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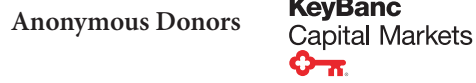
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Tonight marks the third program in the 10th anniversary season of The New Albany Lecture Series.

Our featured presenter is Bret Baier, the recipient of the 2017 Sol Taishoff Award for Excellence in Broadcast Journalism, the National Press Foundation's highest honor for a broadcast journalist. Baier is FOX News Channel's chief political anchor and anchor of *Special Report with Bret Baier*, the top-rated cable news program in its timeslot and consistently one of the top five shows in cable news. He is also the author of *The New York Times* bestseller, *Special Heart: A Journey of Faith, Hope, Courage and Love*, *Three Days in January: Dwight Eisenhower's Final Mission and Three Days in Moscow: Ronald Reagan and the Fall of the Soviet Empire*. Baier's latest book, *To Rescue The Republic: Ulysses S. Grant, The Fragile Union and the Crisis of 1876* made it to #1 on *The New York Times* bestseller list.

He follows two outstanding programs which featured the legendary Deepak Choprah and the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize winner, Maria Ressa. We continue to receive positive feedback from Ressa's recent lecture. One attendee said, "The Maria Ressa lecture may be the best program The New Albany Lecture Series has sponsored since its inception. She was spectacular – informative, charming, well prepared, engaging and gracious. Anyone who left the auditorium without learning a lot, must have slept through her presentation."

We hope that you find all of the lectures enlightening, informative and stimulating. The Foundation board established the lecture series to advance its mission to promote lifelong learning, civil discourse and the free exchange of ideas and perspectives. To further advance our mission, we offer students from across central Ohio the opportunity to participate in discussions with the speakers as well. To date, more than 28,000 area students have been enriched by these extraordinary opportunities.

Our next program will offer two very different views on economic policy. It features President Reagan advisor, Dr. Art Laffer and President Clinton advisor, Robert Reich, moderated by Global Economic Analyst and *Financial Times* columnist, Rana Foroohar. You won't want to miss that! We are grateful to all of the sponsors and donors who make these experiences possible.

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## BRET BAIER

Chief Political Anchor & Anchor/Executive Editor of *Special Report with Bret Baier*

BRET BAIER is a prominent journalist in the news and broadcast industry. Known for his objective reporting, Baier currently serves as FOX News Channel's (FNC) Chief Political Anchor and Anchor of *Special Report with Bret Baier*, the top-rated cable news program in its timeslot and consistently one of the top five shows in cable news. Baier celebrated his 10-year anniversary of anchoring *Special Report* in January 2019. He is also an accomplished author with five *New York Times* best-sellers.

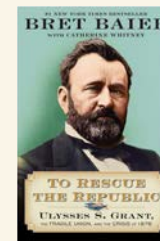
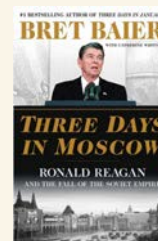


During his tenure at the network, Baier has interviewed President Donald Trump, Vice President Mike Pence, former President Barack Obama, former President George W. Bush and former Vice President Dick Cheney. He has also anchored more than thirty political specials on FNC, reported from Iraq 12 times and Afghanistan 13 times, traveled the world with various administrations and military officials and reported from 74 countries. His extensive coverage of President Donald J. Trump's inauguration alongside Martha MacCallum, which delivered the highest-rated inauguration coverage in

