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

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Some of the student attendees at Luce's Western Women's Summit
gathered for a photo in their Summit t-shirts

Marsha Blackburn Leads Young Women's Summit

Women student leaders from 53 colleges across the nation gathered in Santa Barbara, California, earlier this month where they networked, learned about key policy issues, and received training and advice from top women leaders in the Conservative Movement. Read more about the Summit on page 3.



Tennessee Senator Marsha Blackburn gave the keynote dinner speech at the Summit and stayed afterward to personally meet and talk with attendees.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

If conservatives really want to make America great again, we need to reach young people when they are forming the values that will be with them the rest of their lives.

By allowing liberals to demonize and corrupt young women's minds in our schools, we will lose the next generation, and we will lose our country.

U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn spoke at a recent Luce Summit and said, "The Luce Center takes core conservative values – the values that built America – to young women who need them most. I am excited about the work you do to strengthen our conservative movement and reclaim America's young women."

I know it hurts your heart – like it hurts mine – to see young women in schools all over America attacked for expressing traditional conservative viewpoints. Leftists constantly attempt to silence them on key issues like religious freedom, Second Amendment rights, life, and free enterprise.

Just one encounter with the Luce Center for Conservative Women can completely change the course of a young woman's life.

But truly we need more support to reach a greater number of young women.

Michelle Easton

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Pass Your Ideas on to the Next Generation



Their future as conservative women leaders is in your hands

Do you want to pass your ideas to the next generation of Americans and leave a legacy that is a reflection of your life and work? Unfortunately the institutions established by earlier generations, including many of our schools and other educational organizations have not conveyed your principles. But, the Clare Boothe Luce Center for Conservative Women has a unique opportunity to shape the future with today's young Americans. Through a bequest you can extend your support for our work to develop and promote conservative women leaders beyond your lifetime. Many of our supporters have contributed in a very important way to our country's future by remembering the Clare Boothe Luce Center for Conservative Women in their estate planning. Please consider making the choice my husband and I made to add the Center for Conservative Women to our will. If you need information about making an estate gift, please contact your attorney or contact me for additional information. I am happy to help you.

Gratefully,
Michelle Easton, President,
Clare Boothe Luce Center for Conservative Women

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Western Women's Summit



Summit speakers Cleta Mitchell, Kate Obenshain, and Marji Ross



Senator Marsha Blackburn spoke to a packed room of attendees at the Summit dinner banquet.

Luce held a very successful Women's Summit in April in Santa Barbara, California, where attendees spent the weekend networking and learning about key policy issues.

The Summit agenda featured an outstanding roster of speakers, including:

- **Kristan Hawkins**, President of Students for Life of America, gave a fiery and motivational talk about defending Life and how our students could best influence this issue.
- Attorney **Cleta Mitchell** spoke about free speech in an era of liberal oppression.
- Luce Board Member **Marji Ross**, the President of Regnery Publishing, gave excellent remarks on American exceptionalism to inspire our leaders to talk more about it.
- **Rachel Semmel**, the Media Relations Director at District Media Group, gave advice on communication and public speaking.
- **Liz Wheeler**, host of *Tipping Point with Liz Wheeler* on One America News Network, showed attendees how to use the knowledge they have to defeat the Left – by very politely and very calmly articulating conservative ideas.
- **Kate Obenshain Keeler**, a Luce Board Member and motivational speaker, encouraged the audience with a great speech on the failures of modern feminism.
- Luce President **Michelle Easton** gave a talk at one of the luncheons about the life of our namesake, Clare Boothe Luce, and shared many rare photos from her extraordinary life.
- United States Senator **Marsha Blackburn** from Tennessee spoke about conservative women in leadership and stayed after the dinner to personally meet and talk with student attendees.

Many attendees told us the event had a powerful impact, inspiring them to go back and fight even more for conservative ideas at their schools.

“It was so refreshing and empowering to be surrounded by conservative women. I often doubt my voice on my campus, but this Summit gave me the confidence I needed.” —Allison from American University

“The CBL Center has perfected the balance of teaching young women the power of their role in the home and the beauty of their place in civic leadership.” —Daniella from Berklee College of Music



Student leaders from 53 universities across the nation attended the Summit, including these students, from left: University of Alabama, Lewis and Clark High School, Santa Barbara City College, Ashland University, and University of Wisconsin.

CWN in Review

The Conservative Women's Network (CWN) is a monthly luncheon co-hosted by the Clare Boothe Luce Center for Conservative Women 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 DC area. For more information about CWN, visit cblwomen.org or contact Camille Hart at chart@cblwomen.org.

- In January, Kristan Hawkins, President of Students for Life of America, spoke about promoting a culture of Life.
- In recognition of Valentine's Day, author Elizabeth Kantor spoke in February about why young women should make love and marriage a priority in their lives.
- In March, CWN hosted a discussion of the history of the women's movement and how we as conservative women can combat radical feminism. Our speakers were Kelsey Harkness Bolar, senior news producer at *The Daily Signal*, and Inez Feltscher Stepman, a senior policy analyst at the Independent Women's Forum.
- In April, the *Wall Street Journal's* children's book reviewer, Meghan Cox Gurdon, spoke about her new book, *The Enchanted Hour: The Miraculous Power of Reading Aloud in the Age of Distraction*.

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Mentoring Luncheon



Luce hosted a mentoring luncheon for top women student leaders featuring Regnery Publishing President Marji Ross (pictured far left)

Luce hosted a mentoring luncheon for top women student activists during CPAC, the Conservative Political Action Conference, in Washington, DC. Luce Board Member and Regnery Publishing President Marji Ross gave a great talk about books every conservative should read. The list included historical books like *The Politically Incorrect Guide to American History* by Tom Woods, books on conservative principles including *The Road to Serfdom* by F.A. Hayek, and books on business like *The Millionaire Next Door* by Thomas Stanley. If you would like a copy of her list, send us an email at info@cblwomen.org or drop us a note at our Virginia Headquarters.

Almost every young woman attendee said they need to read more and better books in addition to their school books, and all were grateful for a fresh list of recommended books. They especially appreciated this highly regarded book publisher giving permission not to finish every book they are reading if they aren't enjoying it. Marji suggested moving on to the next book since there are more good books out there to be read than most of us will have time for in our lives!