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Commemoration of the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor

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This year, the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library Center will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of both the Presidential Library and Museum as well as The Bush School of Government and Public Service with a series of events you will not want to miss. These events throughout the year will not only commemorate this milestone, but also continue to reflect President George H.W. Bush’s strongly held belief that public service is a noble calling. His remarkable life, extraordinary family and singular career – and now his Library and The Bush School – all embody this timeless notion that seems all-the-more relevant today.

Now entering its 20th year, The Bush School ranks in the top 12 percent of graduate public affairs schools in the nation, according to U.S. News & World Report.

The George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum, meanwhile, will welcome its 3,000,000th visitor this fall. Among the many accolades the Library has earned, its Education Department recently received The Pinnacle Award recognizing both quality of content and exceptional skill in engaging learners. And, the Library’s hard-working staff are frequently cited in local and national media outlets for their talented efforts.

In numerous ways this year, starting with this letter, we will thank those of you who have made possible the creation, growth and great progress of the Library and School. Together with the George H.W. Bush Foundation, these institutions are the essential standard bearers for President Bush and the values he exemplifies. Your support makes it possible for us to bring his exemplary life and leadership example to an ever-wider audience.

Please accept our thanks and join us in celebrating the 20th Anniversary, and also looking forward to an even brighter future for these institutions we have built and supported together. We are especially proud to be a part of the Texas A&M campus and family, and we look forward to seeing you at our Bush Center events throughout the year.

All the best,

CEO,

George H.W. Bush Presidential Library Foundation

Barbara and I were deeply touched by the prayers and good wishes sent our way when we were in the hospital in January. Kind words mean a lot, and — together with the amazing doctors and caring nurses at Houston Methodist — the many kindnesses we received were a wonderful form of medicine. Now, our great concern is we will not be able to thank everyone for their many cards, calls, emails and the like. It is the latest proof that, when it comes to our family and our friends, we have indeed been richly blessed. Thank you all very much.”

— PRESIDENT & MRS. GEORGE H.W. BUSH

A Message from David B. Jones

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Super Bowl 2017
“Professor” Jeb Bush Caps 10-Day Course at the Bush School with address on Gubernatorial Leadership

Early this year the 43rd Governor of Florida, Jeb Bush, joined the faculty of the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University as an executive professor and John D. White ‘70 Distinguished Professor of Practice to teach a 10-day concentrated course on the role of gubernatorial leadership and its impact on government at all levels.

Though the course took place January 6-16, which was prior to the formal start of the spring semester, some 70 Bush School students signed up to get a firsthand account of the roles and responsibilities of the state executive from the governor of a diverse and increasingly populated state.

Governor Bush punctuated his curricula by inviting distinguished guest lecturers such as former governors Haley Barbour from Mississippi and Martin O’Malley from Maryland – as well as members of his gubernatorial team from Florida – to address various aspects of executive leadership.

On January 10, Governor Bush also delivered the Bush Foundation’s William Waldo Cameron Forum on Public Affairs on The Role of Gubernatorial Leadership in States, the Nation and World: Lessons from Eight Years of Bold Policymaking, Government Reform and Crisis Response.

“The simple fact is while you’re in public life, while you’re serving in a leadership role, you should have a servant’s heart,” Governor Bush said that evening. “This should be about helping others, it’s how you sustain proper policy—if the world revolves around you and your whims and desires, nothing will happen. You might think you’re wonderful and important, but at the end of the day, servant leadership is what matters.”

At the conclusion of his remarks, the Bush School’s newest faculty member was joined onstage by his son, Texas Land Commissioner, George P. Bush, for a wide-ranging Q&A session. President and Mrs. Bush watched proudly from the first row.
The Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor

Hundreds of guests flooded the Bush Center plaza – and later, both auditoriums in the Annenberg Conference Center – on Wednesday, December 7th to help mark the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The Bush Foundation’s event honored former President George H.W. Bush, former U.S. Senator Bob Dole as well as 27 other World War II veterans. Included among the veterans was Aaron Cook, 94, the sole Pearl Harbor survivor to attend.