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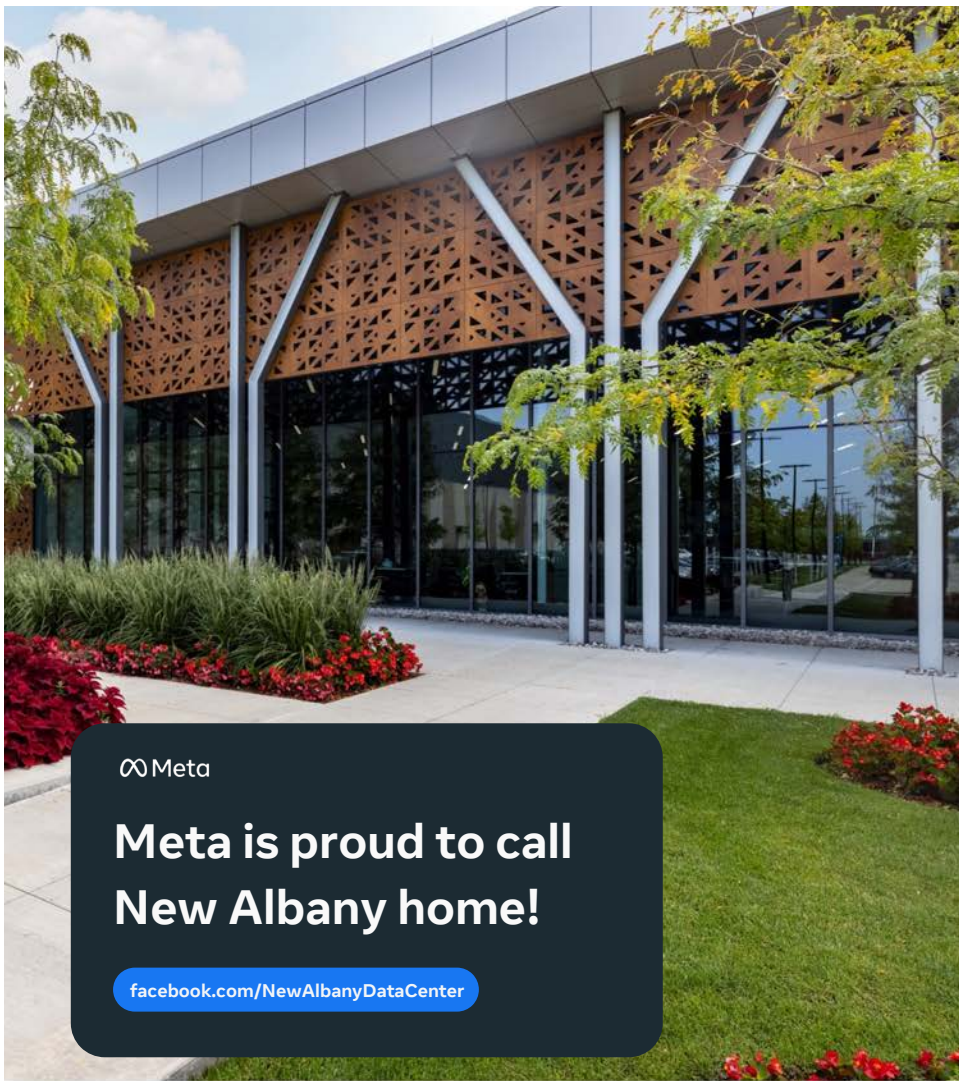
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More than 28,500 students from New Albany and 50 other central Ohio schools have interacted with Foundation speakers as part of **The New Albany Lecture Series**.

Earlier today the Foundation hosted over 750 students at the Jeanne B. McCoy Community Center for the Arts for **The Student Lecture Series** featuring Bret Baier. The lecture was also live streamed allowing hundreds of additional central Ohio students to participate virtually from their schools.

In response to its donors' desire to support The Student Lecture Series, The New Albany Community Foundation established **The Lifelong Learning Circle**. Visit [newalbanyfoundation.org](http://newalbanyfoundation.org) to become a member of The Lifelong Learning Circle and help the Foundation underwrite the cost of the series so that central Ohio students can benefit from these programs.

**Thank you to the members of the 2022-2023 Lifelong Learning Circle who help provide student access to inspiring speakers:**

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A priority for the Foundation moving forward is to endow The New Albany Lecture Series. This will enable the Foundation to continue to present high-quality speakers while keeping lectures accessible to the entire community, including students, senior citizens and veterans. Additionally, endowing The New Albany Lecture Series would allow the Foundation to continue to invest in other transformative projects and initiatives in the community. Already, several families have established endowment funds to support the series.

If you are interested in establishing a fund or simply making a contribution to The New Albany Lecture Series Endowment Fund, please contact Craig Mohre at 614-939-8150 or [craigmohre@newalbanyfoundation.org](mailto:craigmohre@newalbanyfoundation.org) to support The New Albany Community Foundation's programming.







