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

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Your support has allowed us to change the lives of thousands of young women over the past 25 years, including these attendees at a recent Luce mentoring luncheon at the National Press Club in D.C. Since our founding in 1993, Luce's mission has been uniquely focused on conservative women.

## Luce Celebrates 25 Years!

*Since our founding in 1993, your support has helped us empower and educate thousands of courageous young women who are changing our nation for the better. As we celebrate 25 years, we're creating a new Center for Conservative Women – we're expanding and renovating our Headquarters in order to reach even more women more effectively with conservative ideas. Read more on page 3.*



Students crowd into our current conference room for a seminar at Luce Headquarters. Our new Center for Conservative will have a large Conference Center with seating for 60 attendees.



# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been a tough season for conservatives. Leftwing temper tantrums have been at a constant fever pitch for two years.

Disgusting pink hats, intimidation of conservatives, and a complete breakdown of civility as Leftwing mobs patrol restaurants looking for conservatives to harass.

Unfortunately for our great country, the far Left has been rewarded with more power from coast to coast. From noted Taliban-sympathizer and Senator-elect Kyrsten Sinema in Arizona, to the "Bolshevik Barbie" Congresswoman-elect Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez in New York, the Left has learned that their childish tactics will be accepted by more of the American public than you and I would like.

No one will take this harder than young conservative women on college campuses, ground zero of Leftwing Alinskyite tactics. It's been difficult for young conservatives on campuses for decades. I'm afraid it is only going to get worse.

The courage and steadfastness of our young women leaders gives me hope as we close out the year and I hope it encourages you, too. In fact, there are so many young women who need our help that we are expanding our Headquarters to accommodate them all.

I want to thank you for all you do to support America's conservative women. Your support is more important than ever at this critical time.

*Michelle Easton*

Michelle Easton

# Mr. Arnold Feige: A Lasting Legacy

by Luce President Michelle Easton

Longtime Luce friend and strong conservative Arnold Feige has left a generous bequest to Clare Boothe Luce Center for Conservative Women. Mr. Feige helped us in our work with young women since 2002 and told me early on that he intended to leave a legacy with us. Mr. Feige enjoyed the peace of mind that comes from controlling his legacy and not leaving it to the government to decide.

When we first met he had just lost his beloved wife of 45 years and cherished all the more his three daughters. He told me how much he appreciated that we found promising women students and worked closely with them on effectively embracing conservative ideas, communication skills, traditional values, while preparing them to be women leaders for America. His daughters Margaret, Ann, and Jane described him as a gentle and present father and he truly had a heart for helping young women.



Mr. Feige standing in his Seattle home's backyard overlooking Puget Sound and the Olympic mountains where we visited and he told of his heart for young women's welfare and his appreciation of our work with conservative young women.

After receiving his degree in Architecture at the University of Washington Mr. Feige launched his own tremendously successful business, Feige Design & Construction Co. in Seattle. His company built both residential and commercial buildings. He loved to travel and made annual trips to Hawaii and to Alaska to visit his beloved grandchildren. He loved the theater and opera, and was a skilled tennis player. And he loved to talk with us about conservative ideas.

*If you would like to talk with me about an estate gift please call me or contact your estate planning attorney and share this bequest language: I give, devise and bequeath to Clare Boothe Luce Center for Conservative Women, tax ID 54-1672138, 112 Elden St., Suite P, Herndon, Va 20170 [insert amount, percentage, or remainder of estate] to be used for educational purposes.*

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# 25 Years of Conservative Women Leading the Way

The Clare Boothe Luce Center for Conservative Women was founded 25 years ago with the mission of preparing and promoting conservative women leaders and today our work has never been more important. It can be a brutal world for young conservative women under constant attack in their schools, the media, and in popular culture.

Several years ago, we began to outgrow our Headquarters and could no longer accommodate the number of young women who come to us. Because of the generosity of two supporters, last year we purchased a vacant suite adjacent to our Headquarters. We are doing renovations to create a new Headquarters called the Center for Conservative Women, complete with a large Conference Center for special events, an expanded Board Room and Library, and more office space to accommodate a growing team of staff, interns and Fellows.

As we look back on the past 25 years, we're so grateful for your support that has made it possible and changed so many women's lives, and we look forward to the exciting times ahead.



1995

Luce President Michelle Easton and founding Board Member Frank Donatelli

1998

Bay Buchanan gives a Luce lecture at Vassar College in New York

2000

Kellyanne Conway speaks at one of the first Conservative Women's Network luncheons

2006

Michelle Malkin with students at a Luce Woman of the Year Award Luncheon



2008

Star Parker speaks at our first ever Women's Summit in Santa Barbara, California

2009

Luce honors Phyllis Schlafly with our Lifetime Achievement Award

2013

Wisconsin Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch (left) and National Security expert KT McFarland speak at a Luce event

2018

Students from Loyola Marymount University and University of Central Florida network at our spring Florida Women's Summit

# Student *Profile*



Hayley Grande, a Luce 2018 summer Fellow and student at Georgetown University

2018 Luce Fellow Hayley Grande, a student at Georgetown University, continues to make waves on her campus after spending her summer at Luce. She recently brought conservative blogger Allie Stuckey to speak on her campus. Afterward she told us, "I want to thank you for supporting me as I put on the Allie Stuckey lecture at Georgetown. The event was a great success and brought a much needed conservative woman's perspective to my liberal campus in the midst of a time where it was needed most during

the Kavanaugh confirmation hearings. I want to express my gratitude to you for building this community of supportive women."

She went on to tell us what an impact her summer Fellowship has had on her life, saying, "I've recently been reflecting on my summer and everything I learned. I am so grateful for your guidance, support, and the countless opportunities you gave me to succeed. I realize now more than ever, that being at Luce gave me a sturdy foundation that I can always look back on as I enter my professional life."

# Board Member *Profile*



Luce President Michelle Easton (left) with Ursula Meese

Ursula Meese served many years as a Luce Board member before recently retiring to Emeritus status. Ursula has a long and distinguished history of professional and humanitarian service to women, children, military service personnel, and the disabled.

A graduate of University of the Pacific and Radcliffe-Harvard Program in Business Administration, Ursula began her career in California as a Deputy Probation Officer. Until her retirement, Ursula worked for many years as Development Consultant to the Multiple Sclerosis Society's Operation Job Match, a training and job placement service for the handicapped in Washington DC. Ursula was a member of the Attorney General's Task Force on Family Violence at the U.S. Department of Justice during the Reagan Administration. She has also served on the Board of Trustees for the Multiple Sclerosis Society National Capital Chapter, American University, Marymount University, and the World USO.

A great conservative who has helped so many young women, Ursula lives with her husband in Virginia and continues to be actively involved.

## Campus Lecture Highlights



**1** Allie Stuckey (center) is pictured with 2018 fall intern Rose Laoutaris (left) and 2018 Summer Fellow Hayley Grande after speaking at Georgetown University.



**2** Members of the Luce Society Chapter at the University of Wisconsin-Madison with Rachel Campos-Duffy after her lecture.



**3** An auditorium filled with students at University of California, Berkeley to hear Allie Stuckey.