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PROGRAM

LT. GENERAL (RET.) H.R. MCMASTER

25th U.S. National Security Advisor and Retired United States Army Lieutenant General

SECRETARY MIKE POMPEO

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Thank you for joining us for what promises to be an insightful discussion on national security and foreign policy. Over the years, we have been honored to host many distinguished military and foreign policy leaders, each offering compelling insight drawn from deep experience.



Making his second appearance in our lecture series is Lt. General (Ret) H.R. McMaster, who served as the 25th Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs and was a commissioned officer in the United States Army for 34 years. He is joined this evening by Mike Pompeo who served as the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency from 2017 to 2018 and as the 70th United States Secretary of State from 2018 to 2021.

Moderating tonight's discussion is Jim Sciutto, CNN's Chief National Security Correspondent. This is Sciutto's second appearance as part of the lecture series. His experience and expertise contribute to a richer discussion.

Earlier this evening, the Foundation hosted a reception bringing together Lt. Gen. McMaster and Sec. Pompeo with veterans, active-duty military members, JROTC participants and first responders. Earlier today, we also collaborated with the National Veterans Leadership Foundation to host a session with Lt. Gen. McMaster and Sec. Pompeo for former service members who have transitioned to colleges and universities across the country.

These additional engagements allow us to leverage each speaker's visit to reach even more individuals who have a strong connection to or interest in the topics we present. The impact of our lecture series extends well beyond a single conversation by advancing lifelong learning throughout the New Albany community and beyond.

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We will announce our 14th season in the coming months, and we look forward to welcoming you back when we launch the 2026-2027 season this September.

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Admiral James Stavridis USN (Ret.) meets with veterans, active-duty military members and JROTC Cadets before last year's National Security Lecture.



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LT. GENERAL (RET.) H.R. MCMASTER

25th U.S. National Security Advisor and Retired United States Army Lieutenant General



H. R. McMaster was the 25th Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. He served as a commissioned officer in the United States Army for thirty-four years before retiring as a Lieutenant General in June 2018. H.R. is the Fouad and Michelle Ajami Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Distinguished University Fellow at Arizona State University, and lecturer at the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University.

H.R. was commissioned as an officer in the United States Army upon graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1984. He holds a PhD in military history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

McMaster has extensive experience leading soldiers and organizations in wartime in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom, in Iraq during Operation Desert Storm, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He also served overseas as advisor to the most senior commanders in the Middle East. From 2014 to 2017 McMaster designed the future Army as Director, Army Capabilities Integration Center and Deputy Commanding General, Futures, US Army Training and Doctrine Command. As Commanding General, Maneuver Center of Excellence and Fort Benning, he oversaw all training and education for the Army's infantry, armor, and cavalry force.

H.R. led important strategic assessments including the revision of Iraq strategy during the 'surge' of 2007 and efforts to develop security forces and governmental institutions in post-war Iraq. In 2009-2010 he led an assessment and planning effort to develop a comprehensive strategy for the greater Middle East.

McMaster was an assistant professor of history at the United States Military Academy from 1994 to 1996 where he taught undergraduate courses in military history and history of the Korean and Vietnam Wars as well as a graduate course on the history of military leadership for officers enrolled in the Columbia University MBA program. He teaches graduate courses at Stanford on contemporary challenges to international security and building strategic competence.

H.R. has authored three New York Times bestselling books. *Dereliction of Duty: Lyndon Johnson, Robert McNamara, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Lies that Led to Vietnam* and *Battlegrounds: The Fight to Defend the Free World* examine the most critical foreign policy and national security challenges that the United States has faced. Released in August 2024, his latest book, *At War with Ourselves: My Tour of Duty in the Trump White House*, recounts his time serving under President Trump's first administration. H.R. has published scores of essays, articles, and book reviews on leadership, history, and the future of warfare in many publications including *Foreign Affairs*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *The Atlantic*, *New Republic* and *The New York Times*. He was a contributing editor for *Survival: Global Politics and Strategy from 2010-2017*. Currently, he hosts the Hoover Institution interview series *Battlegrounds: Vital Perspectives on Today's Challenges* and is a regular on the Hoover Institution broadcast series *Goodfellows*.

