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**CHRIS MATTHEWS, “HARDBALL” HOST TO SPEAK IN PHOENIX MARCH 21**

*“Tip and The Gipper: When Politics Worked”* Author Presented by Sandra Day O’Connor Institute

March 17, 2016 (Phoenix, AZ) – Chris Matthews, host of MSNBC’s *“Hardball”* will be in Phoenix, Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> on the eve of the Arizona Presidential Primary Election. Matthews will be featured at the Sandra Day O’Connor Institute *Distinguished Speakers Series* luncheon to be held at the Marriott Camelback Inn Golf Club in Scottsdale. The program will take place from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Brahm Resnick, NBC 12 Anchor and host of “Sunday Square Off” will serve as Q&A moderator.

Matthews is the author of *“Tip and The Gipper: When Politics Worked”* and will discuss his book. *The Wall Street Journal* wrote that *Tip and the Gipper* is “*entertaining and insightful*” and shares the history of a time when two great political opponents served together for the benefit of the country. Matthews was an eyewitness to this story as top aide to Speaker of the House Tip O’Neill, who waged a principled war of political ideals with President Ronald Reagan from 1980 to 1986. Together, the two men became one of history’s most celebrated political pairings—the epitome of how ideological opposites can get things done.

Past O’Connor Institute Distinguished Speakers include former Secretary of State Colin Powell, for Soviet Union President Mikhail Gorbachev and Pulitzer Prize Winner David McCullough.

General admission seats are \$75 per person, and includes lunch and a copy of *“Tip and The Gipper.”* To register, visit [www.OConnorInstitute.com](http://www.OConnorInstitute.com) or call (602) 730-3300. Tables of 10 sponsorships are also available online.

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