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

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High school and college student leaders representing more than 50 schools gathered for our North Carolina Women's Summit in Raleigh

## Empowering Young Women Leaders

*CBLPI took its popular Regional Women's Summit to the key state of North Carolina. Read more about the Summit on page 3.*



From left: CBLPI Board Member Kate Obenshain gives the keynote dinner speech at the Summit; high school student attendees from Utah and Virginia with a Brigham Young University student; a student attendee from Georgetown Law (left) with Summit speaker Rachel Semmel

*"It's special being at a conference with incredibly strong women who are so inspirational, especially during a time when conservative values are being attacked." -Lexi, Bethel University*



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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is an historic and critical time for America as we move away from the failed liberal policies of the past eight years. We came very close to having our first woman President, but she was a candidate whose policies would have hurt women, not helped. Women are struggling under high income tax rates, oppressive health care costs, and an overreaching federal government. At the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute, we look forward to the day when a woman who believes in economic freedom, life, and traditional values is elected President. Perhaps she'll even be one of the women inspired and spurred to action by participating in a life-changing CBLPI program.

Reaching young women in college and high school and explaining why conservative policy solutions are better for our country is more important than ever. And we must support and promote our movement's outstanding women leaders—ladies like CBLPI Board Member **Kellyanne Conway** who became the first woman to run a winning Presidential campaign.

I'm so grateful for your support of our important work. Because of you, America's future looks bright.

*Michelle Easton*

Michelle Easton

PS If you'd like to set up a monthly recurring gift to support CBLPI's work for America's conservative women, please visit our website at [cblpi.org](http://cblpi.org) and click on the green donate button or call our Headquarters office toll free at 888-891-4288.

# 2017 Great American Conservative Women Calendar

CBLPI is releasing the latest edition of our popular calendar featuring top women leaders in the Conservative Movement. In addition to returning favorites like Michelle Malkin, Katie Pavlich, and Congresswoman Marsha Blackburn, our 2017 calendar features great new women like actress Stacey Dash and Second Amendment activist Amanda Collins. Order a copy on our website at [cblpi.org/2017-calendar](http://cblpi.org/2017-calendar).



The 2017 calendar features exclusive new photos of 12 conservative women leaders, including (clockwise from above) Congressman Marsha Blackburn, Michelle Malkin, and Katie Pavlich.



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# North Carolina Women's Summit

CBLPI brought together young women from across the country for a time of networking with peers, learning about critical policy issues, and hearing from top women leaders in the nation. The Summit featured speakers with expertise on a wide variety of important issues including Katharine Gorka, President and Co-founder of the Council on Global Security; author and Iraq war veteran Amber Smith; CBLPI Board Member Kate Obenshain; and former United States Treasurer Bay Buchanan. A panel of local North Carolina women leaders had a lively discussion about key issues in their state.



Students participate in a media training session at the North Carolina Women's Summit

Attendees also received important training to help them combat liberalism on campus and become more effective leaders for conservative ideas. They learned about public speaking, journalism, and social media from Rachel Semmel, the Media Relations Director at District Media Group; Elizabeth Donatelli, Director of the National Journalism Center; and Aubrey Blankenship, Director of Social Engagement at OPUSfidelis.

You can view a two-minute video of "Highlights of the North Carolina Women's Summit" on our website at [cblpi.org](http://cblpi.org). Go to featured videos on the bottom of the homepage.

## Lawrence N. Field

*Entrepreneur and Philanthropist Endows \$1 million Lecture Series for CBLPI*

Larry Field has created a million dollar endowed lecture program for the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute called the Lawrence N. Field Campus Lecture Series. Mr. Field began supporting the young women whom the Institute helps in 1997, with a gift for \$100. He said, "My support for the Luce Policy Institute over the last 19 years reflects a commitment to the education of young women with conservative principles, while also promoting leadership, and fostering personal and professional success for women."

When you ask Larry how he's doing he always says, "Not So Bad," in reference to the name of his business, NSB Associates. NSB is a large real estate company in Southern California, involved in the acquisition and development of more than \$1 billion of real estate in Southern California.

Born in the Bronx borough of New York City, Larry's parents were Hungarian immigrants who ran a grocery store. Larry was the first in his family to go to college at Baruch, known then as City College of New York. He also attended New York Law School, worked introducing and selling Dove soap for Lever Brothers and then moved to California where he and his wife Eris raised two wonderful daughters, and has had great professional success.

The Lawrence N. Field Campus Lecture Series is already leaving a lasting legacy of informed, emboldened young leaders who will help America become a much better country.



Mr. Field (center) with CBLPI Development Officer Cindy Rushing (left) and CBLPI President Michelle Easton.

# 2016 Photo Highlights

*Your support has allowed us to reach thousands of young women with conservative ideas, training, and mentoring during this critical year. Thank you for standing with us in our important work for America's women.*



CBLPI's summer fellows with July Conservative Women's Network speaker **Marji Ross** (third from right)



Heritage Foundation Program Associate **Elinor Renner** speaking to students at our June Capitol Hill Summit



Former U.S. Treasurer **Bay Buchanan** speaking at a summer National College Mentoring Luncheon



Author and Middle East expert **Nonie Darwish** with students after her lecture at Virginia Tech in October



Dr. **Christina Hoff Sommers** speaking to a crowd of 150 students at Ohio University in February



Young women attendees at the Western Women's Summit in Santa Barbara in April



Congressman **Marsha Blackburn** accepts the 2016 Woman of the Year Award in March. Pictured from left: CBLPI President **Michelle Easton**, 2015 Woman of the Year honoree **KT McFarland**, Blackburn, and CBLPI Board Member **Kellyanne Conway**.