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Welcome and Dinner

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
Chris Plante

INVOCATION
Fr. Terence Henry • Franciscan University of Steubenville

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Presentation of the DisHonors Awards
Laura Ingraham, Stephen Hayes and Jonah Goldberg

Presentation of the William F. Buckley, Jr. Award for Media Excellence
Andrew Breitbart
Known for his sharp wit and hard hitting rhetoric, Chris Plante is a rising star in conservative radio. Having previously worked in the trenches at CNN, he is all too familiar with the anti-conservative bias that pervades the national news media. Chris Plante joined Washington DC’s premier talk radio station WMAL after 17 years at CNN, including nearly ten years assigned to the Pentagon covering the U.S. military and intelligence community. Chris traveled extensively for CNN covering defense related stories from Saudi Arabia to Vietnam to the remote corners of the former Soviet Union. Today, Chris makes frequent appearances on cable news.
Laura Ingraham
Laura Ingraham is the most listened-to woman in political talk radio in the United States. *The Laura Ingraham Show* is heard on hundreds of stations nationwide since its launch in 2001. Laura is a regular Fox News contributor and the principal substitute host on *The O’Reilly Factor*. She is the #1 *New York Times* best-selling author of five books. A former litigator and Supreme Court law clerk, Laura is a graduate of University of Virginia School of Law and Dartmouth College. She is also an avid supporter of our troops and a variety of military organizations. Laura lives in the Washington, DC area with her three children.

Stephen Hayes
Stephen F. Hayes is a senior writer at *The Weekly Standard* and author of two *New York Times* best-sellers. He is a regular Fox All Stars panelist on *Special Report with Bret Baier*. Before joining *The Weekly Standard*, Hayes was a senior writer for *National Journal’s* “Hotline.” He also served for six years as Director of the Institute on Political Journalism at Georgetown University. His work has appeared in the *New York Post*, the *Washington Times*, *Salon*, *National Review*, and *Reason*. He has been a commentator on CNN, *The McLaughlin Group*, the Fox News Channel, MSNBC, CNBC, and C-SPAN.

Jonah Goldberg
Jonah Goldberg was the founding editor of *National Review Online* and is currently editor-at-large of *NRO*. He is a columnist for the *Los Angeles Times*. Mr. Goldberg is currently a visiting fellow at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, DC. His column is carried by the *Chicago Tribune*, *New York Post*, *Dallas Morning News*, and scores of other papers. His first book, *Liberal Fascism*, was a #1 *New York Times* best seller. He is a member of the Board of Contributors to *USA Today* and previously served as a columnist for the *Times of London*, *Brill’s Content*, and the *American Enterprise*. His writings have appeared in numerous other publications. He is currently a Fox News Contributor.
Celebrating 25 Years of the

“So much progress is made and one of the reasons is Brent Bozell and the Media Research Center documenting what these people [liberal media] do. In my case, I would not be able to do what I do were it not for people like Brent.”
— RUSH LIMBAUGH

“What the MRC does is a national treasure, a national resource. ...I’m a big fan and I quote CNSNews.com all the time.”
— SEAN HANNITY

“Many of the compelling stories we talk about on my show come from CNSNews.com. [It] reports important news you can’t get anywhere else. One of the news organizations I trust most is CNSNews.com.”
— MARK LEVIN

“The MRC is the ultimate source on liberal perfidy... What would we do without NewsBusters? NewsBusters does EVERYTHING for conservatives.”
— ANN COULTER

“The MRC has been a true warrior in defending the Tea Party movement against the relentless attacks and distortions by the liberal press.”
— JENNY BETH MARTIN, Co-Founder, Tea Party Patriots

“The Media Research Center folks don’t give the media hell; they just tell the truth and the media think it’s hell.”
— BERNARD GOLDBERG

“The Media Research Center is the liberal media’s worst nightmare.”
— CHRIS PLANTE

“The MRC is absolutely vital in helping to make Americans aware that media bias is not some paranoid fantasy, but is a living, breathing fact that distorts the most precious gift we have as a nation — freedom of the press.”
— MARK POWELSON - Former Editor and Publisher, San Francisco Focus
“Thanks to Brent and the team at the MRC for the tremendous amount of material they provided for so many years when I was anchoring ‘Special Report.’ I don’t know what we would have done without them. It was a daily buffet of material to work from. We certainly made great use of it.”
— BRIT HUME

