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Tonight we welcome award-winning actress, cancer advocate and a strong supporter of arts education, Laura Linney. She's no stranger to most of us, playing memorable roles and having appeared in an impressive list of acclaimed films, television series and on stage.

Earlier today, Linney met with thousands of area students who had the unique opportunity to ask questions and have an enriching discussion.

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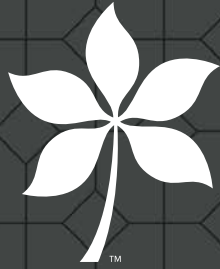
LAURA LINNEY'S respect and gratitude for creative expression is limitless. Born to a prominent NYC playwright and nurse, the award-winning actress began her experiential education in performance art at an early age. After graduating from The Juilliard School, Linney went on to appear in leading roles in a myriad of productions.



For her many memorable roles in television, theater and film, Linney has won two Golden Globes and four Emmy Awards. To date, she has been nominated three times for the Academy Award, five times for the Tony Award, once for a BAFTA Award, and eight times for the Golden Globe. She holds two honorary Doctorates from her alma maters, Brown University and The Juilliard School.

Linney just wrapped a Broadway play, which has earned her a nomination for a Drama League Distinguished Performance Award.

In one of her most recent television roles, Linney portrays a cancer survivor. This work inspired her to become a passionate cancer advocate in real life. Having lost family to cancer, she understands the unique physical and emotional damage inflicted on victims and families – and she aims to help them find ways to cope, grow, and rebuild so that each one can truly win his or her own fight against cancer.



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NEDA ULABY reports on arts, entertainment, and cultural trends for NPR's Arts Desk.

Scouring the various and often overlapping worlds of art, music, television, film, new media and literature, Ulaby's stories reflect political and economic realities, cultural issues, obsessions and transitions.



A twenty-year veteran of NPR, Ulaby started as a temporary production assistant on the cultural desk, opening mail, booking interviews and cutting tape with razor blades. Over the years, she's also worked as producer and editor and won a Gracie award from the Alliance for Women in Media Foundation for hosting a podcast of NPR's best arts stories.

Ulaby also hosted the Emmy-award winning public television series *Arab American Stories* in 2012 and earned a 2019 Knight-Wallace Fellowship at the University of Michigan. She's also been chosen for fellowships at the Getty Arts Journalism Program at USC Annenberg and the Knight Center for Specialized Journalism.

Before coming to NPR, Ulaby worked as a managing editor of Chicago's *Windy City Times* and co-hosted a local radio program, *What's Coming Out at the Movies*. A former doctoral student in English literature, Ulaby has contributed to academic journals and taught classes in the humanities at the University of Chicago, Northern Illinois University and at high schools serving at-risk students.

Ulaby worked as an intern for the features desk of the *Topeka Capital-Journal* after graduating from Bryn Mawr College. But her first appearance in print was when she was only four days old. She was pictured on the front page of the *New York Times*, as a refugee, when she and her parents were evacuated from Amman, Jordan, during the conflict know as Black September.