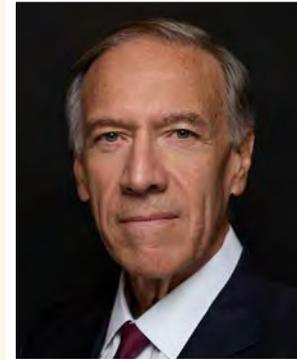
He is a distinguished graduate of the United States Military Academy. His military awards include the Silver Star Medal, the Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster, and the Purple Heart. ~

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SECRETARY MIKE POMPEO

*70th U.S. Secretary of State (2018-2021), Former Director of
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MICHAEL R. POMPEO served as the 70th Secretary of State of the United States, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and was elected to four terms in Congress representing the Fourth District of Kansas. Mike graduated first in his class from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1986. He served as a cavalry officer in the U.S. Army, leading troops patrolling the Iron Curtain. Mike left the military in 1991 and then graduated from Harvard Law School, having served as an editor of the Harvard Law Review. Up next was almost a decade leading two manufacturing businesses in South Central Kansas – first in the aerospace industry and then making

energy drilling and production equipment.

In 2010, Mike watched the government grow too big and decided to run for Congress. He won and was re-elected three more times to represent South Central Kansas – the heartland of America. Becoming America's most senior spy, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, was Mike's next chance to champion American values. President Donald Trump saw that good work and decided to make Mike America's 70th Secretary of State. As our nation's most senior diplomat in the Trump Administration and President Trump's chief negotiator, Mike helped to craft U.S. foreign policy based on our nation's founding ideals, emphasizing religious freedom as central to human dignity. During this time, America became a massive energy exporter and a force for good in the Middle East, with real peace cemented in the Abraham Accords.

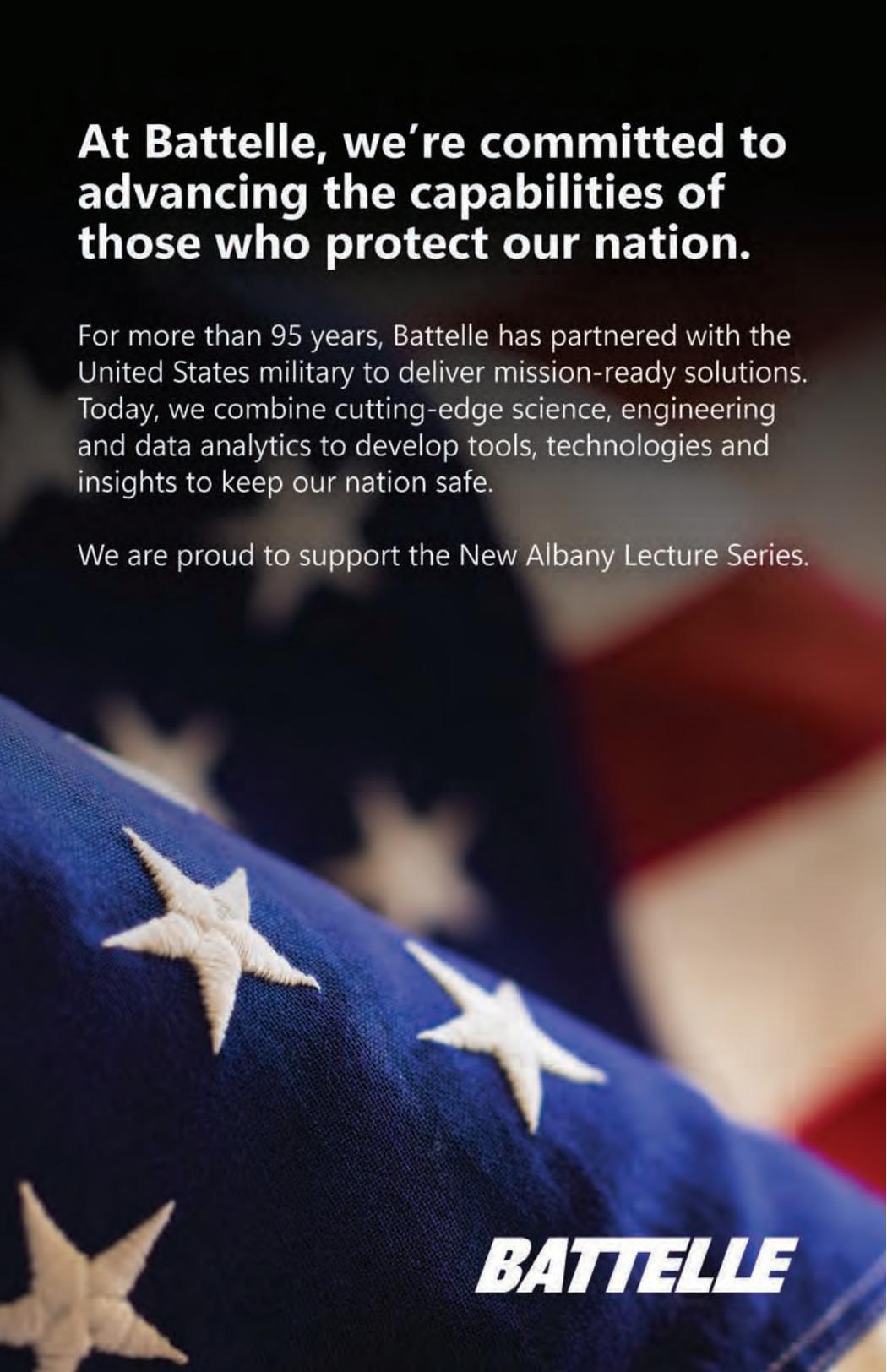
Since leaving government, Mike has remained active on the global stage advancing American interests. Currently, he serves as a partner in Niobrara Investment Partners, a private equity firm he co-founded, is of counsel at Torridon Law, and chairs the Helms School of Government at Liberty University.

