REAGAN LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

UNITING THE DIVIDE

October 12-13, 2018

Conference Program
Schedule at a Glance

Friday, October 12

5:00 pm  Registration Opens

6:00 pm  Welcome Remarks
  Anthony Pennay  
  Chief Learning Officer, Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation & Institute
  Emily Nagamato  
  Newbury Park High School

6:15 pm  Opening Keynote Address
  Shelby Scarbrough  
  Author and Entrepreneur; Former Reagan Administration Staff

6:25 pm  Moderated Conversation + Q&A
  Moderator, Joanne Drake  
  Chief Administrative Officer, Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation & Institute

7:00 pm  Opening Reception and Opportunities Fair

8:30 pm  Event Concludes

Saturday, October 13

7:00 am  Registration Opens

8:00 am  Opening Remarks
  Nouha Zaabab  
  Georgia Institute of University
8:15 am  Young Professionals Keynote  
Cole Scanlon  
Co-Founder Fair Opportunities Project; Forbes 30 Under 30, 2017; GE-Reagan Scholar, 2014

8:45 am  Moderated Conversation + Q&A  
Moderator, Barrett Cole  
University of North Texas

9:15 am  Session 1 Workshops

10:15 am  Session 2 Workshops

11:15 am  Plenary Talks: Steps towards Uniting the Divide  
Ranen Miao, Millburn High School  
Prachi Patel, University of California, Berkeley  
Camryn Barker, Loyola Marymount University  
Juan De Los Rios, University of Southern California

12:00 pm  Lunch and Networking  
Second Level of Air Force One Pavilion

1:30 pm  Session 3 Workshops

2:30 pm  Session 4 Workshops

3:30 pm  Closing Keynote Address  
Annafi Wahed  
Founder and Editor of The Flip Side  
Jihan Varisco  
Editor of The Flip Side

3:55 pm  Moderated Conversation + Q&A  
Shriyash Upadhyay  
University of Pennsylvania

4:15 pm  Closing Remarks  
Anthony Pennay  
Chief Learning Officer, Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation & Institute

4:30 pm  Event Concludes
Meet The Speakers

Shelby Scarbrough
Author and Entrepreneur; Former Reagan Administration Staff

Shelby Scarbrough is an entrepreneur who has built a professional career of strategic planning, creative problem solving, and strong leadership. In 1990, she founded her first company, Practical Protocol. For nearly 20 years, Shelby owned and operated ten Burger King restaurants in Northern Virginia. Shelby is a co-founder of nCourage Entrepreneurs, an investors group that supports entrepreneurial women in business, and the Sea Spirit Foundation, a nonprofit working to repurpose a military ship into a pediatric training hospital based in Southeast Asia. Shelby is currently working on publishing two books, “Living Life as a Joy Journey” and “The Joy of Civility.” As a public speaker, Shelby provides motivational and educational presentations, and she recently spoke about civility at TEDxNapaValley. Early in her career, Shelby served in the Reagan Administration. She earned a bachelor’s degree in English from University of California, Los Angeles, and she is a graduate of the Owner/President Management program at Harvard Business School.

Cole Scanlon
Co-Founder Fair Opportunities Project; Forbes 30 Under 30, 2017; GE-Reagan Scholar

Cole Scanlon is the co-founder and co-director of Fair Opportunity Project, an edtech nonprofit that distributes free college application and financial aid information to 64,000 public high schools each year. For this work, he was inducted into Forbes 30 Under 30 (2017). He has also worked with the World Bank to improve education systems through policy research and led Harvard’s Lab for Entrepreneurship and Development (LEAD). Cole grew up in Miami, Florida with his four siblings. Cole developed an interest in education policy early in his life.
In July 2016, Annafi left her corporate job in NYC to campaign for Democratic party candidates in NH. Walking door to door, she saw firsthand how even next-door neighbors could be completely isolated from one another by the news they consume. In the months following the election, as talk of “fake news” and media bias became commonplace, Annafi set out to burst her own media bubble and the bubbles of those around her.

