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Save the date!

Western Women's Summit
October 13-14, 2017
Scottsdale Plaza Resort
Scottsdale, Arizona

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CBLPI President Michelle Easton (right) presents Kellyanne Conway with CBLPI's prestigious Woman of the Year Award

Kellyanne Conway Honored as 2017 Woman of the Year

CBLPI supporters, speakers, and student activists gathered at Trump International Hotel in Washington, D.C. for the Institute's Woman of the Year dinner. Read more about the event on page 4.



CBLPI Woman of the Year honorees (from left) Marji Ross (2007), Bay Buchanan (2009), Kellyanne Conway (2017), KT McFarland (2015), and Becky Norton Dunlop (2008). These former awardees came to celebrate Kellyanne.



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm pleased to share the news that CBLPI recently purchased a suite adjacent to our current office, allowing us to create a new Center for Conservative Women at our Virginia Headquarters.

As our important work with America's conservative women grows, this expansion will provide a place for us to bring more young women for activism training, mentoring, and education on key policy issues. The suite was previously owned by a dentist who has been a friend and good neighbor for many years. He is a conservative who is delighted to know his former office will now be used to prepare and promote conservative women leaders. Renovations to transform the space into the Center for Conservative Women will begin soon.

Our work to develop and inspire the next generation of women in leadership has never been more important, as women hold pivotal national leadership roles and have increasing influence on shaping America's public policy. Thank you for supporting the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute.



A sketch of the CBLPI Headquarters building including the new Center for Conservative Women.

Michelle Easton

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Preparing the Next Generation of Conservative Women Leaders

Top women student activists from across the nation join CBLPI as Summer Fellows



2017 Summer Fellows attend University of the South, Sewanee University of the South, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Pepperdine University, James Madison University, Loyola Marymount University in L.A., and Universidad de Navarra in Spain.

CBLPI's 2017 Summer Fellows were selected from a large pool of applicants because of their dedication to conservative principles and enthusiasm for promoting those values on their campuses.

These extraordinary young women leaders spend the summer at CBLPI Headquarters and receive hands-on, real life leadership experience. In addition to assisting staff with summer conferences and seminars, Fellows read essential conservative works, receive special training from a media and public speaking coach, write op-eds, and meet top conservative women leaders.

CBLPI's Fellowship Program is a lasting investment in young women's lives that empowers them to become strong, articulate conservative leaders for years to come. If you're interested in learning more about how you can sponsor a young woman in our Fellowship Program, contact Development Director Cindy Rushing at (888) 891-4288.

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CWN in Review

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 or contact Camille Hart at chart@cblpi.org.

- > **Mollie Hemingway**, a Fox News Contributor, spoke during Women's History Month about why conservative women leaders matter for America.
- > **Mercedes Schlapp**, a *Washington Times* Columnist and Fox News Contributor, discussed the need for more conservative women in leadership roles.
- > **Ann-Marie Murrell, Brittany Morgan, and Sonya Sasser**, known collectively as the PolitiChicks, spoke about their new book on conservative activism.
- > **Karlyn Bowman**, Senior Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, shared the latest polling data on Millennials and what it means for America's future.

Morgan Brittany, Ann-Marie Murrell, and Sonya Sasser spoke at CWN about their new book on conservative women activists.



Fox News Contributor Mercedes Schlapp speaking at a recent CWN luncheon.



Left: Karlyn Bowman discussed polling trends among Millennials at the July CWN.

Right: CBLPI President Michelle Easton (left), CWN speaker Mollie Hemingway (center), and The Heritage Foundation Vice President Bridgett Wagner.



Campus Lecture *Spotlight*

CBLPI brought conservative activist Star Parker to one of the most notoriously liberal campuses in America—the University of California, Berkeley. More than 600 students heard Star's excellent talk about policy solutions to urban poverty.





Kellyanne Conway accepts the Woman of the Year award at a CBLPI dinner at Trump International Hotel in Washington, D.C.



George and Kellyanne Conway with Attorney General Edwin Meese and CBLPI Board Member Ursula Meese

Woman of the Year (continued from page 1)

Every year, the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute presents one extraordinary woman leader with our prestigious Woman of the Year Award. Our honorees are women who, like our organization’s namesake Clare Boothe Luce, show courage, grace, and dedication to defending and advancing conservative principles.

It was our privilege to present the 2017 award to Kellyanne Conway at a dinner at Trump International Hotel in Washington, D.C., attended by more than 200 young women students as well as CBLPI supporters, speakers, alumnae.

Kellyanne served on the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute’s Board of Directors for many years, until she went to President Trump’s White House to serve as Senior

Counselor to the President, having served as his campaign manager in his final sprint to victory.

As a successful business owner, author, wife, and mother—especially young women—who are inspired by her and look to her as an example.

Kellyanne told the audience, “My favorite Clare Boothe Luce quote is, ‘Courage is the ladder on which all the other virtues mount.’ It takes a great deal of courage, a little bit of luck and a lot of good old fashioned work to be a leader. You young women need to be confident in what you believe, disagree respectfully and delight in the fact you are conservative women leaders.”

Capitol Hill Intern Summit

Young women learn the keys to a successful summer internship in D.C.



From left: Summit speaker Peggy Grande signs a copy of her book for a student attendee from the University of Georgia; Ashley McGuire speaks about her book on gender identity; a standing room only crowd of young women turned out to hear advice from speakers on how to have a successful internship.

In June, CBLPI hosted its popular annual event for women students beginning internships in D.C. The young women in attendance heard from top women speakers who gave policy and practical advice for a successful internship.

Speakers included Cleta Mitchell, Partner at the Washington Law Office of Foley & Lardner LLP; Peggy Grande, Author of *The President Will See You Now* and Executive Assistant to President Ronald Reagan; Bay Buchanan, Former United States Treasurer under Ronald Reagan; Elinor Werner, Assistant Director at The Heritage Foundation; Ashley McGuire, Author of *Sex Scandal: The Drive to Abolish Male and Female*; and Senior Fellow at the Catholic Association; and Rachel Semmel, Media Relations Director at District Media Group.