Married to Susan, Mike and his wife have one son, Nick. Mike and Susan were thrilled to see their family grow to include a daughter-in-law when Nick married his wife, Rachael, in 2022, and then welcomed their first grandson, Jack Michael, in 2025. Mike and Susan's two retrievers, Sherman and Mercer, each named after important American generals, are patriots too! ~

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JIM SCIUTTO

*Chief National Security Analyst, CNN and
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JIM SCIUTTO is CNN's chief national security analyst and anchor of *The Brief with Jim Sciutto* weekdays at 6pm ET on CNN International and streaming on the CNN app.

Sciutto reports and provides analysis on all aspects of U.S. national security including foreign policy, the military, intelligence community and the State Department.

Throughout his career, he has reported from more than 50 countries across the globe including dozens of assignments from inside Iraq, Afghanistan and Iran, as well as multiple assignments in Ukraine and the Middle East.

Sciutto is the author of four books, including the *New York Times* Bestseller, *The Return of Great Powers: Russia, China and the Next World War*, published in 2024 by Dutton Books, which examines the breakdown of a decades-old international order among the world's strongest powers. He also wrote *The Shadow War*, published in 2019, on Russian and Chinese efforts to undermine the U.S., and an inside look at President Trump's foreign policy, entitled *The Madman Theory: Trump Takes on the World*, published in 2020, both by Harper Collins. His first book, *Against Us: The New Face of America's Enemies in the Muslim World*, analyzes the driving forces behind Islamic radicalization.

Among the honors Sciutto's work has earned are the duPont-Colombia Award, Emmy Awards, the Edward R. Murrow Award, the George Polk Award and the White House Correspondence Association's Merriman Smith Award for excellence in presidential coverage.

Prior to joining CNN, Sciutto served as ABC News' senior foreign correspondent, based in London, and the Hong Kong-based correspondent for Asia Business News. Sciutto began his career as the moderator and producer of a weekly public affairs talk show on PBS.

