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CAL THOMAS
Cal Thomas is among America’s most widely syndicated columnists and one of the most highly regarded voices on the American political scene. His latest book, “What Works: Common Sense Solutions For A Stronger America,” goes beyond the familiar partisan shots to focus on real solutions. Thomas co-authored, “Common Ground: How to Stop the Partisan War That Is Destroying America,” with friend and political opposite Bob Beckel. The two also write a popular point-counterpoint column for USA Today. Thomas is a veteran of broadcast and print journalism and has worked for NBC, CNBC, PBS television, and the Fox News Channel, where he has been a contributor of political and cultural commentary since the network’s inception.

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LARRY KUDLOW
Larry Kudlow is a CNBC senior contributor and the host of Cumulus Media’s nationally syndicated radio program, The Larry Kudlow Show. He previously hosted CNBC’s The Kudlow Report. Kudlow is a nationally syndicated columnist and a contributing editor of National Review, as well as a columnist and economics editor for NRO. During Reagan’s presidency, Kudlow was the associate director for economics and planning at the Office of Management and Budget, where he was engaged in the development of the administration’s economic and budget policy. The recipient of numerous awards and honorary degrees (Doctors of Laws), Kudlow is CEO of Kudlow & Co., LLC, an economic research firm.

CHRIS PLANTE
Chris Plante is a rising star in conservative radio and known for his sharp wit and hard-hitting rhetoric on the Chris Plante Show. He represents the third generation of his family that has been “on-the-air” in radio and television. Chris 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. Having previously worked in the trenches at CNN, he is all too familiar with the anti-conservative bias that pervades the national news media. Today, Chris makes frequent appearances on cable news.

ALAN ROBERTSON
Al is the oldest son of the Duck Commander and Miss Kay. He grew up in the family’s small house on the Ouachita River in rural Northeast Louisiana hunting and fishing and helping build the foundation of the family duck call business. Alan left Duck Commander to serve in full-time ministry for over 22 years, but returned to Duck Commander in 2013 and is now appearing on Duck Dynasty as the only beardless brother in the family. Al plays a vital role in the family’s commitment to spreading the gospel through their national ministry of speaking and appearing around the world. Al is married to Lisa, has two married daughters and four grandchildren.
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.

Sixty-five 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.

MARK LEVIN

2014 Honoree

Mark Levin is one of America’s preeminent conservative commentators and constitutional lawyers. He is the host of one of the most listened to nationally syndicated radio shows in the country with a minimum of 7.75 million total weekly listeners.

He’s in great demand as a political and legal commentator, and has appeared on hundreds of television and radio programs. Levin is a contributing editor for National Review Online, and writes frequently for other publications.

A movement conservative who has been fighting on the frontlines to advance conservative values for decades, Levin has served as a top advisor to several members of President Ronald Reagan’s Cabinet — including as Chief of Staff to the Attorney General of the United States.

In 2001, the American Conservative Union named Levin the recipient of the prestigious Ronald Reagan Award. Levin accepted the inaugural Citizens United Andrew Breitbart Defender of the First Amendment Award in 2013.

Mark is the president of the prestigious Landmark Legal Foundation, a public interest law firm founded in 1976 and based in Leesburg, Virginia.

He has participated in Freedom Concerts, an annual benefit concert to aid families of fallen soldiers, and uses his radio program to promote aid to military families. Levin is also involved with Troopathon, a charity which sends care packages to soldiers serving overseas.

Levin began his broadcasting career as a guest on conservative talk radio programs. For many years, he was a frequent contributor of legal opinions to The Rush Limbaugh Show, where Limbaugh referred to him on-air as “F. Lee Levin,” a tongue-in-cheek reference to the defense attorney F. Lee Bailey. He was also a contributor to the Sean Hannity Show and eventually got a radio slot of his own on WABC. Hannity has nicknamed Mark Levin “The Great One.” Levin and Hannity remain frequent contributors to each other’s programs.

Mark is the author of several groundbreaking New York Times best-selling books, including, Men in Black, Liberty and Tyranny, Ameritopia and The Liberty Amendments — Restoring the American Republic.
Master of Ceremonies: Cal Thomas

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Honoring Mark Levin

Damn Those Conservatives to Hell Award
Presented by Larry Kudlow

NOMINEES
Bill Press .............................. MSNBC’s PoliticsNation, December 16, 2013
Chris Matthews.............................. MSNBC’s Hardball, January 7, 2014
Martin Bashir ......................... MSNBC’s Martin Bashir, November 15, 2013
#obamacarefail Award
Presented by Larry Kudlow

NOMINEES
Thomas Roberts .................. MSNBC's *MSNBC Live*, October 15, 2013
Krystal Ball .......................... MSNBC's *The Cycle*, September 24, 2013

“The Funnies”
Presented by Alan Robertson

The Celebrity Dumb Ass Award
Presented by Chris Plante

NOMINEES
Emmy Rossum .................. ABC's *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, January 8, 2014
Harvey Weinstein .............. CNN's *Piers Morgan Live*, November 15, 2013
Rob Reiner .................. HBO's *Real Time with Bill Maher*, November 1, 2013

Dan Rather Memorial Award for the Most Stupid Analysis
Presented by Chris Plante

NOMINEES
Chris Matthews, Robin Roberts and Barbara Walters ........ Various dates
Don Lemon .......................... CNN Special Report, March 19, 2014
Eleanor Clift .......................... *McLaughlin Group*, May 11, 2014

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L. BRENT BOZELL III
We salute Brent Bozell and the entire Media Research Center Team for being “America’s #1 Media Watchdog,” and for their mission to expose and neutralize biased news reporting.

“I believe there are more instances of the abridgment of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations.”

—James Madison
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.