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The Foundation and its donors work together to help build this extraordinary community by forging partnerships and investing in transformational projects, such as: the New Albany Branch Library, the Jeanne B. McCoy Community Center for the Arts, the Charleen & Charles Hinson Amphitheater, Safety Town, The New Albany Lecture Series, The Student Lecture Series and the New Albany Scholars Author-in-Residency Program, among others.

In 2022, grants to the community surpassed \$22 million since the Foundation's inception, thanks to generous donors who give annually or have established more than 70 funds at the Foundation.

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- Ballet Met
- Buddy Up for Life
- City of New Albany
- Columbus Metropolitan Library
- Fry Out Cancer
- Healthy New Albany Farmers Market/ Food Pantry/Community Garden/CARES Program
- The Jeanne B. McCoy Community Center for the Arts
- LifeCare Alliance
- LifeTown
- LifeWise Academy
- Mid-Ohio Foodbank
- Nationwide Children's Hospital
- New Albany Bridges
- New Albany Children's Ballet Theater
- New Albany Community Playhouse
- New Albany High School Theater
- New Albany Miracle Field
- New Albany Ohio Model United Nations
- New Albany Robotics Team
- New Albany (Schools) Scholars Author Residency Program
- New Albany Schools Easton E3 Learning Lab
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# LOOKING BACK: *Milestones in Community Giving*

Giving is its own reward. Sometimes it also has tangible results. New Albany is a case study of what can be achieved by a community that develops a strong culture of caring.

When The New Albany Community Foundation was established in 1995, few residents could imagine someday building an amphitheater in the Village Center. Few dared to dream of a performing arts venue that hosts hundreds of events each year. The idea of a public library, let alone a library garden, was still a long shot. No thought of upgrading the athletic field of the high school stadium. It was almost impossible to conceive of restoring the once-forlorn Rose Run as a beautiful park with a majestic pedestrian bridge connecting Market Square with the Learning Community Campus.

In the past 25 years, New Albany has accomplished all this and more. The community has learned how to imagine new possibilities—and turn vision into reality. Each new milestone highlights the generosity of local families and companies, as well as the importance of collaboration among public and private entities.

Even amid the trials of the global pandemic, the community worked together to support neighbors in need. With an eye toward the future, the Foundation continues to organize transformative community investments in lifelong education, the arts, health and wellness, and environmental sustainability.

## **Charlotte P. Kessler Library**

It was in 2002 that the community first unleashed its capacity to build. Together with the Columbus Metropolitan Library, the Foundation raised funds to build and open the New Albany branch library. The Kessler Family, headed by Charlotte and Jack Kessler, gave a leadership gift that helped inspire others to contribute, too. Dedicated in 2003, the Charlotte P. Kessler Library became one of the most used branches in the system. A tribute to Charlotte's longtime advocacy for libraries, it's also the civic and architectural anchor of Market Square.



## **Charleen & Charles Hinson Amphitheater**

In September 2021, the Foundation was thrilled to dedicate the Charleen & Charles Hinson Amphitheater. Conveniently adjoining The McCoy, this open-air theater provides an intimate garden setting for performing arts and events in New Albany's Village Center. The opening of this wonderful cultural space reflects the generosity of the Hinson family and many other contributors, and our ongoing collaboration with public entities. Conceived as a fusion of architecture and landscape, the amphitheater features lush greenery and a timber bandshell canopy facing a series of flexible audience seating areas. Classical architectural details are paired with natural materials and warm amber lighting to create a magical atmosphere, welcoming audiences of all ages.



## **Marie Luise & Michael Marx Family Reading Garden**

Another civic asset debuted at the library. The Marie Luise & Michael Marx Family Reading Garden is a peaceful, reflective space nestled between the library and Rose Run Park. Café tables and chairs, a fountain and a beautiful lawn invite visitors to relax in a beautiful setting. As New Albany city leaders long envisioned, and thanks to the Marx Family's substantial gift, community members can now stroll easily from the library garden to Rose Run Park, the green corridor in the center of town.



## **Raines Crossing**

Spanning Rose Run Creek is Raines Crossing, a graceful bridge and promenade that connects the Learning Community Campus with the library and Market Square. Made possible by a leadership gift from Sandy Raines and Ron Cadieux, it's a beautiful work of architecture that makes the park safer and more inviting for students and residents of all ages. Enhanced trails, play areas, and scenic overlooks, beautifully planned by the City, allow community members to explore and enjoy the restored natural waterway as never before.