Sciutto has also served as chief of staff and senior advisor to the U.S. Ambassador to China, Gary Locke.

He is a graduate of Yale University, where he studied Chinese history, and was a Fulbright Fellow in Hong Kong. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and an associate fellow at Pierson College at Yale. Sciutto was appointed a Senior Fellow at Yale Jackson School of Global Affairs.

Sciutto is married to Gloria Riviera-Sciutto, a journalist and podcaster. They have three children and live in Washington, DC. ~

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President Carter began his tenure at Ohio State on January 1, 2024 after serving as president of the University of Nebraska System, and previously as the longest continuously serving superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy since the Civil War. He also formerly served as president of the U.S. Naval War College. Throughout his career in higher education, President Carter has led efforts to support student success, increase opportunities and affordability for students and families, and grow the impact of university-led research, innovation and clinical care.

A retired vice admiral in the United States Navy with 38 years of service, President Carter earned a bachelor's degree in physics and oceanography from the U.S. Naval Academy, where he played ice hockey for four years and served as team captain.

President Carter and his wife, Lynda, have been married for 41 years and have two adult children and one grandchild. ~



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In April, the Foundation will host students from seventeen area high schools at the McCoy Center for a lecture on civil discourse and debate featuring James Carville and Reince Priebus. Guests speaker will be interviewed by New Albany High School students and the lecture will be live streamed allowing central Ohio students to participate virtually from their schools. The next student lecture will be in May and will cover the topic of mental health in a discussion with award-winning actor and mental health advocate Christian Slater.



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“Michael is the kind of leader who truly inspires those around him. His vision extends beyond the success of our 5-Star school district of 5,100 students—he sees our schools as an integral part of the entire community. Michael genuinely values the relationships he builds with the City, Township, Foundation, local businesses, and other key partners, always striving to strengthen the bonds that make New Albany such a special place to live and learn. His passion for education and steadfast commitment to helping every student reach their fullest potential have left an enduring mark—not only on our schools, but on the very heart of our community. Michael leads with integrity, compassion, and collaboration, and his influence benefits everyone who lives, works or attends school in New Albany.” –DEBRA KALINOSKY Former President, Board of Education

Michael is quick to credit the community, the school board and his faculty and staff for the district's success, noting his pride in the achievements of the school district and the united front he feels from the community. “I'm very proud of everything that we've achieved, but there's more to be done. Tomorrow provides new possibilities and new opportunities for our schools. There is an expectation for continuous improvement, and I think the community should expect that of us every day. We are here in service to children and our incredible team is grateful for the support we receive that allows us to

focus on achieving the best academic and developmental outcomes for students.”

Sawyers's leadership and service have been recognized through multiple honors, including the 2024 Exemplary Leadership Award and the 2013 Distinguished Service Award from the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA), as well as the New Albany Chamber of Commerce Delta Award for Outstanding Business Leader.

The Foundation selected Sawyers not only for the positive impact he's had on thousands of students, but also because of his engagement in the broader community. Widely viewed as a valued collaborator, passionate advocate and visionary leader, Michael works closely with the City of New Albany and Plain Township and serves in other roles such as an ex-officio member of the New Albany Chamber of Commerce, McCoy board and the Foundation's board of trustees. He actively represents the district through service with the Ohio School Plan, BASA Communications Committee, and as a member and past President of the Central Ohio Superintendents' Association. Sawyers also participates at the State and National levels to advocate for public education and leadership advocacy.