“The MRC is one of the most important organizations and resources the conservative movement has... the way they get the real facts to the people of this country is a great service to all of us.”
— THE HON. ED MEESE III

“The MRC has become essential to anyone who cares how the media shape our opinions and attempt to drive policy and select leaders THEY want, as opposed to what the people want and need.”
— CAL THOMAS

“Nobody does a better job than Brent Bozell and his MRC staff on researching and illustrating the rancid leftist bias in our mainstream media.”
— NEAL BOORTZ

“...Brent Bozell, who makes a living at, you know, taking us on every night. He’s well-organized he’s got a constituency, he’s got a newsletter. He can hit a button and we’ll hear from him.”
— TOM BROKAW

“Always fascinating reads on stuff. I’m glad you watch this [liberal media bias] closer than anyone else!”
— NEIL CAVUTO

Video highlights of tonight’s event may be viewed online tomorrow: www.MRCTV.org.
The Obamagasm Award
Presented by: Laura Ingraham
Video Compilation of Media’s Worst Bias Through the Years
NOMINEES
Chris Matthews ................................... MSNBC’s Hardball, July 17, 2012
Diane Sawyer ..................................... ABC’s World News, October 10, 2011
Piers Morgan .......................... CNN’s Piers Morgan Tonight, December 5, 2011

The Vast Right-Wing Knuckle-Draggers Award
Presented by: Laura Ingraham
Video Compilation of Media’s Worst Bias Through the Years
NOMINEES
Bob Franken .......................... MSNBC’s PoliticsNation, January 6, 2012
Thomas Roberts .......................... MSNBC Live, September 23, 2011
Chris Matthews .......................... MSNBC’s Hardball, November 15, 2011

The William F. Buckley Jr. Award for Media Excellence
Presented by: Cal Thomas
“THE FUNNIES”
Presented by: Stephen Hayes

Damn Those Conservatives to Hell Award
Presented by: Jonah Goldberg

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NOMINEES
Howard Fineman .......................... MSNBC’s Hardball, July 23, 2012
Piers Morgan .......................... CNN’s Piers Morgan Tonight, March 2, 2012
Ann Curry .................................................. NBC’s Today, April 10, 2012

The Barbra Streisand Political IQ Award for Celebrity Vapidity
Presented by: Jonah Goldberg

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NOMINEES
Morgan Freeman .................. CNN’s Piers Morgan Tonight, September 23, 2011
David Letterman .................................. CBS’s Late Show, May 15, 2012
Sean Penn .......................... CNN’s Piers Morgan Tonight, October 14, 2011

Worst Reporter in the History of Man
~ Audience Participation ~
The conservative movement lost its intellectual cornerstone in 2008 with the passing of William F. Buckley Jr. His founding of *National Review* magazine in 1955 provided the home-base for conservatives in an America seemingly overrun by liberalism. With *National Review*, and as host of television’s *Firing Line* for 33 years, Buckley spread the cause, helped rally conservatives during the Cold War, was instrumental in helping Ronald Reagan win the presidency – twice – and continued to provide the intellectual ammunition, along with grace and wit, to strengthen conservatives in the on-going battles to preserve liberty, peace, and justice in America.

In addition to *National Review*, Mr. Buckley had written more than 40 books, published a regular column syndicated in 300 newspapers, and penned articles for magazines and other outlets. He educated and inspired thousands of conservatives, especially young men and women, through his articles, books, and TV appearances. These young conservatives have followed Mr. Buckley’s example and relayed the conservative message across the country and through various media, particularly the New Media: cable TV, talk radio, and the Internet.

Fifty-six years ago, William F. Buckley Jr. circumvented the liberal media’s “Berlin Wall” of bias with imagination and tenacity. His intellectual progeny today now populate the airwaves and cyberspace, leaving the old liberal media in the dustbin of history. To recognize and honor very the best of these new conservative leaders, the Media Research Center is proud to present the annual *William F. Buckley Jr. Award for Media Excellence*.

