

# 2016 Texas Leadership Forum

February 26-28 • Austin, TX

Locations: AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center/Texas Public Policy Foundation

## 3 Days • 3 Tracks • 30+ Speakers

### Registration

Students & Educators - \$49  
Professionals - \$99

**Registration Deadline: February 19**

### Why attend?

The Forum is a premier Texas leadership weekend that unites established Texas leaders with aspiring young students and professionals for the purpose of education, mentoring, coaching, and answering for the topmost state challenges in Texas.

### What kind of speakers will I hear?

You will interact with leading politicians, business executives, judges, attorneys, accomplished entrepreneurs, educators, and influential thinkers from across Texas.



Featuring  
keynote  
speaker:  
University  
of Texas  
Chancellor,  
**William H.  
McRaven**

### Other TLF speakers:



The Honorable Ben Barnes,  
Former Lt. Governor



Arcilia Acosta, CEO, Carcon  
Industries & Construction



Dr. André Morgan, Director,  
Raise Your Hand Texas



The Honorable Robert  
Pitman, U.S. District Judge

### How will it advance my career?

The Forum will provide you direct training from and networking with many of our state's most distinguished and accomplished citizens. The leadership education value provided by the Forum is unmatched.

### Why does the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute want ME to attend?

Texas leads the United States of America as a beacon of free enterprise and innovation. The JBS Institute strives to invest in the next generation of top Texas leaders so that the Lone Star State will continue to lead our country in even greater accomplishment and quality of life for generations to come.

### Distinguished TLF Alumni include:

- Governor Greg Abbott
- Justice Eva Guzman
- Julian Castro, U.S. Secretary of Housing & Urban Development
- U.S. Senator John Cornyn
- The Honorable Cyndi Krier



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## **Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

Location: AT&T Conference Center

**5:00pm - 7:00pm**

Registration & Reception

**7:00pm – 8:00pm**

Opening Remarks, then Keynote Address by The Honorable Ben Barnes  
Former Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House, State of Texas

## **Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

All day sessions will be held at the Texas Public Policy Foundation (TPPF).

**9:15am - 9:45am**

Opening General Session

Speaker: William R. McRaven, Chancellor, University of Texas System

**10:00am -11:00am**

*Breakout I, Track One: Public Service as a Young Professional*

*Why Wait? Your Community Needs You Now.*

Conversation Leaders: Tina O’Jibway, Gen. Counsel, Sen. Robert Nichols; Ashley Morgan, Legislative Director, Office of the Governor; Reagan Pugh, Raconteur, Kalypso; Moderated by Sydni Mitchell, Press Secretary, Sen. Robert Nichols

*Breakout I, Track Two: Education in a New Economy*

*Meeting the Needs of Texas Students and Employers*

Conversation Leaders: The Honorable Royce West, State Senator, Texas Senate; Arcilia Acosta, CEO, Carcon Industries & Construction; Dr. Adam Peck, Stephen F. Austin State University, Director of Student Affairs; Moderated by Dr. Kent Willis, Athletic Director, New Summerfield ISD

*Breakout I, Track Three: Ethics and The Rule of Law*

*Navigating Texas Standards*

Conversation Leaders: Paul Hobby, Chairman, Texas Ethics Commission, Ross Fischer, Former Chairman, Texas Ethics Commission; Andrew Cates, General Counsel & Director of Gov. Affairs, Texas Nurses Assn.; Moderated by Austin Kaplan, Chairman, City of Austin Ethics Comm.

**11:15am -12:15pm**

*Breakout II, Track One: Public Service as a Young Professional*

*Austin Young Chamber of Commerce Spotlight: Ways To Engage*

Conversation Leaders: Austin Young Chamber representatives

*Breakout II, Track Two: Education in a New Economy*

*The Next Generation College Experience*

Conversation Leaders: James W. Pennebaker, Ph.D., Regents Centennial Professor, University of Texas at Austin

*Breakout II, Track Three: Ethics and the Rule of Law*

*Your Character is Your Destiny*

Conversation Leaders: The Honorable Jeff Brown, Justice, Supreme Court of Texas; The Honorable Robert Pitman, United States District Judge, Western District of Texas; Moderated by Andrew Weber, Partner in Charge, Kelly Hart & Hallman, LLP

**12:30pm - 1:30pm**

**Lunch** - Speaker: Janine Turner

**1:45pm - 2:45pm**

*Breakout III, Track One: Public Service as a Young Professional*

*Technology and Social Media: New Ways to Serve*

Conversation Leaders: Stephen Garten, Founder and CEO, Charity Charge; Mark Hand, Adjunct Professor, Social Entrepreneurship, UT-Austin; Laura Broderick, Chief Operating Officer, Verb; Moderated by Taylor Ellison, KEYE-TV

*Breakout III, Track Two: Education in a New Economy*

*A New Learning Space: The Classroom Transformed*

Conversation Leaders: Jackson Giles, Co-Founder and Chief Detail Person, SoftMatch; Wesley L. Edwards, Ph. D Student, Education Policy & Planning, UT-Austin; Dr. Juan Muñoz, VP of Institutional Diversity, Equity, & Community Engagement, Texas Tech University; Moderated by Dr. André Morgan, Program Director, Raise Your Hand Texas

*Breakout III, Track Three: Ethics and The Rule of Law*

*“Dark Money”: Political Problem or Necessary Free Speech?*

Conversation Leaders: The Honorable Jim Keffer, State Representative, Texas House of Representatives; Steve Bresnen, BresnenAssociates; Andrew Grossman, Partner, BakerHostetler; Moderated by Ross Ramsey, Executive Editor, The Texas Tribune

**3:00pm - 4:15pm**

Leadership Trends in the 21st Century

Speaker: Dr. Robert Brescia, Executive Director, JBS Public Leadership Institute

**6:00pm - 9:00pm**

Reception & Awards Banquet - Location: Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum

## **Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

Location: AT&T Conference Center

**9:00am - 10:30am**

Lessons Learned, Closing Exercise, and Call to Action

Led by: Brian Sullivan, Chairman, 2016 Texas Leadership Forum