

Captain Mark Kelly September 15, 2017

To Infinity and Beyond

The Nanci Calderwood Memorial Speaker

- Astronaut and U.S. Navy Captain
- Commander of Space Shuttle Endeavor's final mission
- Husband of former U.S. Representative (AZ) Gabby Giffords

Highly decorated American astronaut Captain Mark Kelly commanded the space shuttles Endeavor and Discovery and visited the International Space Station four times. He also partnered with his identical twin brother, astronaut Scott Kelly, in a historic yearlong NASA study on how space affects the human body. Mark Kelly is now a space and aviation contributor for NBC News and MSNBC.

Luncheon at the Hyatt Regency



Dr. Bennet Omalu October 27, 2017

Don't Break the Rules; Change the Game

The Sandra West Memorial Speaker

- Forensic pathologist, neuropathologist, epidemiologist
- First to diagnose chronic brain damage in NFL athletes
- Specialist in chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE)

As chronicled in the highly acclaimed film Concussion, Dr. Bennet Omalu was the first doctor to discover, identify, and report chronic brain damage as a major factor in the disease CTE. In 2015, Dr. Omalu received the WebMD Health Hero Award for his work in raising awareness of CTE. Born in Nigeria and now a U.S. citizen, he was named a 2016 Great Immigrant honoree by the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

Luncheon at the Hyatt Regency



Laura Linney February 2, 2018

Infusing Creativity Into All Aspects of **Our Lives**

The Helmerich Trust Speaker

- Award-winning actress
- Alumna of Brown University and The Juilliard School
- Advocate for arts in education and cancer research

Laura Linney is a renowned Broadway, television and movie actress. In addition to being nominated for three Academy Awards and three Tony Awards. Ms. Linney has won four Emmys, two Golden Globes and a SAG Award. She has also been honored for her cancer advocacy work, which was inspired by her father's death from the disease. As a result of her passion for the arts, Ms. Linney started an arts education program for children at Juilliard.

Luncheon at the Hyatt Regency



Rudy Maxa March 23, 2018

The Eight Most **Common Mistakes** Travelers Make

- Consumer travel expert
- "The Savvv Traveler"
- Travel writer for TV and radio

Rudy Maxa hosts the country's most widely syndicated weekly radio travel show, Rudy Maxa's World. He is an American consumer travel expert whose writings and television shows have been instrumental in saving time and money for thousands of travelers. Mr. Maxa's enthusiasm for travel is expressed in nearly 100 television episodes on great destinations of the world, which have earned several Emmy Awards.

Luncheon at the PAC



Piper Kerman April 13, 2018

The Real-Life Story of "Orange Is the New Black"

- Bestselling author
- Prison and criminal justice reform advocate
- · Communications consultant

Piper Kerman's bestselling memoir, Orange Is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison, chronicles her 13 months in a federal correctional institution. She explores the experience of incarceration and the intersections of her life with the lives of the women she met in prison. The Netflix adaptation of her book is a Peabody and Emmy Award-winning series. Ms. Kerman is a board member for the Women's Prison Association, which creates alternatives to incarceration for at-risk women.

Luncheon at the Hyatt Regency

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