**Previous Award Recipients:** Rush Limbaugh (2007), Tony Snow (2008), Brit Hume (2009), Stan Evans (2010), and Cal Thomas (2011).
Andrew Breitbart (Feb. 1, 1969 - Mar. 1, 2012) was an American blogger, activist, and investigative journalist, who played a central role in exposing and publicizing some of the biggest scandals rocking American politics in recent history, including the Anthony Weiner sexting scandal, the resignation of Shirley Sherrod, and the ACORN 2009 undercover videos.

Mr. Breitbart was instrumental in launching the new media revolution that transformed the political commentary landscape beginning in the 1990’s. He served as one of the original editors for the Drudge Report, helped found the Huffington Post, and launched his own news aggregation site, the widely popular Breitbart.com, and five other websites: Breitbart.tv, Big Hollywood, Big Government, Big Journalism, and Big Peace.

Andrew was a prolific writer and commentator. His work has been published in The Wall Street Journal, National Review Online and the Weekly Standard Online, among others. He wrote a weekly column for The Washington Times, and was an occasional guest commentator on various news programs. In April 2011, Breitbart released Righteous Indignation: Excuse Me While I Save the World, an autobiographical account of his political evolution from a Hollywood liberal to a staunch conservative.

Andrew also was a passionate activist, often appearing as a speaker at Tea Party events. He was a keynote speaker at the first National Tea Party held in Nashville in 2010.

Andrew’s indelible mark on the conservative movement was reinforced after his passing, when in remembrance, Republican presidential candidates Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum, and Newt Gingrich praised Breitbart.

Accepting on behalf of Andrew is Susannah Bean Breitbart, his beloved wife and the mother of their four children, and her father-in-law Orson Bean.
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All of tonight’s quotes were first published in the MRC’s bi-weekly newsletter: Notable Quotables. NQ is a collection of the most biased quotes from journalists – including the annual year-end “Awards for the Year’s Worst Reporting.” To subscribe to NQ in the full html version or for your mobile, just visit www.MRC.org and click on the “subscribe” tab.
Our mission is to attract, educate, organize, mobilize, and support our fellow citizens to secure public policy consistent with our three core values.

The citizens of this country are rising up against a government out of control. People of common sense are coming together to retake this nation from the corrupt politicians who have plundered it for so long. The great principles on which this nation was founded guide our movement and it has become one of the greatest renaissances in American history.

We are ordinary citizens reclaiming America’s founding principles. Join us today!

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“We have a responsibility not just to ourselves, but to our children and to their children to do the right thing. We were given a tremendous responsibility to uphold freedom. We don’t dare surrender that. The so-called “news” media are the single most powerful arm of the Left today. Only the Media Research Center has the capacity to neutralize their agenda. That’s why we do it.”

L. BRENT BOZELL III
The Davisson Brothers Band has a unique style infusing a remarkable blend of country, southern rock, and bluegrass to create a distinctive sound captured in their first single, “Big City Hillbilly.”

This sound, combined with the band’s talent and energy, has gained a loyal fan base all over the Eastern United States. Brothers Chris and Donnie Davisson and cousin Sammy Davisson, along with childhood friend Aaron Regester, are continuing musical pursuits started by the Davisson family long ago. Aaron’s reliable drums and Sammy’s solid bass groove provide the perfect foundation for Donnie’s impassioned, soulful vocals with Sammy’s flawless harmonies all driven by Chris’s mind-bending blend of bluegrass, country, and blues guitar creating a sound unlike anything you’ve ever heard.

“Music has always been a part of our lives,” says Chris, “and now we’re living our dad’s and uncle’s dream — playing music around the country and hearing ourselves on the radio.”
Saluting L. Brent Bozell III
and the entire Media Research Center Team
for the first 25 years of being “America’s #1 Media Watchdog,”
and bringing balance and perspective to the news media.

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”
—Martin Luther King Jr.
Since 1987, the Media Research Center’s unwavering commitment to exposing and neutralizing the liberal media has influenced how millions of Americans perceive the accuracy of the national news media.

We are grateful to our grassroots supporters and donors for allowing us to successfully fight liberal media bias for a quarter century.

Here’s to the next 25 years of forcing the media to “Tell the Truth!”