Jihan has degrees in Political Science and Public Policy and is particularly interested in applying insights from behavioral economics and game theory to improve policy. He laments the extreme partisanship currently afflicting this country and hopes that The Flip Side can help create common understanding to help bridge political divisions.
Session 1 Workshops
9:15 am - 10:05 am

Storytelling: Creating Self-Love and Empowerment - Jazz Kaur
Roosevelt Room (RR)
Stories are at the heart of human connection, from our relationship with ourselves to the larger societal narratives that define our beauty standards, values, and what we “should” do. Together, in this hands-on workshop, we will explore how to shift the stories you tell about yourself to create more self-love, compassion, and empowerment. The goal is to kickstart a process of reclaiming your power to become the best leader, thinker, and human being you can be.

No Dreams, Just Visions: There Are No Actions in Dreams
Erick Jenkins, Alexis Lenderman, Maggie Roberts
Jefferson Room (JR)
Aspiring leaders are told to dream, but dreaming is insufficient. This is because dreaming is merely imagining a positive solution, it does not require action, and leadership is impossible without action. Likewise, action without vision prevents true leadership. True leadership mandates that the division between vision and action be unified for individuals to reach their full leadership potential while simultaneously fostering leadership within their community.

Executive Skill Training - Alan Nelson, Ed.D.
Air Force One Boardroom (AFOB)
Leadership is the process of helping people accomplish together, what they would not or could not as individuals. This is a skills-training, project-based, experiential workshop, modeled after executive programs. Participants will work in teams of 4–7 with designated leaders, receiving Socratic coaching and facilitated debrief sessions, focusing on organizational leading.

The Better Arguments Project: Relearning Ideological Conflict as Productive Conversation - Christopher Maximos
Discovery Center Classroom (DCC)
Lincoln v. Douglas, Kennedy v. Nixon, Buckley v. Vidal. Each of these iconic debates represents the pinnacle of America’s public discourse: the ability to find common unity through simple dialogue. In the modern age, social media’s echo chambers have regressed our arguments into reductive, tribal skirmishes. This session offers an introduction on how to master productive dialogue through communications exercises and interactive debates. By relearning how to argue, we can create compromise.

The First Step - Lauren Rickert
Discovery Center Press Room (DCPR)
By acknowledging our differences, we can begin to unite the divide through connecting with others that have had different life experiences than ourselves. By doing a group activity, The Privilege Walk, this breakout session will make you step out of your comfort zone to reflect on some of your own experiences as well as see what others have been through. Learn how privilege affects the world in which we live.
Session 2 Workshops
10:15 am - 11:05 am

Marketing Me: Don’t Sell Yourself Short – Nicolas Mintzer
*Roosevelt Room (RR)*

Interviews can appear scary, intimidating, and overwhelming. This workshop presents tips and insights to help you feel more comfortable and prepared for your next interview.

The Comfort Zone – Scott Davidson
*Jefferson Room (JR)*

Division due to differing ideas and opinions is something that all leaders must face. As our society has become more technologically advanced, such division has become more amplified. This presentation will explain the importance of managing this division and offer insights on how emerging leaders can achieve unity.

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How to be a leader . . . NOW – Miguel Chavez
*Discovery Center Classroom (DCC)*

Don’t wait until everything is just right, because that moment will never come. Start creating. Believe it or not, your interests, passions, and hobbies are often the perfect starting point to make significant contributions to your community, state, and nation. By asking simple questions, you can begin to make profound impacts on complex issues using the knowledge, skills, and attributes you currently possess.

Better Angels Debate – Katie Broten
*Discovery Center Press Room (DCPR)*

This workshop will focus specifically on civil discourse. Students will learn how to address and discuss the most controversial topics in American society in an effective and respectful manner. Better Angels’ main goal is to heal the political divide and increase civic participation.
Design Thinking for Social Impact: How to Develop Lasting Solutions to Global Problems - Grace Wickerson

Roosvelt Room (RR)

In 2016, the United Nations released the Sustainable Development Goals, a set of 17 initiatives to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all by 2030. For the goals to be reached, everyone needs to be doing their part—the private sector, civil society, and people like you. Through developing an understanding of design thinking, a methodology that draws upon logic, imagination, intuition, and system reasoning to develop user-focused solutions, this workshop will give participants with the tools to create a lasting impact.

