

# The Winston Center for Leadership and Ethics ANNUAL REPORT



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# REFLECTIONS AND LOOKING AHEAD

I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your continued support and generosity. Below are highlights from 2024 and some of our plans for 2025.

This past spring, the Center launched the **Women in Leadership Forum**, and the inaugural speaker was Dr. Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins, the first woman of color to lead the League of Women Voters. Overall, our talk themes centered around democracy, poverty, education inequality, mass incarceration, affordable housing, and happiness. In the spring, the **Clough Colloquium** featured Nobel Laureate Nadia Murad, who shared her harrowing story of surviving human trafficking by ISIS and her fight to end this global issue. The **Chambers Lecture** featured the former mayor of Stockton, CA, Michael Tubbs, who discussed how universal income can uplift impoverished communities. At the **Brennan Symposium**, Dr. Ethan Kross, a professor at the University of Michigan, shared insights and tools on how to manage the chatter in our heads and channel our inner voices to make sound decisions. The Center also **collaborated** with the Shea Center for Entrepreneurship to bring shoe designer and founder Stuart Weitzman, who shared his lessons in leadership. Alumni Bernard Kim '98, CEO of Match Group, and Reba Hatcher '16, chief commercial officer at ButcherBox, inspired students at the **Lunch with a Leader** and the **I Belong** luncheon series, respectively.

In the fall, the **Clough Colloquium** featured BC Professor Heather Cox Richardson, author of *Democracy Awakening: Notes on the State of America*, who spoke about the impact of female voices in the history of America's democracy. The **Jane Jacobs Lecture**, co-sponsored with the Joseph E. Corcoran Center for Real Estate and Urban Action, featured Ed Augustus, Massachusetts Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities, who spoke about the state of affordable housing in the Commonwealth. In **collaboration** with the Lowell Humanities Series and the PULSE Program, Dr. Reuben Miller, professor at the University of Chicago and author of *Halfway Home: Race, Punishment, and the Afterlife of Mass Incarceration*, talked about the systemic and unequal treatment of mass incarceration

in America. In **collaboration** with the Pine Manor Institute for Student Success, we hosted Dr. Anthony Jack, a professor at Boston University, who shared his research on how Higher Ed fails our first-generation and low-income students. The **Forum on Ethics** featured Arthur Brooks, a professor at Harvard University, who shared his philosophy on the importance of cultivating happiness in our lives and leadership journeys. The **Women in Leadership Forum** featured Zoe Bogan, who shared her journey of transitioning from corporate success to entrepreneurship and funded scholarships for two students to attend a women's conference in NYC. The **Lunch with a Leader** speaker was Kansas City Royals' Senior Vice President and Chief Operations Manager Jason Sinnarajah '02, who talked about taking risks and pursuing dreams. The **Ethics and Lunch** session featured Phil Coupe '90, P'27, '27, the co-founder of ReVision Energy, who talked about the ethical benefits of solar energy. The **Social Impact & Lunch** program featured Kate Bennett, former CEO of the Boston Housing Authority, who spoke about the Commonwealth's housing crisis for low-income populations. The newly launched **Ambassador Series** featured Drew Hession-Kunz, a Seidner Department of Finance lecturer, who shared insights with students on developing startups.

Looking ahead, the upcoming spring brings exciting events, including Admiral James Stavridis (ret.), the 16th Supreme Allied Commander of NATO, at the **Clough Colloquium**, and Barbara Pierce Bush, co-founder of Global Health Corps, at the **Chambers Lecture**. The **Brennan Symposium** will feature Luma Mufleh, a dedicated advocate for refugee and immigrant education.

As we prepare for 2025, we remain committed to creating an even greater impact. With your continued support, we will build on these successes to inspire and empower our community.

With gratitude and love. Be well.

