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

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Mark your calendars!

North Carolina Women's Summit  
September 30-October 1, 2016  
Raleigh, North Carolina

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Author and CBLPI speaker Star Parker addresses young women at our Capitol Hill Summit for women interns

## Building the Next Generation of Leaders

*You helped us provide conservative women with the tools and training they need as they begin careers in journalism, public policy, and media. Read more about our Capitol Hill Summit for conservative women interns on page 4.*



From left: Summit speaker Leah Campos with CBLPI Fellow Abigail Slagle from Miami University of Ohio; attendees from Miami University and Universite Catholique de Lille in France look through the CBLPI materials provided at the Summit; an attendee from Appalachian School of Law participates in the Summit Q&A session



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The time is now for courageous women to step up and speak out on behalf of conservative values. At this critical moment in our nation's history, the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute has a full agenda for the rest of the year to provide young women with the inspiration, information, and encouragement they need to boldly reject the phony Left wing women who claim to stand for them.

This October we're hosting a Women's Summit in the important state of North Carolina where attendees will learn about key policy issues and receive training on how to be effective advocates for conservatism. Along with our other events, the Summit will help us reach hundreds of women students who will take the conservative message back to thousands of young people in their schools.

As you can see on the pages of this newsletter, CBLPI is unlike any organization in the Conservative Movement in its focus on training and supporting women. Through our programs and initiatives, we stress the importance of moral values, integrity, and a strong work ethic, and we educate young women on critical issues like free enterprise and the economy, strong effective national security, and free market oriented health care.

But your continued support is urgent as all these values are under assault. Thank you for supporting America's conservative women.

*Michelle Easton*  
Michelle Easton

## Student Spotlight: Andrea Vacchiano

*"I am stronger and braver"*

Andrea Vacchiano, a rising sophomore at Rutgers University, was selected to be one of the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute's summer Fellows in 2016. Our highly competitive Fellowship Program receives applications from students all across the country, but only the top women leaders are accepted for an intense summer of training and hands-on learning at our Virginia Headquarters.



Andrea (right) with CBLPI Board Member Kellyanne Conway, Founder and President of the polling company, inc./ WomanTrend, at a CBLPI event this summer

We chose Andrea because of her boldness in the face of liberal intimidation at Rutgers and her eagerness to become a stronger conservative leader on her campus. Andrea attended CBLPI's Midwest Women's Summit in 2015 as a high school senior and in 2016 she spoke on a student panel at our Western Women's Summit.

As her summer working at CBLPI concluded, Andrea told us, "I now feel much more confident and prepared to continue being a conservative activist on campus. I have improved immensely since I began this fellowship, and am a stronger and braver person than who I was at my first CBLPI summit in high school. This has been a life-changing experience for me."

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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 Washington area. For more information about CWN, visit [www.cblpi.org](http://www.cblpi.org) or contact Camille Hart at [chart@cblpi.org](mailto:chart@cblpi.org).

> **Karlyn Bowman**, Senior Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, spoke in May about current public opinion and demographic trends in the midst of this critical time for our country.

> **Hannah Smith**, Senior Counsel at the Becket Fund, gave an insightful talk in June titled: "America's First Freedom: What Conservative Women Must do to Protect Religious Liberty."

> **Marji Ross**, President of Regnery Publishing and a CBLPI Board Member, spoke at CWN in July about freedom of speech.

May CWN speaker Karlyn Bowman, Senior Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute



CBLPI President Michelle Easton (left), CWN speaker Hannah Smith (center), and The Heritage Foundation Vice President Bridgett Wagner



Right: Regnery Publishing President Marji Ross speaking at CWN in July



Left: Women fill the room at our June CWN to hear from Hannah Smith



## Afternoon with an Author

Actress Stacey Dash shares her story of overcoming adversity and being a conservative in Hollywood



Stacey Dash (right) signing copies of her book for an attendee from Louisiana State University after her remarks

Actress Stacey Dash, well known for her role in the 1995 hit movie "Clueless," joined CBLPI for an Afternoon with an Author event where she discussed her book *There Goes My Social Life: From Clueless to Conservative*.

Young conservative women filled the room to hear her incredible story, and Stacey graciously stayed after her speech to sign copies of her book and speak to attendees one-on-one.

C-SPAN's BookTV broadcast the event into the homes of their millions of viewers. Stacey's full remarks can be viewed on the Institute's website at [cblpi.org](http://cblpi.org).



Stacey Dash speaking at Afternoon with an Author about her book



CBLPI Fellows with Summit speaker Star Parker



Nearly 100 young women from colleges across the country attended the Summit to learn how to excel at their DC internships. Pictured here, students from Texas A&M.

## Capitol Hill Summit (continued from page 1)

In June, we held our popular Capitol Hill Summit for women students who are beginning internships in our nation's capital. The Summit's theme was, "From Campus to Capitol Hill: How to Excel at Your D.C. Internship," and it consisted of a full day of training sessions that teach key leadership and communication skills as well as speakers who discuss important policy issues. The room was filled to capacity with young women eager to learn how to make the most of their summer internships and be better conservative leaders.

Attendees heard from top women speakers including Luce Board member Kellyanne Conway, President of the polling company inc/WomanTrend; Star Parker, President of the Center for Urban Renewal and Education; Kimberly Begg, Vice President and General Counsel at Young America's Foundation; Elinor Renner, Program Associate at The Heritage Foundation; Michele Weslander Quaid, President and Chief Executive Officer of Global Nexus Alliance; Gayle Trotter, a columnist, political analyst, and attorney; and Leah Campos, Senior Advisor for the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

# Mentoring Women Students for Success

*CBLPI hosts mentoring luncheons in Washington, D.C. and Maryland*



Students at CBLPI's College (above) and High School (right) mentoring luncheons.

CBLPI held two National Mentoring Luncheons in July. The first was for high school students interested in learning more about public policy issues and how to be a leader for conservative values when they head off to college. The Institute's five college Fellows did a great job speaking to the girls at the luncheon and giving them advice from the trenches.

The Institute's college luncheon was attended by students from schools across the country. Bay Buchanan addressed attendees and gave great advice on leadership and how to excel professionally and personally.

