

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 Summerfield 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, 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, Steve Bresnen & Associates; 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 28th

Location: AT&T Conference Center

9:00am - 10:30am

Lessons Learned, Closing Exercise, and Call to Action