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Emmy Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Judy Woodruff, to speak at April 30, 2024 Emily Couric Leadership Forum Luncheon

The Emily Couric Leadership Forum board is thrilled to announce Judy Woodruff as this year's recipient of the Forum's Women's Leadership Award and as the speaker for the Forum Luncheon on April 30, 2024. Woodruff is an Emmy Award winning broadcast journalist and the Senior Correspondent for the PBS Newshour. As the former Anchor and Managing Editor of the PBS NewsHour, she and the late Gwen Ifill were the first two women to co-anchor a national news broadcast. Ms. Woodruff's five-decade career, covering politics and twelve presidential elections, led her to launch in 2023 "America at a Crossroads", a two-year reporting project to understand America's political divide.

Woodruff served as anchor and senior correspondent for CNN for twelve years. At NBC News, she was White House Correspondent (1977-1982), and served one year as NBC's Today show Chief Washington Correspondent. She is the author of <u>This is Judy Woodruff at the White House</u>, published in 1982.

During her early years at PBS, she was Chief Washington Correspondent for The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour (1983-1993). She also anchored Frontline with Judy Woodruff (1984-1990). In 2011, Woodruff was the principal reporter for the PBS Documentary, *Nancy Reagan: The Role of a Lifetime*.

Woodruff was the recipient of numerous awards, including the Peabody Journalistic Integrity Award, the Poynter Medal, an Emmy for Lifetime Achievement in Television News, and the Radcliffe Medal. Together she and the late Gwen Ifill were awarded Arizona State University's Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Journalism.

Additionally, Woodruff is a founding co-chair of the International Women's Media Foundation, an organization dedicated to promoting women in communications worldwide. She is a graduate of Duke University where she is a Trustee Emerita. She lives in Washington, DC with her husband, journalist Al Hunt; they are the parents of three children.

"Each year, the Emily Couric Leadership Forum honors a woman leader, who inspires future generations of women leaders through their impactful and empowering work. Ms. Woodruff's

incredible work in the field of journalism does just that. We look forward to honoring her and all of the Emily Couric Scholarship recipients on April 30th at the Omni."



About Emily Couric Leadership Forum

The Forum established a scholarship fund at the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation to honor the legacy of the late Virginia State Senator Emily Couric. Through the scholarships awarded and Women's Leadership Award, the Forum encourages all women to adopt an active role in government, public issues, and policy debates affecting their communities, with an emphasis on inspiring young

women to pursue activities which will enable them to become effective leaders. For more information visit https://www.emilycouricleadershipforum.org

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