Civility: How to Engage in Substantive Political Discussions with Those You Disagree With - Joko Caillies

Jefferson Room (JR)

Tired of all the yelling and insults hurled around in politics? Wondering how to have productive debates with people across the ideological spectrum—without getting into a mud fight? This workshop is for you! We’ll be discussing rhetorical strategies, critiquing the styles of politicians from both parties, and talking about how there is so much more that unites than divides us.

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Game the Systems - PolitiCraft

Discovery Center Classroom (DCC)

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The Human Lens - Weston Boardman

Discovery Center Press Room (DCPR)

Did you ever think that your ideological adversary might have the same feelings, passions, and desires as you, that those down on their luck may have been in your shoes at one point? It’s time that we throw away our preconceived notions of one another in exchange for a human lens. Come to this workshop to discuss and learn about viewing the world in a new light and be challenged to become a better individual.
We all start somewhere, often nowhere. Do you want to learn how to make something of your dreams? This interactive workshop will allow you to recognize the opportunities possible to you as young adults, along with how to obtain them. Along with a testimony from a student who was once where you are today. You will quickly learn how to seize opportunities to make you dreams a reality.

Since our country's inception, we have been pulled between the competing forces of fierce individualism and generous altruism. Today, under the motto of 'America First,' the pendulum of our national discourse has swung towards the former. Yet, for our nation to thrive, we must bridge the divide between these two forces to find balance in our national and global identities - Find out how and why at this session.

Are you constantly feeling as if you’re unqualified for admission into certain universities or your dream internship? Have no fear! This workshop will help guide you in shaping the way you think and feel about your abilities, while gaining lifelong tips you can use in your future endeavors.

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How do we create inclusive environments for everyone? This workshop aims to empower each other through understanding our differences and develop skills to educate our communities on creating inclusive spaces.
Camryn Barker is a freshman at Loyola Marymount University majoring in English and minoring in peace and justice studies. She is a former Reagan Education department intern and Reagan Student Leadership Program (SLP) ambassador. She has also served as a Southern Director on the California Association of Student Leaders (CASL) State Board.

Student Leadership Program, Student Leadership Program Ambassador, Reagan NextGen 2018, ReaganEDU Intern

Weston Boardman is a junior studying economics at Hillsdale College. A devout Catholic raised in Arizona, he now lives and interns in Washington, D.C. while leading the Convention of States Internship Program. He is the co-founder of the first Citizens for Self-Governance Club at his college and is a proud member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. After attending Juniors Officer Candidate School this past summer, Weston plans to continue with the Platoon Leaders Class and commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps upon graduation.

Student Leadership Program, Reagan National Defense Forum Volunteer

Katherine Broten was born in 2000 in Farmington, New Mexico. Throughout her life, Katherine has participated in politics at a local and state level. She is a delegate for the New Mexico Public Education Department’s Student Leadership Network and has received recognition from the Farmington Municipal School Board for her efforts in shaping education policy. Katherine became a student representative of the Better Angels Debate Society in 2018 and plans to continue her work promoting civil discourse in the future.

Joko Cailles is a 19-year-old political science and international relations student at the University of Nevada, Reno. He loves public speaking, Hawaiian shirts, reading, and road trips. His current plan is going to law school after graduation, working for a legislature, and being involved in politics.

Miguel Chavez is a sophomore at the University of Oklahoma studying economics and sociology. Miguel has a strong passion for entrepreneurship and has applied his background in business and art to improve social issues, specifically educational equity, by creating initiatives that make positive, ethical impacts in his surrounding communities.

GE-Reagan Scholar
Scott Davidson, Jr., a senior at Moorpark High School, is the president of numerous organizations at his school, including Medical Professionals of the Future, which he founded. Scott aims to attain his M.D. and Ph.D. and create his own biotechnology company. He has participated in cancer research at USC, is a Pre-Med Summer Scholar and official volunteer at UCLA, and has been mentored by physicians and scientists at companies such as Amgen.