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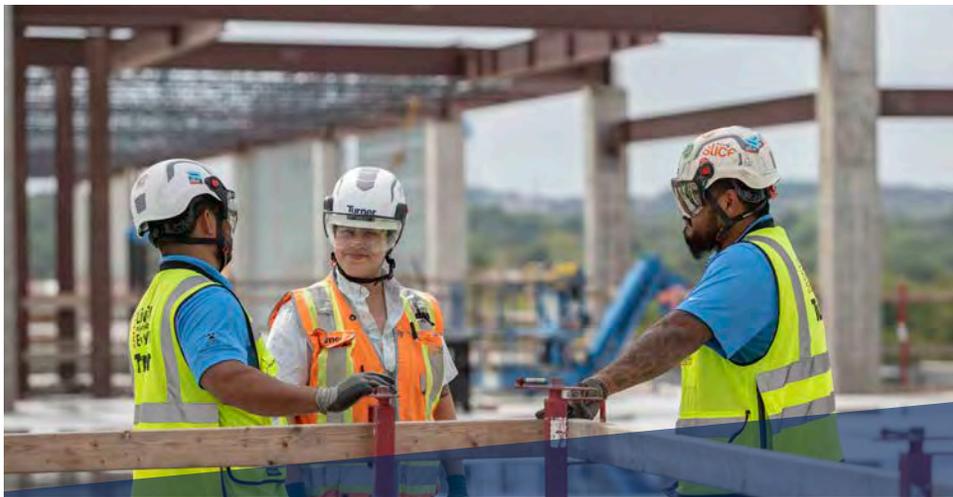
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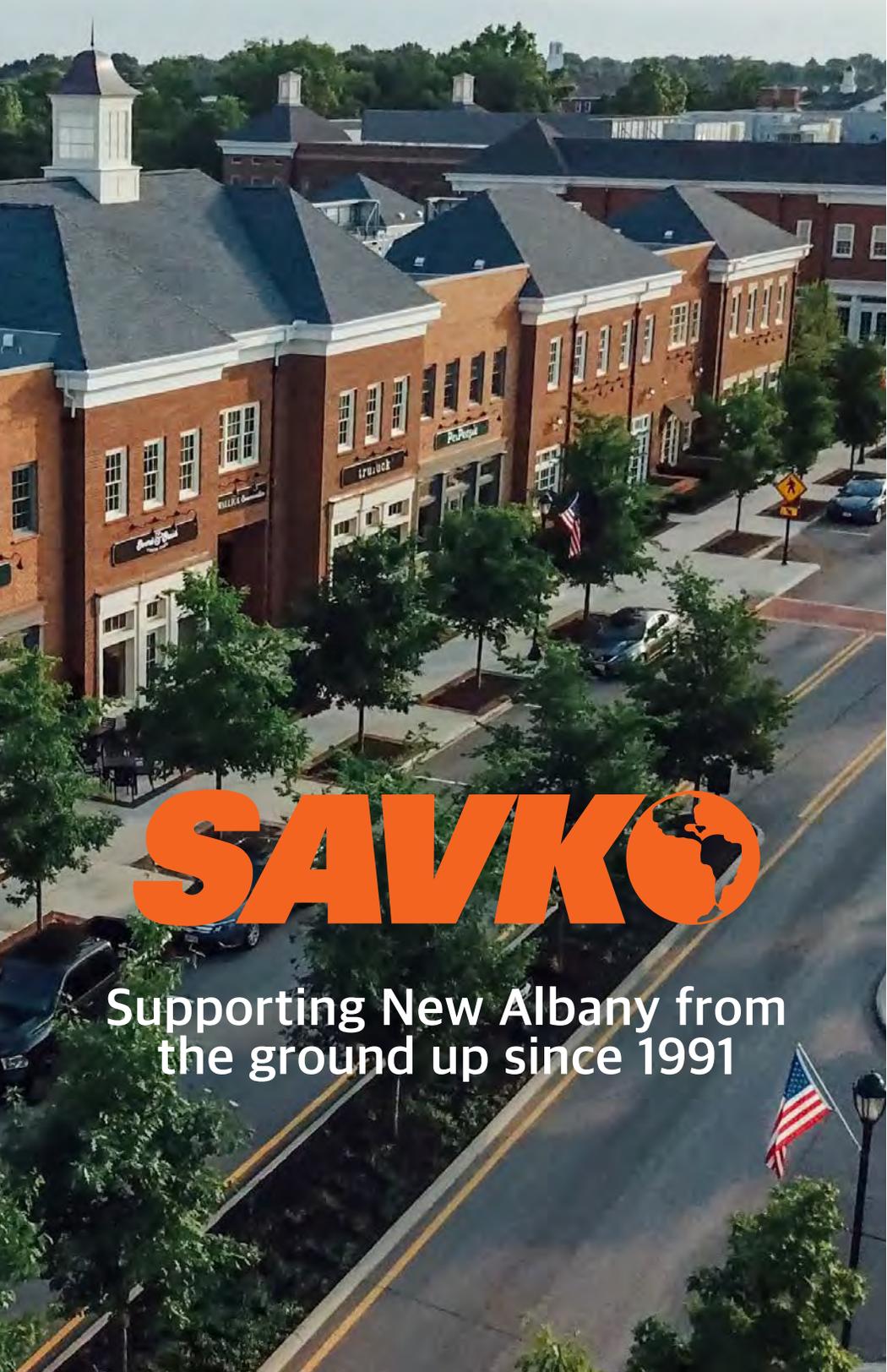


