Free Speech America Gala

October 24, 2018
The Four Seasons Hotel, Washington, D.C.
The National Association of Broadcasters congratulates American Horizon Award honoree Cathy Hughes and Freedom of Speech Award honoree Chris Wallace for their continued commitment to advancing the ideals of the First Amendment.

NAB applauds The Media Institute’s mission to protect free speech and its support of broadcasters who are dedicated to keeping their communities informed about the issues and events that impact them.
The Consumer Technology Association (CTA)™ congratulates this evening’s honorees for their dedication to free speech:

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Congratulations to tonight’s honorees: Freedom of Speech Award Chris Wallace, Host Fox News Sunday and American Horizon Award Cathy Hughes, Founder and Chairperson Urban One Inc.
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Richard T. Kaplar
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Richard E. Wiley
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Keynote Remarks
**FEATURED SPEAKER**
The Honorable Michael O’Rielly
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission

American Horizon Award
**PRESENTER**
Wayne A.I. Frederick, M.D.
President
Howard University

Cathy Hughes
Founder and Chairperson
Urban One, Inc.

Freedom of Speech Award
**PRESENTER**
Brit Hume
Journalist and Commentator

Chris Wallace
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host of "FOX News Sunday"

2018 Freedom of Speech Award
Richard E. Wiley

Richard E. Wiley co-founded Wiley Rein LLP, a Washington, D.C., law firm with the largest communications practice in the United States, in 1983. As a Chairman, Commissioner, and General Counsel of the Federal Communications Commission from 1970 to 1977, he was a leading force in the agency’s initial efforts to foster increased competition and lessened regulation in the communications field.

Since 1985, Mr. Wiley has been regularly recognized as one of the nation’s “100 Most Influential” lawyers by The National Law Journal. He also has been profiled in the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, International Herald Tribune, Globe and Mail, and American Lawyer.

Mr. Wiley was awarded an Emmy by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for leading the development of the nation’s digital television transmission standard. He has also received awards from numerous industry-related groups including the National Association of Broadcasters, North American Broadcasters Association, Library of American Broadcasting, Broadcasters Foundation of America, Consumer Electronics Association, and Broadcasting & Cable magazine.

Mr. Wiley graduated with distinction from Northwestern University (B.S. and J.D.) and holds a Master’s degree in Law (LL.M.) from Georgetown University. He also holds Honorary Doctor of Law degrees from Catholic and John Marshall law schools. Mr. Wiley is Chairman of The Media Institute’s Board of Trustees.
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We thank the featured speaker, FCC Commissioner Michael O’Rielly, and congratulate this year’s honorees:

Chris Wallace, Freedom of Speech Award
Cathy Hughes, American Horizon Award
Commissioner Michael O’Rielly

Michael O’Rielly was nominated for a seat on the Federal Communications Commission by President Barack Obama in August 2013, confirmed unanimously by the U.S. Senate, and sworn into office in November 2013. In January 2015, he was sworn into office for a new term, following his re-nomination by the president and confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

Prior to joining the FCC, Commissioner O’Rielly served from January 2013 as a Policy Advisor in the Office of the Senate Republican Whip, led by Senator John Cornyn. He had worked in the Republican Whip’s Office since 2010, as an advisor from 2010 to 2012 and Deputy Chief of Staff and Policy Director from 2012 to 2013 for Senator Jon Kyl.

He previously worked for the Republican Policy Committee in the U.S. Senate as a Policy Analyst for banking, technology, transportation, trade, and commerce issues from 2009 to 2010. Prior to this, Commissioner O’Rielly worked in the Office of Senator John Sununu as Legislative Director from 2007 to 2009, and Senior Legislative Assistant from 2003 to 2007.


Commissioner O’Rielly received his B.A. from the University of Rochester.
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Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick was named the 17th President of Howard University in July 2014 after serving as Provost and Chief Academic Officer.

