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A discussion from the
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7:00 p.m.

WELCOME BY

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PROGRAM

CLAIRE MCCASKILL

*U.S. Senator
(2007-2018)*

BEN SASSE

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Thomas Jefferson said, "An informed citizenry is at the heart of a dynamic democracy."

When The New Albany Community Foundation launched its lecture series 12 years ago, our motivation was to advance lifelong learning and promote community dialogue on important issues.

Additionally, we wanted to present different, sometimes opposing perspectives from leading thought leaders on various subjects.

Ultimately, our hope is that this makes us all better-informed citizens. Tonight we continue with that mission by hosting two respected former United States Senators, who will share their perspectives on a number of timely policy matters.

This is part of the "Civil Discourse and Debate" programs established by the Foundation and the Derrow family. Longtime New Albany residents, Barb and Phil Derrow have generously supported the series since its inception and we are grateful to them.

We are proud of the series and the caliber of speakers we have been able to bring to New Albany and central Ohio through the generosity of our sponsors and donors. It

is because of this support that the New Albany Lecture Series has grown in stature and is now considered among the leading programs of its kind.

We also are proud that more than 35,000 students representing 50 area schools have interacted with some of the most influential thought leaders of our time.

We've hosted Nobel Prize winners, Pulitzer Prize winners, respected diplomats, military leaders, economists, mental health advocates and more.

Earlier today, Claire McCaskill and Ben Sasse met with area students who had the unique opportunity to ask questions and have an enriching discussion. The conversations was moderated by two New Albany High School students with a shared interest in public policy and civil discourse.

The Foundation is grateful to all of the sponsors and donors whose generosity makes this all possible. We look forward to seeing all of you again at the remaining programs as part of the 2024-2025 season.

With appreciation,



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CLAIRE MCCASKILL

U.S. Senator (2007-2018)

CLAIRE MCCASKILL has spent her career as a prosecutor and elected official devoted to public service and earned a reputation in the U.S. Senate as a plain-spoken, independent, and effective champion for Missourians and all Americans.



Born and raised in the Show-Me state, Claire attended college and law school at the University of Missouri and began her career as an assistant prosecutor in Kansas City, specializing in prosecuting arsons and sex crimes.

Claire was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives and made history when she became the first woman elected Jackson County prosecutor, where she launched one of the nation's first drug courts and established a first-of-its-kind domestic violence unit. Claire continued raising the level of accountability in Missouri as the state's Auditor and later took on her own party establishment, becoming the first person to ever defeat a sitting Missouri Governor in a primary election.

In 2006, Claire became the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate from Missouri – winning the seat once held by Harry Truman – and was resoundingly re-elected in 2012.

Claire's background as a prosecutor and auditor deeply informed her work in the Senate, where she championed a six-year-long battle to rein in wasteful wartime contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan and addressed tens of billions of wasted taxpayer dollars. She fought to curb sexual assault in the military and on college and university campuses, and led a historic, bipartisan investigation into online sex trafficking on the website backpage and passed legislation to give law enforcement tools to prosecute websites like it.

Claire launched the largest congressional investigation into the business practices of opioid manufacturers and worked across the aisle to pass legislation to lower the price of prescription drugs. The daughter of a World War II veteran, she fought tirelessly for vets, including passing into law a bill to deliver decades-old relief to veterans who were exposed to mustard gas during World War II. Known for her work on behalf of consumers, Claire spearheaded efforts to improve consumer protections against robocalls, recalled vehicles, and sky-high cable bills. Always one to seek out the concerns of her constituents, Claire was known as the "town hall Senator," after holding more than 50 town halls in one year in every corner of rural Missouri.

Claire and her husband Joseph live in St. Louis and have a blended family of seven children and fourteen grandchildren. ~

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BEN SASSE

U.S. Senator (2015-2023)



BEN SASSE, served as 13th president of the University of Florida from February 2023 through July 2024. While leading Florida's flagship land-grant university, Ben moved swiftly to cultivate fresh leadership, construct a UF-wide strategic planning initiative, and ground UF's priorities in making the highest and best use of public funds. He sought to establish goals that are critical to Gators and the state: more applied research, more focus on lifelong learning for students, and faster, more nimble engagement with exceptional partners.

Passionate about education and teaching, Ben also teaches at UF and previously taught at Yale University, the University of Texas, and Midland University in his Nebraska hometown. Professor Sasse has won teaching awards and holds a history Ph.D. from Yale, where his dissertation won both the Egleston and Theron Rockwell Field best dissertation prizes.