The event began outside with patriotic songs from the Texas A&M Singing Cadets, and a flyover of vintage World War II aircraft by the Texas Flying Legends Museum that was narrated by Navy veteran Ken Crites, a professional air show announcer. A 1943 Grumman TBM Avenger like the one that was flown by future President George H.W. Bush off the USS Wasp sinking two Japanese ships during the summer of 1945, was also set as a static display near the entrance of the Bush Library and Museum for audience viewing.

The outdoor remembrance ceremony concluded with a moment of silence and Taps played by a bugler from Texas A&M’s Corps of Cadets.

The second half of the anniversary celebration continued in the theater of the Annenberg Presidential Conference Center. Moderator and respected FOX News Commentator Brit Hume shared President Bush and Senator Dole’s personal WWII stories with the audience through video and commentary.

A panel of speakers followed including Admiral Chip Miller, the former commanding officer of the USS George H. W. Bush, as well as authors Jon Meacham and James Bradley – who commended Bush and Dole for their contributions to the U.S. through both their military service and political careers.

The day’s events concluded with Senator Dole receiving the George Bush Award for Excellence in Public Service.
citation for the award, “Hap” Ellis, who chairs the Bush Foundation’s Board of Directors, said Dole was being recognized as “one of the finest, most honorable and most selfless patriots this nation has ever produced.”

Senator Dole responded, lightheartedly joking at times and displaying his appreciation for President Bush, his former political rival who had joined him on stage. He also thanked the veterans in attendance for their service, noting that the attack on Pearl Harbor did much more than just change his and Bush’s lives.

“That’s the price we pay for freedom,” Senator Dole said. “We love our country, we want to keep our freedom. People are knocking on our door second after second wanting to come to America because they’ve heard about the great people that make up this great country. They know about men like President Bush, and they know what he has contributed.”

This truly special event was produced by the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library Foundation in partnership with American Momentum Bank, the Lenore and Francis Humphreys International Speakers Program, the Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs, The Bush School of Government and Public Service and the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum. In addition, for a special exhibit that opened December 7th, other Presidential Libraries contributed letters and artifacts illustrating the impact World War II had on seven other Presidents.
David Priess Leads Forum on Intelligence

“Some of those who dedicated so much energy and time to this unique daily publication will finally, with this book, get a touch of the recognition they justly deserve. Many more must remain nameless. All of them have my respect and appreciation.”

EXCERPT FROM FOREWORD BY GEORGE H.W. BUSH

On October 19, 2016, the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library Foundation, in partnership with the Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs at The Bush School of Government and Public Service, hosted a lecture by Dr. David Priess, author of “The President’s Book of Secrets: The Untold Story of Intelligence Briefings to America’s Presidents from Kennedy to Obama.”

Priess, who served in the CIA during the administrations of Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, gained unprecedented access to the history behind the daily intelligence briefing each President receives, called the President’s Daily Brief. In writing his book, Dr. Priess conducted hundreds of interviews and dug through oral histories, memoirs and declassified intelligence reports to tell the unique story of this top-secret report.

Fittingly, Priess’ book contains 50 years of stories about these briefings and carries a foreword from President George H.W. Bush.

“The briefing is an analysis of intelligence,” explained Priess. “It’s an assessment that analysts put together based on raw information to reduce uncertainty for the policy-makers.”

The event featured a panel discussion with several former members of the CIA: James Olson, a senior lecturer at The Bush School who served for more than 25 years as Directorate of Operations for the CIA; Richard Kerr, former CIA Deputy Director; and Carmen Medina, former CIA Deputy Director of Intelligence.

At the conclusion of the panel, President Bush’s was recognized for his positive relationship with the intelligence community throughout his political career and since his presidency. “I was fortunate in my career to have a lot of interactions with President Bush, and I treasure them,” said Olson, a 25-year veteran with the CIA. “One thing that always stood out to me is how much President Bush loves the United States intelligence community, and, Mr. President, it is mutual.”
In November, the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library Foundation hosted its most successful Vintner Dinner and Wine Auction to date – an evening featuring the finest food and wines paired with the unmatched comedic genius of TV legend Jay Leno.

