The Washington Center Presents:

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

Sam Donaldson
Presidents, Candidates and Campaigns I Have Covered: Candid Observations of a Television Journalist

Moderated by C-SPAN’s Steve Scully

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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.


Joining ABC News in 1967 as a Capitol Hill correspondent, Donaldson covered such major events as the Vietnam War, Watergate, the House Judiciary Committee impeachment investigation in 1974 and the Gulf War in 1991. The ABC News veteran reported on every national political convention since 1964 with the exception of the 1992 Republican Convention in Houston. He reported on the presidential campaigns of Barry Goldwater, Eugene McCarthy, Hubert Humphrey, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and Michael Dukakis.

Steve Scully is C-SPAN’s Senior Executive Producer and Political Editor. He is a regular host of the Washington Journal, a daily, live public affairs program, as well as Newsmakers & other C-SPAN programs. Scully is also a member of the Associate Faculty at The Washington Center, where he teaches the “Road to the White House” (http://www.c-span.org/washington-classroom/).

The dress code is business professional. The event format will focus on questions and discussion with the guest.

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