A two-time *New York Times* national best-selling author, Ben's career has spanned the private and public sectors. As a turnaround guy working for the Boston Consulting Group, McKinsey and Company, and other private equity firms, Ben has built dozens of teams that built winning strategies.

Ben also served in the U.S. Senate representing Nebraska from 2015 to 2023. His work on the intelligence, finance, and judiciary committees focused on the future of work, the future of foreign policy, and the First Amendment. Ben believes in pluralism, free speech, and the power of ideas to build strong and vibrant communities in our digitally disrupted future.

Ben and his wife, Melissa, have two daughters and a son and currently reside in Gainesville, Florida. ~

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LINSEY DAVIS

Host and Radio Correspondent, 'World News Tonight Sunday' and 'ABC News Live Prime'



LINSEY DAVIS is currently the anchor of ABC News Live "Prime with Linsey Davis," ABC News' Emmy® Award-winning streaming evening newscast, and "World News Tonight" Sunday. She is a correspondent filing reports for "World News Tonight with David Muir," "Good Morning America," "20/20" and "Nightline."

Davis has conducted powerful, exclusive newsmaking interviews with world leaders, influential figures, health officials, and politicians. Notable interviews include the only interview with comedian Bill Cosby in the wake of dozens of sexual assault allegations; Jonathan Majors, after he was convicted of one misdemeanor assault charge and one harassment violation; Boris Johnson, shortly after he left his position as prime minister; the victims who suffered abuse at the hands of Larry Ray at Sarah Lawrence University;

Shelley Lynn Thornton, also known as Baby Roe, the daughter of Jane Roe; Kevin Strickland, a wrongfully convicted Missouri man who was released from prison after 43 years; Myon Burrell, a Minneapolis inmate who said he was wrongfully convicted for murder; and Nick Cannon, discussing his journey towards atonement, education and self-improvement after making antisemitic comments and espousing conspiracy theories.

Davis' additional interviewees include former Vice President Kamala Harris, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, former Vice President Mike Pence, former First Lady Karen Pence, Gov. Ron Desantis, Nikki Haley, Speaker Mike Johnson, Beto O'Rourke, Gov. Wes Moore, Dr. Anthony Fauci, Herschel Walker, Sen. Raphael Warnock, Kanye West, Nikole Hannah-Jones, Anita Hill, Bill Gates, Halle Berry, Dionne Warwick, Huma Abedin, Dave Grohl, Billy Porter, nearly two dozen senators from both sides of the aisle and dozens of House representatives, and leading up to the 2024 Iowa caucuses, she interviewed the spouses of seven presidential candidates as part of a series called "Running Mates."

Davis helped lead ABC News' coverage of the 2024 presidential election, notably co-hosting the 2024 presidential debate alongside David Muir, and ABC News' election night coverage "Your Voice, Your Vote." She was an integral part of the 2022 midterm elections and was at the forefront of ABC News' coverage of the 2020 presidential election, spanning all eight nights of the Democratic and Republican National Conventions. She co-anchored major political events such as two presidential primary debates, the vice-presidential debate, presidential election coverage and Inauguration Day.

Davis has covered news stories around the globe, including the Black Lives Matter movement, the Las Vegas massacre, the Harvey Weinstein allegations

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and subsequent #MeToo movement, the Boston Marathon bombing, the Nairobi Mall massacre and several of President Obama's trips overseas. She has also reported on various natural disasters, including the earthquake in Haiti and multiple hurricanes.

Davis joined ABC News in 2017 as a New York-based correspondent for ABC NewsOne, the network's affiliate news service. Prior, Davis was the anchor of the weekend evening newscasts at WTHR-TV in Indianapolis. During her time there, she reported from New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Torino for the 2006 Winter Olympics and Athens for the 2004 Summer Olympics. From 2001 to 2003, she was a reporter at WJRT-TV, the ABC-owned station in Flint, Michigan.

Davis has received several honors for her reporting, including two Emmy Awards, a duPont-Columbia Award and a regional Edward R. Murrow Award. In 2023, "ABC News Live Prime with Linsey Davis" won the Gracie Award for Best National News Program and a Front-Page Award for the feature "Water Warriors." In 2022, she also won a 2022 On Air Talent - News Magazine Gracie Award.

Davis is the author of six books, including The New York Times bestsellers "Girls of the World" (March 2024) and "The Smallest Spot of a Dot" (January 2023), and the titles "How High Is Heaven" (February 2022), "Stay This Way Forever" (February 2021), "The World Is Awake" (February 2019) and "One Big Heart" (August 2019).