Student Leadership Program

Juan De Los Rios was raised on the border of Ciudad Juarez/El Paso, he was granted scholarships from the Bill & Melinda Gates and the GE-Reagan Foundation Scholars Program to attend The University of Texas at Austin. Presently, he attends the University of Southern California as a Ph.D. student in Chemistry focused in the inorganic division.

GE-Reagan Scholar

Erick Jenkins is a first-generation college graduate from Wilson, North Carolina. Currently, he attends The Pennsylvania State University as a Master of International Affairs first-year student. When he graduates, he wants to pursue a career with the U.S. government.

Leadership and the American Presidency, Reagan Institute Summit on Education Volunteer

Alexis Kane is a senior at American University majoring in political science and information technology. She is a part of the American University Women's Club Soccer team, American University Ambassadors, and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Alexis has been a part of the Ronald Reagan Foundation since 2015, when she was named a GE-Reagan Scholar. She has interned at various tech companies, worked on the 2016 Presidential election, and recently concluded her internship with Bloomberg L.P. Her hobbies include volunteering, reading, traveling, and coding.

GE-Reagan Scholar, Reagan Institute Intern

Jazz Kaur is a creative artist involved in filmmaking, photography, and performance. Recently, she co-founded Brown Girl Joy, a digital platform that invites woman and gender non-conforming folks of color collaborations of women and to increase representation and change the dominant narratives about beauty, brownness, and creativity.

Student Leadership Program
Alexis Lenderman is a senior at Western Michigan University, graduating with dual degrees in entrepreneurship and global and international studies with minors in political science and nonprofit leadership. She hopes to utilize her skills and background to inspire others, especially fostering youth and first-generation college students.

Leadership and the American Presidency, Reagan Institute Summit on Education Volunteer

Christopher Maximos is a senior at Delbarton School in New Jersey with a passion for communication. Christopher has received national acclaim in speech and debate, placing third twice at the National Championship and ranking first in America. He is the founder of teachspeech, a youth-led public speaking educational initiative which has engaged thousands of students, and the podcast Extempolitik. Christopher is ecstatic to present at the Reagan Leadership Summit and amplify student voices.

Great Communicator Debate Finalist

Ranen Miao is a senior from Millburn High School in New Jersey who is passionate about government, philanthropy, and activism. Through debate, canvassing, and community service, he has built on his commitment to giving back to his community. Ranen is a firm believer in the power of young voice and wants to share unheard stories to build empathy and foster unity. As a member of the USA Debate Team, he proudly travels around the world representing the United States. He is honored to be speaking at the Reagan Leadership Summit this year.

Nicolas Mintzer is a third-year economics major at the University of California, Santa Barbara, who is originally from Simi Valley, California. He has taken part in over 15 programs with the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation, most recently completing an internship. Next summer, Nicolas will intern with Armanino LLP, one of the largest public accounting firms in the United States. He has had the opportunity to meet with two heads of state, Justin Trudeau of Canada and Vicente Fox of Mexico. Nicolas is excited to take part in this summit and is looking forward to meeting all of you.


Tyler Overberger maintained a busy schedule growing up, due to living on a large ranch and juggling three jobs. However, he always made time for volunteer work; his favorite was as a volunteer firefighter. Tyler's heart for service and work with people led him to a major in government and law and society. He wants others to always remember where they came from and that with hard work and dedication they have the opportunity to accomplish their goals and aspirations.

GE-Reagan Scholar
Prachi Patel is in her sophomore year at University of California Berkeley and a Class of 2017 graduate from Santa Susana High School. Inspired by her time at the City Manager's Office in Simi Valley, she is studying economics and city planning, hoping to pursue a career in economic development.

Student Leadership Program

Siddhant Puranik is a senior at Tompkins High School in Houston. A debate and politics wonk, Sid loves drinking coffee and reading the paper. In turn, Sid’s friends believe there is a 50-year-old man trapped inside his body. Either way, he’s ecstatic to educate millennials about a topic he’s passionate about.