As a student, Dr. Frederick was admitted to Howard University's B.S./M.D. dual degree program and completed the requirements for the B.S. and M.D. degrees in six years, allowing him to earn both his Bachelor of Science and medical degrees by the age of 22.

Following post-doctoral research and fellowships, Dr. Frederick began his academic career as Associate Director of the Cancer Center at the University of Connecticut. Upon his return to Howard University, he held a number of academic positions. He also earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Howard University's School of Business in 2011. Dr. Frederick continues to operate and lectures to second-year medical students.

A distinguished researcher and surgeon, Dr. Frederick is the author of numerous peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, abstracts, and editorials. He has also received various awards honoring his scholarship and service.

As a scholar and administrator, Dr. Frederick strives to develop innovative approaches to the institutional priorities of his beloved alma mater and to support the success of its students.
We applaud your outstanding leadership.

Congratulations to tonight’s honorees.

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**Chris Wallace**
Anchor, *FOX News Sunday*

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**Cathy Hughes**
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Cathy Hughes is a dynamic media pioneer who demonstrates the power of one—one woman, one vision, one company—Urban One. As Founder and Chairperson of Urban One, Inc., Ms. Hughes has created the nation’s largest African-American multi-media conglomerate, generating original content across radio, television, and digital media.

Ms. Hughes began her radio career in her hometown of Omaha, Nebraska. In 1971, she moved to Washington to begin teaching at Howard University. She served as General Sales Manager and then as Vice President and General Manager of WHUR, Howard University Radio, where she created the format known as the “Quiet Storm.”

In 1980, Ms. Hughes purchased her flagship station WOL-AM in Washington and pioneered the format “24-Hour Talk from a Black Perspective.” She hosted the station’s morning show for 11 years.

With her son and business partner Alfred Liggins, III, she grew what was then Radio One into a publicly traded urban radio market leader with more than 60 stations across the country.

In May 2017, Radio One became Urban One, now the parent corporation of several subsidiaries: TV One, the largest African-American-owned cable television network in the country; Reach Media, which presents syndicated radio programming; iOne Digital, home of several popular websites; and One Solution, a marketing firm for all of the assets under the Urban One brand.

Ms. Hughes has earned hundreds of awards and recognitions. Among her many philanthropic efforts, she supports her family’s legacy at The Piney Woods School, an African-American boarding school established by her grandfather in 1909 in Piney Woods, Mississippi.
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The Media Institute for all it does to preserve and protect freedom of speech, the cornerstone of American rights.

Congratulations to

Cathy Hughes
American Horizon Award

And

Chris Wallace
Freedom of Speech Award
With more than 43 years of journalism experience, Brit Hume currently serves as a senior political analyst for FOX News Channel and contributes to all major political coverage. Mr. Hume also is a regular panelist on “FOX News Sunday.”

Mr. Hume stepped down as anchor of “Special Report” in December 2008 after more than 10 years at the helm. He also served as the Washington managing editor for FOX News's Washington bureau. Mr. Hume anchored all network coverage for every presidential election from 1997 to 2008.

Before joining FOX News in 1996, Mr. Hume spent 23 years at ABC News, serving as chief White House correspondent from 1989 through 1996. Mr. Hume joined ABC in 1973 and went on to serve as a Washington correspondent and Capitol Hill correspondent. He began his career as a newspaper reporter.

Mr. Hume has received numerous honors and awards, including a 1991 Emmy Award for his coverage of the Gulf War. He is the author of two books, *Inside Story* and *Death and the Mines*.

A graduate of the University of Virginia, Mr. Hume resides in Hume, Va., with his wife Kim Schiller Hume.
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Chris Wallace

Chris Wallace is the anchor of “FOX News Sunday,” Fox Broadcasting Company’s Sunday morning public affairs program. He joined FOX News Channel (FNC) in 2003 and is based in Washington, D.C. In 2014, he marked his 50th year in the broadcasting industry.

