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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 attendees at CBLPI's Florida Women's Summit in Orlando.

Student Leaders from Across America Gather in Florida for a National Women's Summit

Top conservative women spoke on key policy issues at the two day conference. Read more about the event on page 3.



Left: Regnery Publishing President and CBLPI Board Member Marji Ross, pictured with President Michelle Easton, spoke at the Summit about succeeding at home and work. Right: Student attendees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison at the Summit welcome reception.



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CENTER FOR CONSERVATIVE WOMEN



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Your conservative principles are under constant attack by women who hate them. Why do I say that?

Americans cringed at the recent disturbing vulgar rant about Trump White House leaders Sarah Sanders and Kellyanne Conway by a left wing "comedienne" hired to speak at the White House Correspondents' Dinner.

First Lady Melania Trump is savagely criticized for waiting four months in New York with her 11-year-old son to finish his school year before moving into the White House.

On daytime talk show "The View" conservative women are regularly disparaged by condescending left wing women.

These critics of conservative ideas urge women to show they are strong and empowered by wearing pink hats of their private parts in public. I don't know if we should laugh or cry at their crude idiocy.

At Luce, we are teaching women student leaders to stand up to the culture of dependency, victimhood and liberalism being taught at their schools.

Refuting the hatred of feminists and other left wing women comes more easily to young women who have been educated and mentored by us. Your support allows us to prepare the next generation of women leaders, as you can see in these newsletter photos. Thank you!

Michelle Easton

Michelle Easton

Mentoring Future Leaders

CBLPI hosts a luncheon for top women student leaders from across the nation



A select group of top young women activists were invited to attend CBLPI's luncheon featuring journalist and Fox News Contributor Mollie Hemingway.

The largest annual gathering of conservatives in America, the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) took place in February in Washington. CBLPI co-sponsored CPAC and played a key role by hosting a special luncheon for a select group of top young women activists. We invited journalist and Fox News Contributor Mollie Hemingway to speak at the luncheon. She gave excellent remarks about conservative women succeeding in both professional and family life.

Sally from Linfield Christian School told us afterward, "This luncheon was so inspiring to me as a woman who is interested in getting involved in the fight for conservatism. I was surrounded by other girls who were passionate about making a difference on their campuses and Mollie Hemingway motivated me to pursue my aspirations."



Mollie Hemingway speaking to students at the luncheon.

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CWN in Review

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 DC area. For more information about CWN, visit cblpi.org or contact Camille Hart at chart@cblpi.org.

- > Anna Smith Lacey, Executive Director of The Hungary Initiatives Foundation, spoke candidly in January about the life she and her family lived for years under socialism.
- > In February, attorneys Tiffany Bates and Elizabeth Slattery, hosts of the lively Heritage Foundation podcast SCOTUS 101, broke down the latest Supreme Court news and important cases to watch in 2018.
- > Author, policy expert, and communications professional Ying Ma gave a talk in March explaining why "Immigrating to America Is Not an Entitlement."
- > Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute President Michelle Easton gave a special talk to CWN in April about the inspiring life of the Institute's namesake, Clare Boothe Luce. The talk was covered by C-SPAN.

Anna Smith Lacey spoke in January about living under socialism in Hungary.



Attorneys Tiffany Bates and Elizabeth Slattery spoke about key Supreme Court cases to watch in 2018. Pictured from left: CBLPI President Michelle Easton, Elizabeth, Tiffany, and CBLPI Spring Fellow Cameron Wallace.



Campus Lecture Highlights

Our Campus Lecture Program continues to expand as we bring more conservative women leaders to campus every month. This spring, we've sponsored lectures by author and former combat helicopter pilot Amber Smith at Kutztown University of Pennsylvania; Middle East expert Nonie Darwish at the University of Florida; Second Amendment activist Antonia Okafor at Georgetown University, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and St. Mary's College-Notre Dame; former U.S. Treasurer Bay Buchanan at California Lutheran; blogger Allie Stuckey and media coach Beverly Hallberg at Mt. Holyoke College; Star Parker, policy leader, at Loyola Marymount University; and Ying Ma at the University of California, Berkeley. Some of the most liberal campuses in America would never hear a conservative woman speaker but for the brave women students we work with to organize these lectures.



CBLPI sponsored blogger Allie Stuckey (left) and media coach Beverly Hallberg (right) for a panel discussion on women in media at Mt. Holyoke College. Kaya Jones (center), President Trump's national diversity coalition ambassador, also participated in the panel.



Left: Antonia Okafor (third from left) with students after her gun rights talk at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Right: Nonie Darwish exposing Sharia law at the University of Florida.

National Women's Summit

CBLPI brought young women leaders together in Orlando, Florida for another of our National Women's Summits. Speakers at the Summit included Marji Ross, President of Regnery Publishing; Veronique de Rugy, Senior Research Fellow at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University; Ying Ma, an author and policy expert; Allie Stuckey, founder of The Conservative Millennial blog; Dr. Carol Swain, an author and former professor at Vanderbilt University; Rachel Semmel, Media Relations Director at District Media Group; and Bay Buchanan, former United States Treasurer. We opened the Summit with a keynote dinner speech by Fox News Contributor Rachel Campos-Duffy. She spoke about how to balance a career and family, a topic many young women ask us to cover.

Attendees spent the weekend hearing from top conservative women speakers about important policy issues, networking, making important connections, and learning how to make an impact on campus. Below is what a few of our attendees had to say after the Summit.



Gracie
University of Wisconsin-Madison

"Women are a powerful driving force in politics and in the world and it is such a blessing to have an organization equipping conservative women."



Bethanie
University of Nevada, Reno

"[This Summit] shows the endless possibilities of being a conservative woman. I have attended multiple women's conferences but this one takes the cake because it is run by a women's conservative group."



Andrea
Rutgers University

"I am re-inspired to be an active conservative presence on campus. It's very important for me to attend women's summits because the advice is so useful and it feels more inclusive."



Fox News Contributor Rachel Campos-Duffy (fourth from right) took time to greet attendees after her speech at the Summit dinner banquet.



Allie Stuckey, founder of The Conservative Millennial blog, spoke about the unintended consequences of the #metoo movement.