Student Leadership Program

Emily Ramirez is a first-year student at Pomona College and a proud Student Leadership Program alumna. When not solving problem sets or writing essays, she can be found playing rugby or helping students with mental illness. Emily is excited to return and encourage youth to be leaders in their communities and beyond.

Student Leadership Program, Student Leadership Program Ambassador, Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation Scholar

Lauren Rickert is a freshman at The Pennsylvania State University majoring in communication arts and sciences. Lauren’s passions are art and leadership. Her goal is to work in fundraising and event planning at a museum. She has been involved with the Reagan Library for many years. Through their Student Leadership Program, Lauren started an after school program connecting high school students with foster-care children. These new friendships helped the children transition from middle school to high school. Student Leadership Program

Leadership and The American Presidency

Maggie Roberts a Fall 2017 LTAP alumnus, is a senior at Seattle University pursuing a double degree in English literature and philosophy with departmental honors and minor in classical voice. After graduation, Maggie plans to go to law school to practice law and work in public policy regarding religious liberty.

Leadership and The American Presidency

Grace Wickerson is a social entrepreneur, educator, activist, and engineer seeking to solve global problems in a sustainable way. At age 15, she launched a non-profit organization, Kickin’ Violence, which seeks to inspire youth involvement in anti-violence advocacy, education, and service. Since its founding, it has impacted 90,000 lives worldwide.

GE-Reagan Scholar
The Education Team at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute would like to thank our Student Advisory Committee for the time, talent, and expertise they have given to the Reagan Leadership Summit. Their ideas, input, and enthusiasm have shaped today’s event.

2018 Student Advisory Committee

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About the Networking Scavenger Hunt

In addition to all the great things you are learning today, you also have the opportunity to expand your network and win a prize with a Scavenger Hunt!

On the following page, you will find a list of all of the activities included in the Scavenger Hunt. As you complete each activity, have a Summit Leader stamp the appropriate box. Once you get stamps for ALL of the boxes, fill out your name and email at the bottom of this page, tear it out of the booklet, and drop it into the box next to the stage in the P.L.C.

**Completed sheets need to be turned in before the start of the Keynote and Q&A at 3:30 pm!**

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Complete The Scavenger Hunt,  
Fill Out The Form Below,  
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(Please Print)

Full Name: __________________________________________

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Networking Scavenger Hunt Stamps

- Find a Reagan Program Alumni
- Find Someone with a Similar Passion/Career Focus
- Converse with Someone with a Differing Opinion
- Connect with Someone from a Different Age Range
- Introduce Yourself to a Summit Presenter
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“An informed patriotism is what we want. And are we doing a good enough job teaching our children what America is and what she represents in the long history of the world?”

Farewell Address to the Nation, January 11, 1989

Ronald Reagan

At the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute, our education programs are dedicated to cultivating the next generation of citizen-leaders. Each year we work with thousands of teachers and tens of thousands of students from across the country to help foster the engaged and informed citizens that President Reagan knew were so vital to a healthy America.

With this in mind, we have designed a series of education programs and opportunities that actively seek to engage students ranging from 5th grade through college and beyond. The entire educational structure at the Reagan Foundation is designed to engage students at any level, with the intention that every experience with a Reagan Foundation Education Program should be transformative and inspirational. Our hope is that the students with whom we work will seek additional opportunities to develop themselves as civic-minded young leaders, and to further cement their relationship with the Foundation.

For example, a student might be introduced to programs through a one day trip as part of the Speaker Series for Students, or the Air Force One Discovery Center. This powerful learning experience might cause them to want to return for the week-long Student Leadership Program. There they would learn skills that would make them eligible for one of our Scholarship Programs. After they head off to college, we invite them to Washington, D.C. as part of our semester-long Reagan Institute Leadership and the American Presidency program for university students. Each experience along the way is designed to be memorable, positive, and impactful. They grow as civic-minded thinkers and leaders, becoming the “informed patriots” described by President Reagan.