Throughout his 15 years at FNC, Mr. Wallace has participated in coverage of nearly every major political event and has also secured several high-profile interviews with dignitaries and U.S. leaders, including presidents Donald Trump and Barack Obama. Most recently, Mr. Wallace presented an exclusive interview with Russian President Vladimir Putin following the summit with President Trump in Helsinki, Finland.

In August 2015, Mr. Wallace co-moderated the first GOP presidential debate of the 2016 election cycle, the highest-rated non-sports cable telecast of all time. He also co-moderated the network’s second and third debates of the 2016 cycle.

Throughout his 50-plus years in broadcasting, Mr. Wallace has won every major broadcast news award for his reporting, including three Emmy Awards, the Dupont-Columbia Silver Baton, and the Peabody Award.

Before joining FNC, Mr. Wallace worked at ABC News for 14 years where he served as the senior correspondent for “Primetime Thursday” and a substitute host for “Nightline.”

Previously, Mr. Wallace served as NBC’s chief White House correspondent from 1982 to 1989. While at NBC, he covered the 1980, 1984, and 1988 presidential campaigns. Mr. Wallace moderated “Meet the Press” from 1987 to 1988, making him the only person to have hosted two Sunday talk shows. Mr. Wallace began his career at WNBC-TV in New York in 1975. He attended Harvard College.
Wiley Rein is a proud supporter of The Media Institute and its efforts to promote freedom of speech among all sectors of the media.

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We congratulate our Fox News friend and colleague Chris Wallace, Freedom of Speech Award Recipient and Cathy Hughes, American Horizon Award Recipient.

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CATHY HUGHES
American Horizon Award

CHRIS WALLACE
Freedom of Speech Award
Good evening! We welcome you to this event—and to a new era for The Media Institute. You’ve seen the new name for this annual gathering: “Free Speech America” Gala. The name captures the flavor of the awards we’ll present tonight. It also recognizes Free Speech Week being celebrated around the country this week.

Importantly, this name reflects the essence of our mission: promoting a strong First Amendment; supporting communications policies that advance the free flow of speech, information, and entertainment; and strengthening a free press through excellence in journalism.

We will remain true to this mission, even as our programs and activities evolve to meet the changing world of media and telecommunications. We invite you to be a part of the Institute’s new era as we navigate this world together.

We extend our thanks to our awardees, their presenters, our featured speaker, and our master of ceremonies for honoring us with their presence. And we thank each of you, our valued guests, for your very generous support of The Media Institute.

Richard T. Kaplar
Executive Director

Susanna Coto
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Sinclair Broadcast Group Congratulates the Award Winners of the “Free Speech America” Gala

Everyday across America, we focus on informing, protecting and entertaining our viewers. In our newscasts and online, we report on what is happening in our local communities and feature stories about people making a difference.
Free Speech Week is in full swing around the country! Free Speech Week is the nation’s premier celebration of freedom of speech and of the press—and it’s non-partisan, non-political, and non-ideological.

Media organizations, schools and universities, civic groups, and nonprofit organizations throughout the country are holding events and activities to mark this week. The Media Institute’s “Free Speech America” Gala is a prime example. Free Speech Week is a popular topic on social media as well.

The Media Institute created Free Speech Week in 2005 and continues to publicize it through the FSW website, freespeechweek.org. Next year’s Free Speech Week will be celebrated Oct. 21–27, 2019.

Free Speech: The Language of America
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One of The Media Institute’s flagship programs is the Communications Forum Luncheon Series. Luncheons take place eight times per year in downtown Washington and feature speakers from the top ranks of government and industry. With more than 30 corporate and organizational sponsors, the luncheons are a prime opportunity for Washington’s media and telecom policy elite to enjoy lively discussion and congenial company. This year’s slate of speakers has included:

**Commissioner Brendan Carr**  
Federal Communications Commission

**Don McGahn**, Counsel to the President  
The White House

**Commissioner Noah Phillips**  
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