

The EMILY COURIC LEADERSHIP FORUM



Please join us for the 16th Annual

Emily Couric Leadership Luncheon

As we honor the Recipient and Finalists of the
2016 Emily Couric Leadership Scholarship
and the
2016 Recipient of the Women's Leadership Award

Nikki Giovanni

Friday, April 29, 2016
12:00 noon
The Omni Hotel
Charlottesville, Virginia

Nikki Giovanni is a writer, commentator, activist, and educator. One of the most celebrated poets of our time, her best-selling anthologies, poetry recordings, essays and children's books have spurred movements and inspired songs, turned hearts and enlightened generations.

In 1968, Nikki published her first collection of poetry, "Black Feeling, Black Talk." By her early 20s she emerged as an icon of the 1960's-era Black Arts Movement and has since published more than 30 books. Her latest is "Chasing Utopia: A Hybrid," a collection of poetry, essays and memoir. Nikki has been honored with an unprecedented seven NAACP Image Awards and was the first recipient of the Rosa L. Parks Woman of Courage Award. She received the Langston Hughes Medal for Distinguished Contributions to Arts and Letters, has been nominated for a Grammy in the category of Spoken Word and was a finalist for the National Book Award. In 2005, she was named one of Oprah Winfrey's twenty-five "Living Legends." Nikki has authored three New York Times and Los Angeles Times Best Sellers, highly unusual for a poet.

She is currently University Distinguished Professor of English at Virginia Tech, where she has taught since 1987. Yolanda Cornelia "Nikki" Giovanni was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, on June 7, 1943, and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. She has a son and a granddaughter, and lives in Christiansburg, Virginia.

This year's scholarships will total \$80,000.

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The Emily Couric Leadership Forum has established the Emily Couric Leadership Scholarship to be awarded annually to a high school senior girl in Albemarle County or Charlottesville. The goal is to acknowledge and encourage young women in leadership roles in government and the community. Each high school is asked to nominate a senior girl who has demonstrated leadership in her school and the community. A selection committee, comprised of community leaders, interviews the nominees and makes the final selection. The winner will receive a \$30,000 scholarship and the other finalists will receive \$5,000 scholarships. An optional merit scholarship of \$5,000 will bring the total up to \$80,000.

The scholarship honors the memory of State Senator Emily Couric, who epitomized a passionate commitment to lifelong learning and public service. An inspiration to Virginians with her grace, warmth, intelligence, and courage, she especially motivated young people to embrace civic involvement.

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