

Friday, February 26th

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 27th

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: 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 Somerville ISD

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

Conversation Leaders: 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 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 - Location: TPPF

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, Co-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 David Farabee, Former State Representative, Texas House of Representatives; Steve Bresnen, Steve Bresnen & Associates; 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 28th

Location: AT&T Conference Center

9:00am - 10:30am

Lessons Learned, Closing Exercise, and Call to Action