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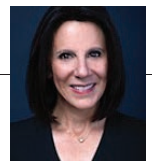
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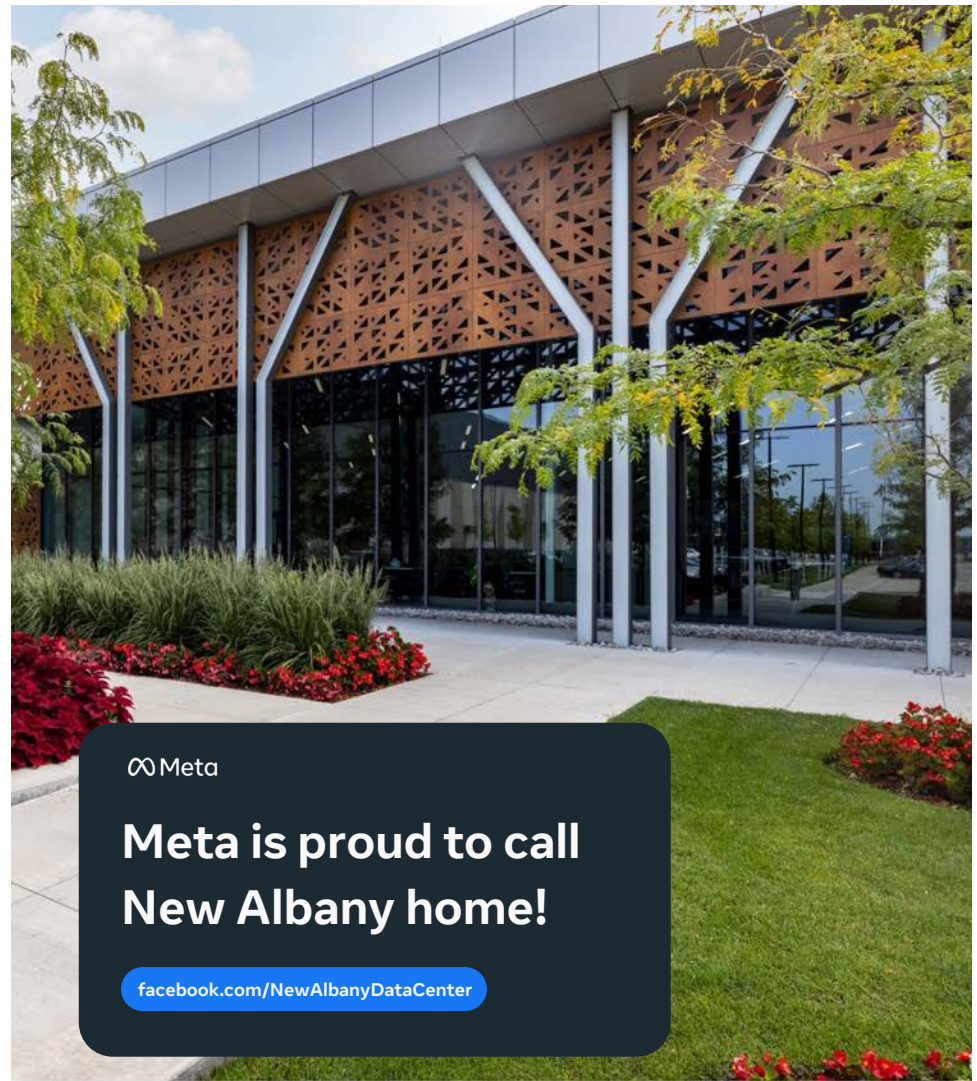
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More than 33,000 students from New Albany and 50 other central Ohio schools have interacted with Foundation speakers as part of **The New Albany Lecture Series**.

This afternoon the Foundation hosted students at a lecture featuring actress and cancer advocate, Laura Linney, interviewed by NPR's Neda Ulaby. Later this season the student lectures will feature Jonah Goldberg and Ezra Klein in a discussion moderated by NPR's Leila Fadel in January and Misty Copeland, Principal Dancer with American Ballet Theatre, interviewed by BalletMet Artistic Director Edward Liang in February. The lectures are 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 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.

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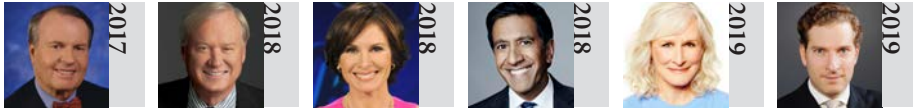
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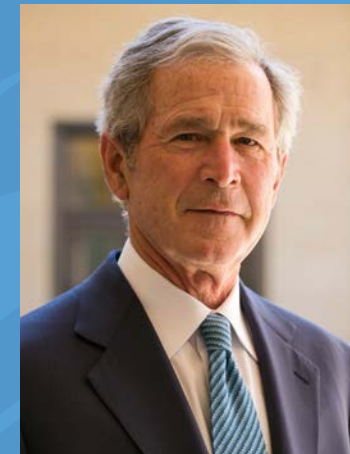
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