Davis earned her undergraduate degree in psychology from the University of Virginia and a Master of Arts degree in communications from New York University. ~

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“May you live in interesting times.”

~ Sir Austen Chamberlain

“Every great movement must experience three stages: ridicule, discussion, adoption.”

~ John Stuart Mill

The first of the quotes listed above is often referenced as an ancient Chinese curse but the evidence of its provenance instead points to a British diplomat in 1936, just three short years before the start of WWII.

Sir Austen went on to say that “There is no doubt that the curse has fallen on us. We move from one crisis to another, We suffer one disturbance and shock after another.”

It isn't much of a stretch to say that the curse has fallen on us as well. But what if it is an opportunity instead.

And that's where the quote from J.S. Mill, another Englishman and one of the greatest philosophers on liberty and liberalism during our nation's first century, comes into play.



Jonah Goldberg and Ezra Klein were the featured participants in the 2024 Civil Discourse and Debate Student Lecture Series program and the community lecture.

With tonight's program, our family's 7th year of sponsorship, we continue to promote the belief that our nation's next great movement will be best adopted in the aftermath of unfettered discussion and debate, rather

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than the declarations of “experts” or by censorship of the disfavored. We do not pretend to know with certainty what that next great movement will be. The three members of our family each have our own ideas, as do our guests for tonight's program and each of you in our audience.

Finding disfavor from the experts, some of those ideas have been subjected to ridicule, with discussion quashed by insults or censorship, while others have been adopted en masse by fiat rather than by discussion, debate, and legislative action. Neither process results in public policy with the broad support necessary in a pluralistic democratic society.

And that's where we see opportunity.

Please join us in welcoming former U.S. Senators Claire McCaskill and Ben Sasse, moderated by ABC New Journalist Linsey Davis for discussion of these topics and more.

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Phil, Barb, and Anna Derrow





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With our roots in Central Ohio, Encova has made many fulfilling investments in the local community. From our corner of the Discovery District, we have partnered with organizations like the Columbus Metropolitan Library and Columbus Museum of Art, organizations that, like The New Albany Community Foundation, seek to educate youth, share knowledge and engage with our community. Through the Encova Insurance Scholar Athlete Awards, we routinely invest in our youth and the future leaders of the Central Ohio community. In partnership with Ohio Dominican University, we support the future of the insurance industry right in our neighborhood.

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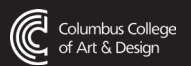


