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Dr. Jonathan Ward

Author of

China's Vision of Victory

Friday, April 5, 2024

Hilton Naples

Dr. Ward has been studying Russia, China, and India for nearly twenty years since his undergraduate days in Russian and Chinese language at Columbia University. His new book, *The Decisive Decade: American Grand Strategy for Triumph Over China*, focuses

on revitalizing U.S. and allied economic power, the role of major corporations and financial institutions in national security, and the return to peace through strength. Dr. Ward is also the author of *China's Vision of Victory*, a guide to the global grand strategy of the Chinese government, which has been widely read in U.S. government and national security circles, as well as by numerous audiences in business and finance. *The Financial Times* called *China's Vision of Victory* "one of the first books to make the explicit argument for containment of China by the west." His work on China was publicly commended at the White House during the signing ceremony of the U.S.-China Phase One Trade Deal. Dr. Ward earned his Ph.D. at the University of Oxford where he specialized in China-India relations, utilizing Chinese language archives in Beijing, which have now been closed to the world. He is also a graduate of the Oxford Chicago Valuation Programme, a joint program in corporate finance and valuation taught by the University of Oxford's Saïd Business School and the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business. Dr. Ward lived and traveled globally for over a decade and has traveled widely in China, India, Russia, Latin America and the Middle East, learning Russian, Chinese, Spanish, and Syrian and Egyptian Arabic, among other languages. As a subject matter expert, he has been an advisor to the U.S. Department of Defense on Chinese long-term strategy and has briefed U.S. government audiences including at U.S. Strategic Command, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency, and the Strategy Division of the U.S. Naval Staff. Through his consulting company, Atlas Organization, Dr. Ward helps Fortune 500 companies and financial institutions understand U.S.-China global competition, improve their risk assessments on China, and build new global strategies that can withstand historic geopolitical change. He is a frequent commentator on national and international television and radio including on Bloomberg, Fox Business, Fox, CNBC, MSNBC and CNN International.

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**Guest Ticket Request for April 5, 2024
Author of "China's Vision of Victory"**

Dr. Jonathan Ward

To place a request for one guest ticket, please submit to:

forumclub@theforumclub.org

If guest tickets are available, requests are processed in order of receipt and must be received by

Monday, April 1, 2024

They will be mailed by that date, and you will be billed for \$90, or notified if there is no space.

Tickets are non-exchangeable and non-refundable.



Ben Sasse

President, University of Florida

Former Senator, Nebraska

Friday, April 12, 2024

The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort

Ben Sasse, former U.S. Senator for Nebraska, joined the University of Florida as professor and 13th president of the 170-year-old institution in February 2023. A husband, father, historian, Uber driver, and football addict, Sasse is committed to guiding Gator Nation through this era of rapid change in the nature of work, technology, and higher

education. A two-time *New York Times* national best-selling author, Sasse's career has spanned the private and public sectors. As a turnaround specialist, working for the Boston Consulting Group, McKinsey and Company, and private equity firms, he has built dozens of teams that built winning strategies. Having taught at Yale, the University of Texas, and Midland University in his Nebraska hometown, Professor Sasse has won teaching awards and holds a Ph.D. in history from Yale. In the U.S. Senate, his work on the Intelligence, Finance, and Judiciary Committees focused on the future of work, the future of war, and the First Amendment. A sharp critic of our increasing tribalism, he became both the most censured officeholder, and by far the highest vote-getter, in the history of Nebraska. Sasse believes in pluralism, free speech, and the power of ideas to build strong and vibrant communities in our digitally disrupted future. In his Senate farewell address, he praised Americans' tradition as "builders" – of churches and synagogues, schools and little leagues, businesses and "the million and one other associations and organizations and clubs and groups through which we live and pass along our life together." Sasse and his wife, Melissa, have two college-age daughters and an 12-year-old son – who collectively seek to force their parents to keep adopting pets.

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Ben Sasse

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April 5, 2024

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Menu

The Club makes every effort to provide an interesting and varied menu during the season. Member comments are always appreciated. Please note that each table is provided with a menu card that lists ingredients for those with special dietary concerns. A limited number of fruit plates are prepared for members who are unable to eat the main course. Please speak with the wait staff at your table to make the request.

February 23, 2024

General Keith B. Alexander

Director, NSA, Cmdr. U.S. Cyber Command



Mason Classical Academy

Sponsored by Jim Barton



The Village School of Naples
Sponsored by Scott O'Dell

March 8, 2024
David Rubenstein
Co-Founder & Co-Chairman
The Carlyle Group



Barron Collier High School
Sponsored by Todd Bradley



Gulf Coast High School
Sponsored by Marilyn Janss

March 22, 2024
David Beasley
Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme



Everglades City School
Sponsored by Rick Lenny



Naples High School
Sponsored by Josephine Morse

2023-2024
SPEAKER PROGRAM

GENERAL JOHN W. RAYMOND

November 17, 2023

U.S. Space Force

JESSICA BUCHANAN

December 8, 2023

NGO worker rescued by Seal Team 6

CHRIS KEMPCZINSKI

January 12, 2024

President & CEO, McDonald's Corporation

MICHAEL SCHWIMER

January 26, 2024

President & CEO, Big League Advantage

WILLIAM BARR

February 9, 2024

Former United States Attorney General

GENERAL KEITH B. ALEXANDER

February 23, 2024

Director NSA, Cmdr. U.S. Cyber Command

DAVID RUBENSTEIN

March 8, 2024

Co-Founder & Co-Chairman, The Carlyle Group

DAVID BEASLEY

March 22, 2024

Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme

DR. JONATHAN WARD

April 5, 2024

Author of China's Vision of Victory

BEN SASSE

April 12, 2024

President, University of Florida
Former Senator Nebraska

MISSION STATEMENT

The Forum Club's mission is to:

- *Provide a congenial meeting atmosphere for members to enjoy prominent speakers in fields such as academia, business, economics, finance, government, health, international relations, media and the arts, science and technology*
- *Promote the highest civic, moral and ethical standards*
- *Share the "Forum Club Experience" with outstanding high school students in Collier County.*
- *Provide scholarships to Collier County high school students*

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