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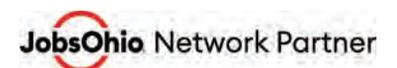
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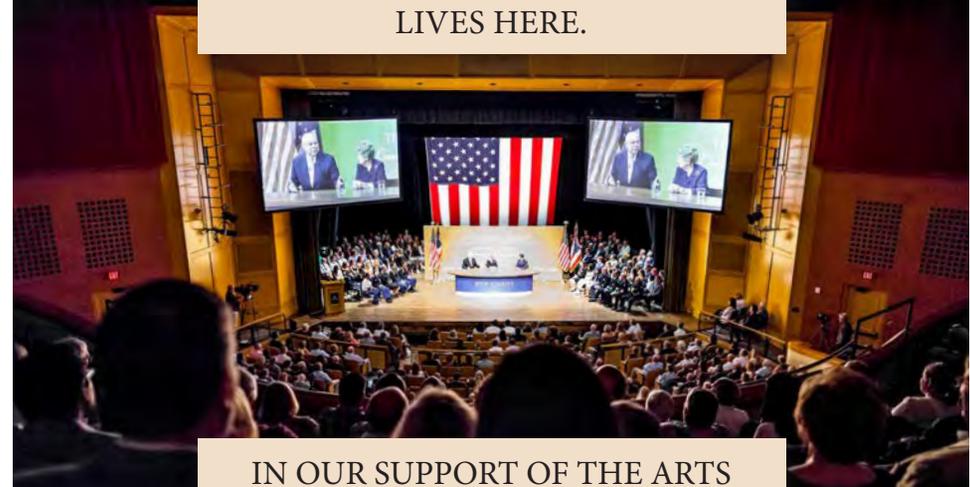


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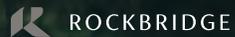
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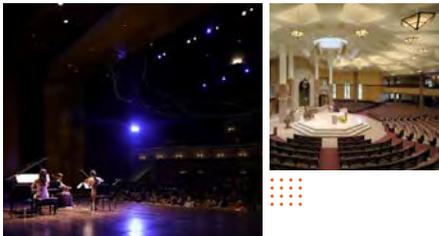


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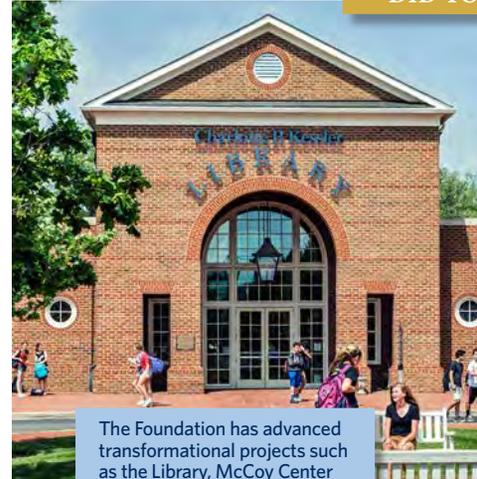
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