curtain, is a moment of excitement."
Playwright-turned-U.S. Ambassador Clare Boothe Luce (1903-1987)—the namesake of the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute—was the editor of Vanity Fair, as well as a U.S. Congresswoman from Connecticut. A wife, mother, and a woman of deep faith, Mrs. Luce’s extraordinary sense of humor was epitomized by her famous quote, “No good deed goes unpunished.”

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The most precious, and most important, title I have is ‘mom.’ I want nothing more than to pass liberty—that liberty our founders secured for us—on to my four children, not just intact, but expanded. And while they are young, I treasure every moment that I’m blessed to spend with them."
Kate Obenshain is Vice President of Young America’s Foundation and can be seen regularly on Fox News. Kate was the chairman of the Virginia GOP from 2003-2006, leading the fight against tax increases and the expanding role of government. She is a member of the Luce Policy Institute’s Board of Directors and the 2005 recipient of the Institute’s Conservative Leadership Award. Most importantly, Kate is the mother of her four young children.

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“One of my favorite things to do when I have downtime from my busy schedule at CURE is ride my bike around town. There is so much to do and see in DC, whether it’s riding to my favorite street-side café or touring the historic monuments that remind me of the many great sacrifices made for my freedom.”
A former single welfare mother who turned her life around, Star Parker is a champion for personal responsibility. The founder and president of CURE, the Center for Urban Renewal and Education, Star is a national expert on social policy and has been featured on major television and radio shows across the country.

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“By day, I deal with the drama of politics. By night, I love to escape into the drama of a great movie or live theater. There’s nothing quite like sitting in a darkened theater, watching a dynamic story come to life.”
Monica Crowley is a panelist on the legendary program “The McLaughlin Group,” a political and foreign affairs analyst for the Fox News Channel, and host of the nationally syndicated radio program, “The Monica Crowley Show.” She served as Foreign Policy Assistant to former President Richard Nixon from 1990 until his death in 1994, and wrote two bestsellers about her experiences, *Nixon Off the Record* and *Nixon in Winter*. She has also written for *The New Yorker*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Newsweek*, and *The New York Post*. In 2010 Monica was named the Institute’s Woman of the Year. She holds two Master’s degrees and a doctorate from Columbia University.

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“One great way to start my mornings in Washington is with a run or a walk around the Capital. Then I go to Eastern Market for a cup of coffee at a local café and catch up on the news or go over my schedule for the day.”
Ann Marie Buerkle is a lifelong Central New Yorker who proudly represents the people of New York State’s 25th Congressional District. She was elected to the United States House of Representatives in the 2010 general election and took the oath of office on January 5, 2011. She is the mother of 6 and a grandmother of 11. Her love for this country and her desire to give her kids and grandkids the same opportunities that she has had inspired her to run for Congress.

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"Before being elected to Congress I had practiced as a nurse for over 21 years and owned a small medical practice with my husband, a surgeon, in North Carolina. Health care is the reason I got involved in politics. I was shocked to see the profession I had given my life to being destroyed in an instant by a corrupt, confusing, and irresponsible law. Now that I am in Washington, I am taking those lessons and skills and using them to repair the health of our nation and bring prosperity back to all Americans."
Before her election to Congress, Ellmers worked as a Surgical Intensive Care Nurse and then with her husband Brent as Clinical Director of a wound care clinic in her home state of North Carolina. In 2009, she and her husband attended a Town Hall meeting to hear her Congressman speak on behalf of President Obama’s health care plan. Later, as a volunteer, she became an outspoken critic of government-run health care. Her involvement in the debate over health care led her to run for a seat in the United States Congress in 2010, where she now serves the people of North Carolina’s second district.

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President Truman said, 'If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog.' Well, I have two. When I’m not working in Congress, I like to take my dogs on walks around the city. It allows me to see all of the historic sites of Washington, DC. Though I miss home in Southwest Washington State, these walks give me pride in our country and reaffirm my passion for public service.
Jaime Herrera Beutler was elected to the 112th Congress in 2010 to represent Southwest Washington’s 3rd District. A native of Southwest Washington, Jaime brings legislative experience, an independent voice and a desire to serve her home community to Washington, DC. Jaime attended the University of Washington, earning her Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications. She’s working hard to change direction and reverse the policies that are driving America further into debt and killing the opportunities for new job creation. Jaime states her purpose very clearly: “I will be a member of Congress more concerned with saving your money than spending your money.”

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Ann Coulter– Overlooking Central Park in New York City

"Taking a break from my non-stop schedule of writing columns and books, giving speeches at universities, and weekly appearances on all the major TV news networks, I sometimes pause to reflect on just how much I despise Janet Napolitano."
Ann Coulter is the author of eight New York Times best-sellers, a popular syndicated columnist, and a frequent TV pundit. She is the 2001 recipient of the Luce Policy Institute’s Conservative Leadership Award and in 2004 was named the Institute’s Woman of the Year.

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"I am honored and blessed to make a living writing and speaking out for conservative principles and traditional values, but sometimes it's nice to escape the constant buzz of the media/political world. When I get a free moment to myself one of my go-to places is the piano -- where music, as Berthold Auerbach wrote, 'washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.'"
Michelle Malkin is a blogger, columnist, author, pundit, wife, and mother who got her start as a newspaper journalist in 1992. She is the recipient of the Luce Policy Institute’s 2004 Conservative Leadership Award, and her blog MichelleMalkin.com has more than 6 million monthly page views and 1 million monthly unique visitors.

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Andrea Tantaros– Shopping at Montmartre in New York City

“I love being able to defend Capitalism and other conservative values on Fox News and in the New York Daily News. But nothing is more fun than being able to put it into practice with some retail therapy when I’m not on the air or writing.”
Andrea Tantaros is a national political commentator, columnist and political contributor for the Fox News Channel. Her writing appears in the NY Daily News, on Fox News.com and in Newsmax magazine. In her career she has served as a senior advisor on a number of high-profile political campaigns and spent years working on Capitol Hill as Press Secretary for Republican Leadership.

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I miss the days of long, lazy lunches with friends. Now it’s grabbing a bite on the street in between meetings on the Hill or shoots in New York. But I’m a simple girl at heart, and I don’t need much to make me happy.”
S.E. Cupp is an author, political commentator, and columnist. S.E. is the author of Losing our Religion: the Liberal Media’s Attack on Christianity and co-author of Why You’re Wrong about the Right. She writes a regular column for the Daily Caller and New York Daily News and her work has also been published in the Washington Post, American Spectator, Human Events, Townhall.com, and FOXNews.com. She has appeared on each of the major news networks and is a regular guest on the Fox News Channel.

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Traveling across our nation, I always find the true spirit of America in our magnificent people and places. I am honored to represent the great state of Minnesota, a part of 'America the Beautiful.'
Congresswoman Michele Bachmann proudly serves the 6th district of Minnesota as an unwavering defender of conservatism in Congress. In 2010 Representative Bachmann was awarded the Luce Policy Institute’s Conservative Leadership Award. She is the first conservative woman to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Minnesota, and her example has served as an inspiration to the young women who have heard her speak at Luce Policy Institute events. She is a loving wife and mother of five and has opened her home to twenty-three foster children.

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