Ably chaired by ConocoPhillips CEO Ryan Lance and his wife Lisa, nearly 800 guests gathered at the Royal Sonesta in Houston enjoyed a four-course meal while sipping on bottled offerings from respected vintners such as Duckhorn, Silver Oak and Twomey.

All proceeds from the Vintner Dinner and Wine Auction go directly to the George H.W. Bush Foundation as part of our mission to sponsor exhibits, lectures, conferences and special events which create a dynamic learning environment dedicated to the ideal of public service as a noble calling.

The 8th Vintner Dinner and Wine Auction has been set for Thursday, November 16, 2017 once again at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in Houston. This year’s event will be even more special, as it will be part of the year-long 20th anniversary celebration of the opening of the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library Center. We hope you will join us for an evening full of good company, great food, exquisite wine and entertainment you won’t want to miss!

For more information about the 2017 Vintner Dinner & Wine Auction please visit: www.41FoundationVintnerDinner.com
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<td>March 24, 5:00 p.m. Reception 6:00 p.m. Program</td>
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<td>Robert Kaplan: Conversations in Public Policy: A Discussion of Economic Conditions and the Role of Monetary Policy</td>
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<td>Ambassador John Negroponte and Dr. Stephen Krasner: &quot;Unraveling of International Order: The Coming Crises America will face.&quot;</td>
<td>April 4, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. lecture</td>
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<td>College Station Easter Celebration</td>
<td>April 8, 9:30 a.m. - Noon</td>
<td>Activities will include games, face painting, an Easter egg hunt, egg roll, egg toss, complimentary refreshments and photos with the Easter Bunny.</td>
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<td><strong>Bank of America Program in Volunteerism: Lauren Bush Lauren</strong></td>
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<td>Held in conjunction with the Bryan College Station Chamber of Commerce, this is a one-day conference full of panel discussions by community leaders.</td>
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<td><strong>Birthday Celebration for President George H. W. Bush and Mrs. Barbara Bush</strong></td>
<td>June 8, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.</td>
<td>Grab your pearls and crazy socks and join us as we celebrate the birthdays of both President and Mrs. Bush! Mrs. Bush will be turning 92 on June 8, and President Bush will be 93 on June 12. Free birthday cake, popcorn and refreshments in the rotunda. There is no cost to participate in the festivities in the rotunda, but regular museum admission will apply. President and Mrs. Bush will celebrate their birthdays with family and friends in Kennebunkport, Maine, and will not be in attendance.</td>
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<td><strong>Education Program: Community Celebration of Juneteenth</strong></td>
<td>June 15, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.</td>
<td>The George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum presents this program in partnership with Lincoln Recreation Center, Neal Recreation Center, North Bryan Community Center, Boys and Girls Clubs, the Brazos Valley African American Museum and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.</td>
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<td><strong>“I Love America” Fourth of July Celebration</strong></td>
<td>July 4, 5:00 p.m. – 9:45 p.m. (Fireworks begin at 9:30 p.m.)</td>
<td>Free parking is available at Fan Field, the gravel parking lot on Research Parkway on the Texas A&amp;M University campus. There will not be shuttles from West Campus Garage or Reed Arena. Handicapped parking is available in Lot 41 in front of the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum entrance. Come early and bring lawn chairs, picnic baskets and blankets. Please, no pets or glass containers. More info: <a href="http://www.bush41.org">www.bush41.org</a></td>
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<td>Oct. 20-21, All day</td>
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<td>Christmas Tree Lighting</td>
<td>Nov. 30, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Join us as we light the Presidential Library Center Christmas Tree! Modeled after the tree lighting ceremony that takes place annually on the White House grounds, the ceremony will include musical entertainment, a celebrity guest tree lighter and a public reception.</td>
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<td>Holidays at the Rotunda</td>
<td>Dec. 2, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</td>
<td>This free event takes place in front of the museum’s magnificently decorated 19-foot Christmas tree in the rotunda, and live entertainment and Santa’s workshop will get you in the yuletide spirit. Children will be able to make holiday ornaments in the classroom, while a variety of entertainers will keep things festive in the rotunda. There will be cookies, hot chocolate and punch served during the activities.</td>
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Dean Mark Welsh of the Bush School of Government and Public Service with Bush School students
The exhibit will be suitable for all ages and will feature topics including:

- The People: personalities and leadership important in ranching, politics and business
- Agribusiness: ranch commodities’ valuable past and importance for the future
- Other Business Ventures: other ventures that contributed to the ranches’ long-term survival
- Animal Science at Texas A&M: historic roles and accomplishments, significant people, current research activities and a look to the future

Historical objects, interactive media, video oral histories and hands-on displays will give visitors perspective on the unique ranching heritage of Texas.
ConocoPhillips White House Lecture Series: Lauren Wright and First Ladies Panel Discussion

The ConocoPhillips White House Lecture Series featured a panel discussion on the changing role of presidential spouses, moderated by former ABC News White House correspondent Ann Compton on Monday, November 14, 2016. Panelists included Anita McBride, former chief of staff to First Lady Laura Bush; Lissa Muscatine, former communications director to First Lady Hillary Clinton; and Lauren Wright, author of “On Behalf of the President: Presidential Spouses and White House Communication Strategy Today.”

The event was held at the Annenberg Presidential Conference Center. The program was presented by the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library Foundation and the Mosbacher Institute for Trade, Economics, and Public Policy at The Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University.

Wright’s book highlights the increasing political importance of the president’s spouse and the tremendous responsibility placed on the office of the First Lady to communicate and align with the president’s message, simultaneously shaping a positive public image of the president.

“White House and presidential campaign staff, historians and journalists have long attested to the influence of first ladies in American politics, even though they lack institutional power and formal responsibilities,” Wright said. “The mass appeal of first ladies is precisely one of the reasons they are the single most effective surrogates on the campaign trail and in the White House.”

A pioneer in her field, Ann Compton was the first woman assigned to cover the White House on network television in 1974. Her career with ABC News spanned seven presidents and 10 presidential campaigns over 41 years. Compton closed out the ceremony with a special tribute to former first lady Barbara Bush. “She always was at the president’s side,” Compton said. “She had his back, and she had ours. Thank you, Barbara Bush.”

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Lauren Wright
Chase Untermeyer Releases New Book


Widely respected Houston radio and television reporter, Shara Fryer, interviewed Ambassador Untermeyer and focused on his personal experiences with President Bush and his White House encounters.

Ambassador Untermeyer has held both elected and appointed office at all four levels of government—local, state, national and international—over a 40-year period, with work in journalism, academia and business. He has worked as an international business consultant since returning to the U.S. in 2007, following his three years as Ambassador to Qatar appointed by President George W. Bush. He served as an intern and staffer to then-Congressman George Bush during the latter’s service in the U.S. House of Representatives in the late 1960s.

Ambassador Untermeyer is also a Navy veteran, having served aboard a destroyer in the Western Pacific during the Vietnam War.

AT&T Awards Bush Library $150,000 Preservation Grant

The AT&T Corporation awarded the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum $150,000 to assist in digitizing audio-visual materials—primarily analog Beta tapes and still photos—documenting Presidential decision-making during the Persian Gulf crisis from 1990-1991. There will be additional supporting materials including audio tapes and textual documents digitized to provide context for the tapes and photos.

The project will convert more than 500 Betacam SP videotapes to digital format and digitize 5,000 contact sheets and supporting textual materials. The videos, contact sheets and supporting documentation will be made available free of charge on the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum’s website (bush41.org) and through the National Archives and Records Administration via The National Archives Catalog.

