The Alan K. Simpson-Norman Y. Mineta Leader Series

“Forging Relationships—The Power of Mentorships and Working Together for a Common Cause”

November 18, 2013 | 1:00 pm to 2:15 pm | Blinken Auditorium, TWC Residential and Academic Facility
(The dress code is business professional.)

The Simpson-Mineta Leaders Series is founded in the spirit of the lifelong friendship of two extraordinary leaders from opposite sides of the aisle. Norman Y. Mineta and Alan K. Simpson met during World War II when Simpson’s Boy Scout troop met with Mineta’s in the Heart Mountain Relocation Center in Wyoming where Secretary Mineta’s family was then interned with over 10,000 other Japanese-Americans. Despite their differences, both their friendship and their commitment to leadership and public service endured.

The Simpson-Mineta Leaders Series aims to create a forum in which students from around the country and the world can engage with extraordinary leaders, explore issues of contemporary public concern, and articulate their own views about the meaning of leadership and citizenship in today’s society.

Blue Knox
Student Moderator

Blue Knox is a fourth year double major Political Science and English student at the University of Alberta. Here with The Washington Center, as a student in the International Affairs Program, Blue is interning with the not-for-profit organization Leadership Africa USA that does leadership skills training and public-private partnerships in Africa. While here, Blue has balanced her work as the Business Editor and one of the Managing Editors of The Wanderer Online Magazine. After D.C., Blue will study abroad in Lille, France.

Blue is passionate about civic engagement and human rights issues and aims to do development work advocating for women’s and children’s rights after graduation.
Chad Creasey ’86
Special Agent, FBI

Chad M. Creasey grew up in Auburn, Illinois, and feels his small, farm town upbringing provided the cornerstone to his well-accomplished career of today. At Illinois College Creasey played football and soccer, participated in Student Forum and played a role in the creation of Phi Alpha Delta law society. During his senior year, Creasey interned at The Washington Center in Washington, D.C., under Wilson Livingood, the U.S. House of Representatives, Sergeant-At-Arms. This internship was pivotal in his life.

After graduating from Illinois College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and sociology in 1996, Creasey joined the United States Capitol Police (USCP) and trained at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, becoming a full-time member of the Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.) team. The USCP was the catalyst for his career as a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). After September 11, 2001, Creasey was sent to the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va. He was assigned to the FBI’s Miami, Fla., division for six years, working as an investigator of violent crimes and a S.W.A.T. operator. In 2008 Creasey was relocated back to Washington, D.C., to develop a team of 10 agents with proficiency in the use of geospatial tools and cellular networks in the most egregious cases for our nation.

After assisting on thousands of cases, Creasey and the members of the FBI’s Cellular Analysis Survey Team were recognized September 2012 with the FBI Director’s Awards for Excellence for Distinguished Service to the Law Enforcement Community.

He was honored with the 2012-2013 Young Alumnus Award by the Illinois College Alumni Association in January 2013.

The Honorable Wilson “Bill” Livingood
Former Sergeant at Arms – US House of Representatives
Former Special Agent – US Secret Service

The Honorable Wilson Livingood was sworn in as Sergeant at Arms of the U.S. House of Representatives on January 4, 1995, for the 104th Congress, and has served in each succeeding Congress until 2012. He was the thirty-sixth person to hold this post since the House of Representatives first met in New York City in 1789 – and as of December 2011, was the third longest-serving House Sergeant at Arms in United States history.

Prior to this, Mr. Livingood was the Senior Advisor to the Director of the U.S. Secret Service, from 1989 to 1995, serving as a Special Agent with the Secret Service for a total of 33 years. As an elected officer of the House of Representatives, the Sergeant at Arms is the chief law enforcement and protocol officer of the House of Representatives, and is responsible for maintaining order in the House side of the United States Capitol complex. The Sergeant at Arms reviews and implements all issues relating to the safety and security of Members of Congress and the Capitol complex. The Sergeant at Arms also coordinates extensively with the
U.S. Capitol Police and various intelligence agencies to assess threats against Members of Congress and the Capitol complex. Duties include overseeing the House floor and galleries, the House Appointments Desk, the House garages and parking lots, as well as administering all staff identification badges.

Mr. Livingood serves as a member of the U.S. Capitol Police Board, responsible for policy oversight over the Capitol Police Force, and is the chairman of this Board in alternating years. As Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Livingood also serves on the Congressional Accessibility Service Board, and on the board of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia.

Wilson Livingood was born October 1, 1936 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in police administration from Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, in 1961, where he served as student body president in 1959. He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Livingood was appointed a Special Agent at the Secret Service's Dallas Field Office in 1961. He held supervisory assignments at headquarters and on several protective divisions, to include the Presidential Protective Division since his appointment. In 1969, Wilson Livingood was promoted to Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge of the Presidential Protective Division. Five years later, he was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the office of Protective Forces. Mr. Livingood was named Special Agent in Charge of the office of Protective Forces less than a year later. In 1978, he was assigned to the position of Inspector in the Office of Inspection.

Mr. Livingood was appointed Special Agent in Charge of the Houston Field Office in 1982 until his appointment as Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Training in 1986. From 1988 to 1995, he served as the Senior Advisor to three Directors.

Wilson Livingood is a participating member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Texas Police Association, and the National Sheriff's Association. He is a recipient of the Treasury Department’s Meritorious Service Award and numerous Treasury awards. He is also the recipient of the Michigan State University Distinguished Alumni Award.