## **Jeanne B. McCoy Community Center for the Arts**

The Hinson Amphitheater has a special kinship with its next-door neighbor. The Jeanne B. McCoy Community Center for the Arts, dedicated in 2008, prefigured the Hinson Amphitheater in placing the arts at the heart of the community. The McCoy has been the community's gathering place for all manner of performances and educational events, including the Foundation's perennially sold-out New Albany Lecture Series. It was made possible by a leadership gift from John G. McCoy in honor of his late wife, Jeanne, who loved the arts and education. Exemplifying public-private partnership, The McCoy serves a tremendous array of community members, drawing audiences from New Albany and beyond.



## **Philip Heit Center for Healthy New Albany**

Health and wellness are core values to so many community members. Phil Heit, a holistic health and fitness advocate, founded the New Albany Walking Club and the nonprofit Healthy New Albany. These initiatives in turn gave rise to the local farmers market, community garden, and Healthy New Albany magazine. After the City of New Albany built the Philip Heit Center for Healthy New Albany in 2014, Phil donated his time to lead this multi-faceted organization. He and his wife Sheryl Heit also donated funds to endow its programming.



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### Veterans Field

The Foundation was honored to facilitate a campaign led by a group of New Albany families to raise funds to install an all-weather turf field at New Albany High School. With improved drainage and “bounce,” the new surface has allowed more athletic clubs and the band to practice and perform on the field year-round. Many parents and others donated to this successful campaign. When Jackie and Ken Krebs made a leadership gift, they opted to name the stadium “Veterans Field” in honor of military veterans in their families and across the community.



### Grassroots Efforts

It's not just the largest philanthropic initiatives that define our community. Smaller, grassroots efforts also illustrate the way New Albany comes together to make a difference. Among many such inspiring examples are the Miracle League of New Albany, which allows differently abled children to play baseball on an accessible field, and the Michael Lucey Memorial Courts, named in tribute to a local student athlete who died tragically. Several community groups have also raised funds to preserve and restore historic architectural landmarks like the Ealy House along Rose Run Creek and the Phelps House in the Village Center. In these and other philanthropic endeavors, the community has shown great character.



### Giving Forward

New Albany's culture of giving would not be what it is today without Abigail and Les Wexner. When the Wexners made New Albany their home, they dreamed of a community where people not only live well, but also invest in others' well-being. Their contributions to New Albany over the years include land for schools and parks, funding for community initiatives, and hosting the Foundation's annual Remarkable Evening Benefit. More than giving back, they aim to “give forward” to benefit generations to come. The Foundation acknowledges the Wexners' many generous contributions as well as their role in cultivating a widespread culture of giving and mutual care that transcends any single donor.

These are just a few of the milestones that show the community's commitment to shared vision and transformative impact. With continued generosity, hard work and collaboration, there is no limit to what New Albany can dream of and accomplish. ~



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~Betty White



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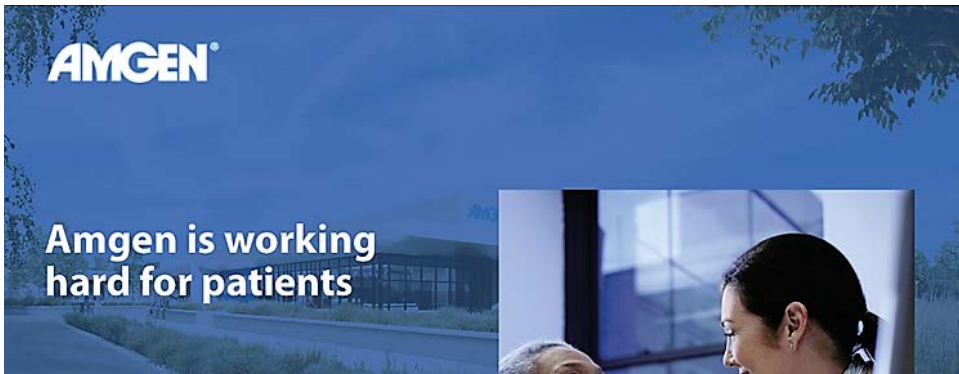




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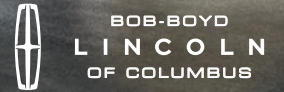
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