Save the Date

Thursday, November 16

2017 Vintner Dinner and Wine Auction

benefiting the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library Foundation

Royal Sonesta Hotel
Houston, Texas

Formal invitation to follow
Event information: www.41FoundationVintnerDinner.com
Ways to Give:
George H.W. Bush Presidential Library Foundation

Established in 1991, the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to preserving the historic legacy of George H.W. Bush, 41st President of the United States. In addition to sponsoring exhibits, lectures, conferences and special events, the Foundation provides program and financial support to the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library Center, which includes the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum and The Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University.

Membership Gifts
Many of you are already taking advantage of your membership and the benefits of the various giving levels. But did you know you can give gifts of membership to family and friends and allow them to experience everything the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation has to offer? You will still benefit from the tax deduction, and your loved ones will enjoy the membership benefits.

Gifts
Outright gifts can be made in cash or securities and provide the Bush Foundation with immediate assets to continue and develop our many programs. There are immediate tax benefits to the donor. Please consult with a tax specialist concerning the details of the current law.

Pledges
Pledges are a formal commitment to provide a gift to the Bush Foundation. Pledges can be made over a three- to five-year period and provide the donor with the opportunity to make a substantial gift with regular annual payments.

Real Estate
A gift of property allows a donor to claim an income tax charitable donation for the full market value of the property.

Matching Gifts
Many companies will match an employee’s philanthropic gift, and this is an easy way to have your company increase your membership to the next level. In considering a gift, please check with your employer to determine if a matching gift program is available.

Planned Giving
A bequest, or a gift by a will, is one of the simplest ways by which to leave a gift for the Bush Foundation. A bequest can be made for a specific amount or for a portion of an estate. Your bequest can be made with a new will or by adding a codicil to an existing will. A bequest reduces the taxable portion of an estate and, therefore, may lower federal estate tax liability. Wills or codicils should be prepared with the advice of an attorney.

There are various ways you can support the Bush Foundation. All gifts are tax deductible. Please call (979) 862-2251 or visit bush41.org/support-our-work for more information.
Neil Bush Headlines Distance Learning Event:

“President Bush’s Focus on Friendships & Personal Diplomacy”

The George H.W. Bush Presidential Library was the first of all presidential libraries to house a classroom because of President Bush’s strong request to do so to promote educational programs within the library and museum. The education department opened in November 1997, and since then has launched numerous popular educational initiatives. It is the mission of the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library education programs to inform and enrich learning about American History, the role of the Presidency in general with special focus on the Administration of George H.W. Bush, the 41st President, and benefit the educational quality of the community through civic literacy programs. In the 2015-2016 school year, the Library had a total of 181,133 participants attend various educational events.

Every year there are several unique literacy and historical storytelling programs held at the Annenberg Presidential Conference Center. The most popular annual educational program has been the “Reading Discovery Distance Learning Program and Video Conference featuring First Lady Barbara Bush,” and in fact, is celebrating its 10th anniversary. This year Neil Bush, Co-Chair of the Barbara Bush Literacy Foundation of Houston, gave a presentation and answered questions from students through distance learning on the subject of “President Bush’s Focus on Friendships and Personal Diplomacy.” Guest hosts included Moderator Mike Wright, VP-General Manager of KBTX and KWTX-TV, Susan Donius, national archives director of the presidential libraries, and Patrick Vennenbush, discovery education director of learning strategies. The reading material provided was from “White House Dinner Dash,” the learning game app about President George H.W. Bush’s personal diplomacy.

There are many on-site and distance learning classroom programs and opportunities available to the public, and more specifically school districts locally and regionally. The newest educational initiatives are two interactive learning game apps, “Cold War Dare” and “White House Dinner Dash” featuring President George H.W. Bush with Bush Library photos and archive materials highlighted. These are available at no-cost on mobile platforms and online (www.coldwardare.org & www.whitehousedinnerdash.com)

For more information on the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library Education Programs, please contact Dr. Shirley Hammond, director of education at shirley.hammond@nara.gov or call (979) 691-4013 for more information.

December 2016: An American Original – Gregrobin Smith as Ben Franklin, Annenberg Presidential Conference Center