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**PULITZER PRIZE WINNER DORIS KEARNS GOODWIN TO SPEAK IN PHOENIX**  
**"DINNER WITH LINCOLN" O'CONNOR INSTITUTE ANNUAL HISTORY DINNER**

January 23, 2016 (Phoenix, AZ) – On Friday, November 10, 2017, the Sandra Day O'Connor Institute will present *Dinner With Lincoln* featuring Doris Kearns Goodwin, a multiple Pulitzer Prize winning author and Presidential historian. The O'Connor Institute Annual History Dinner will honor one of our nation's most revered Presidents, Abraham Lincoln. The Presenting Sponsor is Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona and Honorary Dinner Chairs are its President and CEO, Rich Boals and his wife Maryglenn. Former U.S. Senator Jon Kyl will serve as the distinguished moderator.

Ms. Goodwin's # 1 best-seller, *TEAM OF RIVALS: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln* will be the focus of the evening, addressing Abraham Lincoln's political genius as the one-term congressman and prairie lawyer who rose from obscurity to prevail over three gifted rivals of national reputation to become president. Following her remarks, Ms. Goodwin will join Senator Jon Kyl for a "fireside chat" shedding further insight on President Lincoln. Dinner guests will receive a signed copy of her acclaimed book. *Team of Rivals* was awarded the prestigious Lincoln Prize, the inaugural Book Prize for American History, and in 2016, Goodwin was the first historian to receive the Lincoln Leadership Prize from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation.

The O'Connor Institute will also present Doris Kearns Goodwin with its "Spirit of Democracy" award for her body of work. It was Goodwin's experience as a 24-year-old White House Fellow, working directly for President Johnson as an assistant in his last year in the White House, and later assisting him in the preparation of his memoirs, that fueled her interest in becoming a presidential historian and author.

Goodwin is the author of six critically acclaimed and *New York Times* best-selling books, including *The Bully Pulpit: Theodore Roosevelt; William Howard Taft: The Golden Age of Journalism; No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt; The Home Front in World War II* for which she was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in history; *Wait Till Next Year, Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream* and *The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys*. Goodwin is currently working on her next project on leadership – a look at how Lincoln, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Lyndon Baines Johnson and Theodore Roosevelt became leaders and how they led, for release this spring.

Individual seats start at \$350 each. Tables of 10 and sponsorships are also available. To reserve a table or seat online, visit [OConnorInstitute.org](http://OConnorInstitute.org). For more information, please contact the O'Connor Institute, 602-730-3300 or [info@OConnorInstitute.org](mailto:info@OConnorInstitute.org)

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