Monetta Edwards

Director, Winston Center for Leadership and Ethics

# SIGNATURE EVENTS

SPRING 2024



The **Clough Colloquium** featured Nadia Murad, Human Rights Activist and Nobel Laureate; President and Chairwoman of Nadia's Initiative

The **Chambers Lecture Series** featured Michael Tubbs, Former Mayor of Stockton, CA; Founder and Chair of Mayors for a Guaranteed Income



The **Women in Leadership Forum** featured Dr. Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins, Former President, League of Women Voters of The United States

# SIGNATURE EVENTS

FALL 2024



The **Clough Colloquium** featured Heather Cox Richardson  
Professor, Boston College  
Author, *Democracy Awakening: Notes on the State of America*



The **Jane Jacobs Lecture** featured Ed Augustus  
Massachusetts Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities



The Forum on Ethics featured Arthur Brooks  
Professor, Harvard University  
Author, *Build The Life You Want*



The Women in Leadership Forum featured Zoe Bogan  
Founder & CEO, ZB Agency

# COLLABORATIONS



**Spring:** Stuart Weitzman  
Entrepreneur, Philanthropist,  
Founder, Stuart Weitzman

Co-sponsored with the  
Shea Center for Entrepreneurship

**Fall:** Anthony Abraham Jack  
Professor, Boston University  
Author, *Class Dismissed: When  
Colleges Ignore Inequality and  
Students Pay the Price*

Co-sponsored with the Pine Manor  
Institute for Student Success



**Fall:** Reuben Jonathan Miller  
Professor, University of Chicago  
Author, *Halfway Home: Race,  
Punishment, and the Afterlife of  
Mass Incarceration*

Co-sponsored with the Lowell Humanities  
Series and the PULSE Program



# STUDENT PROGRAMS

SPRING 2024



## Lunch with a Leader

Bernard Kim '98  
CEO, Match Group



## I Belong

Reba Hatcher '16  
Chief Commercial Officer, ButcherBox

FALL 2024



## Ethics and Lunch

Phil Coupe '90, P'27, '27  
Co-Founder, ReVision Energy



## Social Impact and Lunch

Kate Bennett  
Former CEO, Boston Housing Authority



## Lunch with a Leader

Jason Sinnarajah 'o2  
SVP & COO, Kansas City Royals

## STUDENT PROGRAMS CONT'D



In the spring, the **Brennan Symposium** featured Ethan Kross  
Professor, University of Michigan, and Author,  
*Chatter: The Voice in Our Head, Why It Matters, and How to Harness It*



In the fall, the inaugural **Ambassador Series** featured Drew Hession-Kunz  
Entrepreneur and Senior Lecturer, Seidner Department of Finance

# STUDENT PROGRAMS CONT'D

## Naval Academy Leadership Conference:

Dylan Breen '24, Micayla Cameron '24, Meghan Heckelman '25, Reilly O'Shaughnessy '24, and Michael Treseler '24 attended the 2024 Naval Academy Leadership Conference: *Learning to Lead: The Lifelong Pursuit of Service* in Annapolis, MD



Dylan Carollo '25 and student director, Dylan Breen '24

**Jenks Class of 2024:** Dylan Carollo '25 was the recipient of the 2024 Joseph G. Bonito Servant Leadership Award. The Class of 2024 service projects brought awareness to foot care within the homeless community and youth mental health. They also created initiatives to show appreciation to the Boston-area nursing community and the BC residential facilities community.



Jenks Class of 2025 doing community service with Rebuilding Together Boston

**Jenks Class of 2025:** Twenty-seven students were selected for the Jenks Class of 2025, representing 15 states, and the United Kingdom.

# STUDENT GRANTS



Curtis Idemudia '26 participated in the Principles of Public Health: Gateway to Europe program in Lisbon, Portugal.

Summer grants were awarded to students who participated in unpaid summer internships at various organizations focusing on healthcare research, education advocacy, governmental communications, legislative and public policy research, United Nations mobilization, and work at the Jesuit Historical Archives in Rome.

Travel grants were also awarded to students who participated in opportunities that supported their career interests, including global healthcare, Artificial Intelligence, filmmaking, faith and ethical leadership, and education research.

Six students also received a grant to attend the **GenHERation Discovery Days** program, which connects young women with female leaders from Fortune 500 companies, tech giants, government agencies, retail, the sporting industry, and other companies for networking and mentorship opportunities.



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