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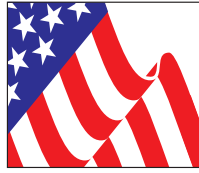
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A. Lee Scott
SPEAKER SERIES

AN EXAMINATION OF AMERICAN LIFE

Condoleezza Rice

66th U.S. Secretary of State

Thursday, October 3, 2019 • 6:30 p.m.

Linda & Lee Scott Performance Hall
Bicknell Family Center for the Arts

Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Kathleen Flannery, *Vice President for Advancement*,
Pittsburg State University

Remarks

Secretary Condoleezza Rice

Fireside Chat

Dr. Steven A. Scott, *President*, Pittsburg State University
and
Secretary Condoleezza Rice

The H. Lee Scott Speaker Series: *An Examination of American Life* was established in 2015 through a \$2.066 million gift from alumnus and former Walmart CEO Lee Scott and his wife, Linda. It is designed to bring nationally prominent leaders and innovators to Pittsburg State University.

“We hope that the exposure to these successful leaders will enhance the educational experiences for students and inspire them to someday be invited to speak about leadership on this same stage.” – Lee Scott



Lee Scott

Founder of the H. Lee Scott Speaker Series:
An Examination of American Life

Lee Scott serves as the chairman of the Business Advisory Board for BDT Capital. Previously, he served as Walmart’s president and CEO from 2000 to 2009. Scott is a native of Baxter Springs, Kansas, and an alumnus of Pittsburg State University, where he earned a bachelor’s of science degree in business. Scott also completed executive development programs at Penn State University and Columbia University. In 1994, Pittsburg State University awarded him the Meritorious Achievement Alumni Award.

Scott began his career with Walmart in 1979 as an assistant director of the private truck fleet. He quickly rose through the ranks and in 1998 was promoted to president and CEO of Walmart. During Scott’s more than nine years as president and CEO of Walmart, he oversaw a 243 percent increase in the company’s global sales and a 277 percent increase in earnings.

Scott is widely credited with reinvigorating Walmart’s mission and transforming it into a respected corporate leader. Under Scott’s leadership, Walmart stepped out on a number of major issues facing the U.S. and the world. In response to soaring health care costs in the U.S., for example, Walmart launched its \$4 generic prescription drug program. Perhaps most notably, Scott set a number of ambitious sustainability goals for Walmart.

Today, in addition to his service with BDT Capital, Scott serves on numerous business advisory boards across the U.S., including currently serving on the Cleveland Clinic Board of Directors. Scott was inducted into the Kansas Business Hall of Fame earlier this year. In 2018, he was selected for membership in the prestigious Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans. Lee and his wife, Linda, currently live in Golden Oak, Florida. They have two sons, Eric and Wyatt, and five grandchildren, Sophia, Amelia, Charlotte, Wyatt and Wesley.



Condoleezza Rice

66th U.S. Secretary of State

Condoleezza Rice served as the 66th Secretary of State of the United States from 2005 to 2009, the second woman and first African American woman to hold the post. Rice also served as President George W. Bush's National Security Advisor from January 2001 to 2005, the first woman to hold the position. Rice served as Stanford University's Provost from 1993-1999, during which she was the institution's chief budget and academic officer. As Provost, she was responsible for a \$1.5 billion annual budget and the academic program involving 1,400 faculty members and 14,000 students.

She has authored and coauthored numerous books, including three bestsellers, *Democracy: Stories from the Long Road to Freedom* (2017); *No Higher Honor: A Memoir of My Years in Washington* (2011); and *Extraordinary, Ordinary People: A Memoir of Family* (2010).

Born in Birmingham, Alabama, Rice earned her bachelor's degree in political science, cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of Denver; her master's from the University of Notre Dame; and her Ph.D. from the Graduate School of International Studies at the University of Denver.

She is currently the Denning Professor in Global Business and the Economy at the Stanford Graduate School of Business; the Thomas and Barbara Stephenson Senior Fellow on Public Policy at the Hoover Institution; and a professor of Political Science at Stanford University. She is also a founding partner of RiceHadleyGates, LLC, an international strategic consulting firm based in Silicon Valley and Washington, D.C.

Rice currently serves on the board of governors for the Boys and Girls Club of America and several other national boards and foundations. In 2013, Rice was appointed to the College Football Playoff Committee, formerly the Bowl Championship Series. She currently resides in Stanford, California.

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