

Heads and Principals Association
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1998: Leadership
1997: Learning, Relearning and Unlearning: Lessons for the Future
1996: More Things Considered: Vengeance, Victims and the Law

Speakers:

More Things Considered (1998)

Professor Austin Sarat, Amherst College

Michael D. McQueen, ABC News Nightline, Contributing Correspondent

Dean Nafziger, VP, ETS

Going for the Gold (1999)

Dr. William S. Pollack, Co-Director, Center for Men

Jay Matthews, Education Reporter, Washington Post

Andrea Gellin Shindler, Director, Foundation for Human Potential

Forward into the Millennium (2000)

Dr. Tonea Stewart, Dept. Chair, Alabama State Univ., Theater and Drama

Prof. Robert Frank, Professor of Economics, Cornell University

Bobby P. Jindal, Pres., Univ. of Louisiana, System of Higher Education

College as Community (2001)

Gov. Gaston Caperton, President, The College Board
Dr. Judith Rodin, Pres., University of Pennsylvania
Dr. Evan S. Dobbelle, President, Trinity College

College Sports (2002)

William G. Bowen, Author, The Game of Life; President, Andrew Mellon Foundation and
Past President of Princeton University
Beth Bozman, Field Hockey Coach, Princeton
Frank Deford, Sports Journalist, author, NPR commentator

The World of Islam (2003)

Michael S. Doran, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton
Amaney Jamal, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Political Science, Columbia
Ambassador Charles F. Dunbar, Warburg Prof. of Int'l. Relations, Simmons College

The Arts and our Schools (2004)

Leon Botstein, Pres, Bard College and Conductor of The American Symphony
John Wilmerding, Prof, Dept of Arts and Archaeology, Princeton
Jesse Hawley, Darren Katz and Normandy Sherwood - Panel on Arts

Leadership (2005)

Steve Forbes, businessman and presidential candidate
Tamsen Wolff, Asst. Professor of English, Princeton
Nancy Gibbs, Editor-at-large, Time
Hon. William A. Frist, US Senator from Tennessee and Majority Leader of the Senate

Learning, Relearning and Unlearning (2006)

Lawrence H. Summers, President, Harvard
Diana Chapman Walsh, President, Wellesley College
Peter Katona, MD, Epidemiologist and Government Advisor on Biological Terrorism

Internationalism (2007)

Amy Gutmann, Pres., University of PA
Derek Gilman, Director, The Barnes Museum
Thomas Oliphant, Washington Bureau Chief, Boston Globe

The Supreme Court (2008)

Gregory Garre, Deputy Solicitor General
Bradford A. Berenson, Neil Katyal and Helgi Walker, former Supreme Court clerks
Jan Crawford Greenburg, Author, Supreme Conflict; correspondent, ABC and Lehrer News
Judge Lawrence H. Silberman, 6th Court of Appeals, DC Circuit

Abraham Lincoln (2009)

Michael Beschloss, Presidential historian, commentator, The Lehrer News Hour
Cokie Roberts, Senior News Analyst, NPR, Author, Ladies of Liberty
Glenn E. Singleton, President and Founder, Pacific Educational Group
Prof. Michael Burlingame, History Prof. Emeritus, CT College, Author, Abraham
Lincoln: A Life

The Economy (2010)

Christine Romer, Chair, Council of Economic Advisors
James Riepe, former Chairman, Univ of PA, Board of Trustees, Former Chairman, T. Rowe
Price, Inc.

Immigration (2011)

Pete Wilson, former Mayor of San Diego, US Senator and Gov of California
Najla Said, actress, author of Palestine
Alan Kraut, Prof. of History, American University
Theodore Ruthizer, Lecturer, Columbia Law School; author, Race, Religion and Ethnicity in
Immigration

The College Scene (2012)

John M. McCardell, Jr., Vice Chancellor & President, Sewanee, Univ of the South
M. Lee Pelton, President, Emerson College
Kent John Chabotar, President, Guilford College
Carolyn A. Martin, President, Amherst College

The Arts (2013) - 120th Anniversary

Derek Gilman and Blake Bradford, The Barnes Museum
Stephen Stettler, Resident Director, Weston Playhouse Theater Co.
Andrew Delbanco, Director of American Studies, Columbia University

The Health of our Schools (2014)

Renee Soulis, Freedom from Chemical Dependency
Patricia Lyons, Teacher of Religion & Ethics, St. Stephens & St. Agnes School
Dr. Kenneth Ginsburg, Philadelphia Children's Hospital
Al Bagnole, Head Football Coach, University of Pennsylvania

Discord & Disasters: Differences that Divide Us (2015)

Arthur C Abramson, PH.D., Executive Director, Baltimore Jewish Council
Adam Falk, President, Williams College
Vijay Prashad, Professor of Int'l. Studies, Trinity College
Strobe Talbott, President, Brookings Institute; former Deputy Secretary of State
Matthew VanDyke, American Documentary Film Maker

Disruption: The Future of Higher Education (2016)

Richard Brodhead, President, Duke University
John McCardell, Vice Chancellor, University of the South Sewanee
James Dean, Provost, Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Pamela Wilhelms, Founder, Wilhelms Consulting
Stephen Kosslyn, Founding Dean, The Minerva Project

Unsung Heroes: People who Make a Difference (2017)

Anthony Campolo, Professor Emeritus, Eastern University; founder/president of the
Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education
Jean Baderschneider, CEO Global Fund to End Slavery
Rachel Briggs and Jessica Buchanan, Hostage US/Hostage UK
Stanley Hauerwas, Professor Emeritus of Theological Ethics, Duke University

The Shift in World Power (2018)

Freeman Hrabowski, President, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Elaine Kamarck, Senior Fellow, Governance Studies, Brookings Institute
Vali Nasr, Dean, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Washington DC
Imam Vahya Hendi, Chaplain, Georgetown University

Leadership in Times of Dramatic Change (2019)

Meredith Woo, President, Sweet Briar College
Sandy Vershbow, American diplomat, former Deputy Secretary General of NATO
Jonathan Meacham, Presidential historian and author; former Executive Editor
at Random House
Dr. Ronald Crutcher, President, University of Richmond

International Flux: Instability, Conflict, Security, Alliance (2020)

Daniel Costa, Retired National Research Program Director, Air, Climate & Energy Research
Program, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Tom Sanderson, Co-Founder, Transnational Threats Program, Ctr for Strategic & Int'l Studies
Nancy Soderberg, Former Deputy National Security Advisor & Ambassador to the U.N.
Evan Thomas, Author, Journalist & Historian

A Year of Pandemic (2021)

Deval Patrick, Former Governor of Massachusetts

Who We Were, Are, and Will Be: A Cultural Accounting (2022)

Maggie Hassan, U.S. Senator from New Hampshire

The Fabric of Democracy (2023)

Peniel Joseph, Founding Director, LBJ School Center for the Study of Race and Democracy

David Schanzer, Director, Triangle Center on Terrorism and Homeland Security

Randall Kennedy, Professor, Harvard Law School

Betsy Griffith, Historian and Author

Educational Opportunities in a Complex World (2024)

Shabana Basij-Rasikh, Founder, School of Leadership, Afghanistan

Nita Farahany, Professor of Law and Philosophy, Duke Law School

John Palfrey, President, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Building Resilience for Future-Ready Communities (2025)

Chris Bradford, President, Morehead-Cain Foundation

Chelsea Lopez, Director of Educator Advancement, The Social Institute

Cass Sunstein, Professor, Harvard Law School

Abdullah Antepli, Professor, Duke University