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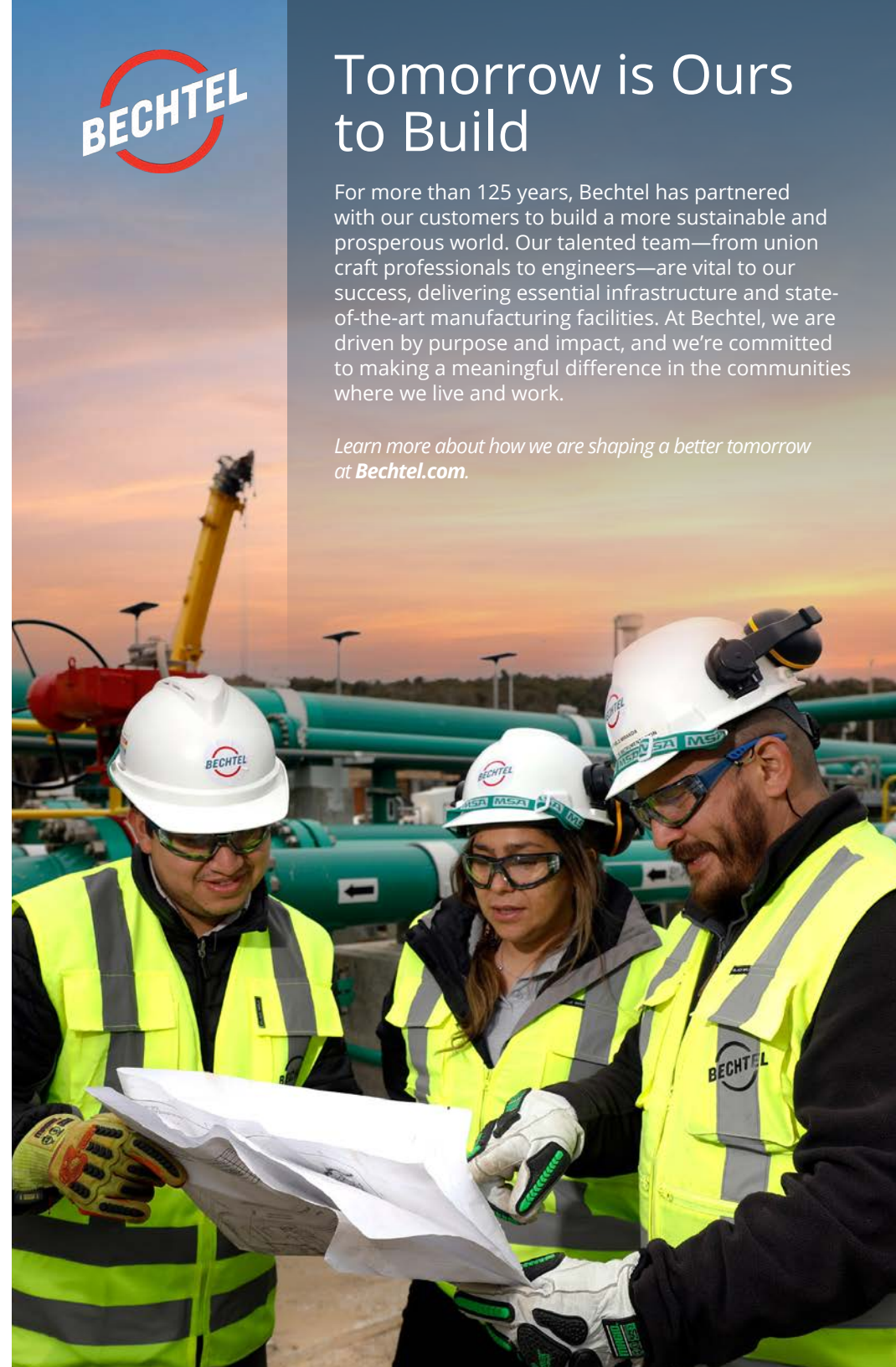
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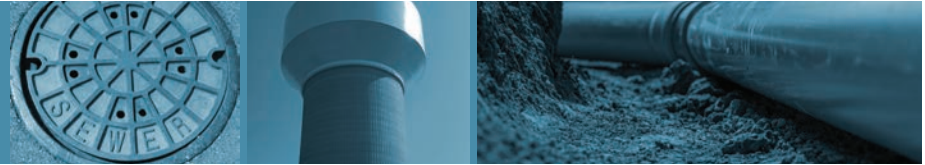
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– New Albany High School Student



“I liked how the speakers emphasized that a discussion requires active listening. It’s important that we hear and consider all viewpoints as students.”

– New Albany High School Student



“Anytime you can get the kids out of the classroom and get them to see a different perspective, I think that is a good thing.”

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Today the Foundation hosted students at the McCoy Center for a lecture on the topic of Civil Discourse and Debate. The lecture was also live streamed allowing hundreds of additional central Ohio students to participate virtually from their schools. This season, students from central Ohio met with America Ferrera in October to discuss mental health and participated in a lecture on Artificial Intelligence in January. In April, the final student lecture of the season will cover the topic of Environmental Stability.



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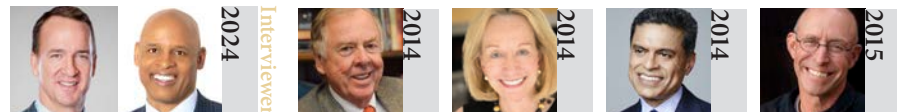


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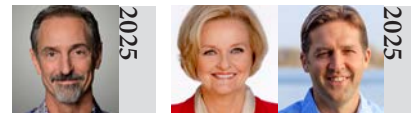
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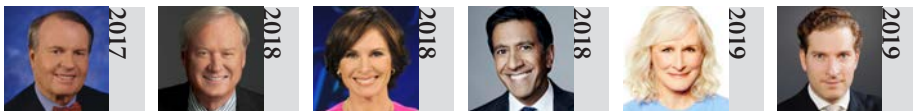
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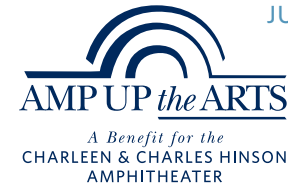


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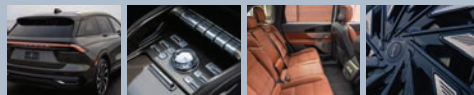
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