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**Chris Cassidy**

NASA Astronaut,  
U.S. Navy SEAL

*Friday, February 10, 2023*

**The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort**

U.S. Navy Captain Chris Cassidy served 11 years as a Navy SEAL. He received his B.S. from the U.S. Naval Academy and a Master's degree in ocean engineering from MIT in 2000. During his service with the SEALs, he earned two Bronze Stars for leading a nine-day operation at the Zharwar Kili cave complex in Afghanistan – a national priority

objective. Beside making four, six-month deployments to Afghanistan and two to the Mediterranean, Cassidy also volunteered for, and completed, a week-long, 180-mile charity kayak paddle to raise awareness for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation.

In May 2004, Cassidy was selected for the space program by NASA. In February, 2006 he completed Astronaut Candidate Training and served in the astronaut corps for 17 years. In his career, he accumulated 378 days in space. Of that time, he spent 54 hours, 51 minutes outside of the International Space Station over the course of 10 spacewalks.

Cassidy considers York, Maine his hometown and is married with three children.

**Guest Ticket Request for February 10, 2023**

**NASA Astronaut and U.S. Navy SEAL**

**Chris Cassidy**

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

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

**February 3, 2023**

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**Dr. Larry P. Arnn**  
12th President of Hillsdale College  
*Friday, February 17, 2023*  
**Hilton Naples**

Larry P. Arnn is the 12th president of Hillsdale College, where he is also a professor of politics and history. He received his B.A. from Arkansas State University and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Government from the Claremont Graduate School. He also studied at Worcester College, Oxford University, where he served as director of research for Sir Martin Gilbert, the official biographer of Winston Churchill. From 1985 to 2000,

he served as president of the Claremont Institute for the Study of Statesmanship and Political Philosophy. In 1996, he was the founding chairman of the California Civil Rights Initiative, which prohibited racial preferences in state hiring, contracting, and admissions. Dr. Arnn is on the board of directors of The Heritage Foundation, the Henry Salvatori Center of Claremont McKenna College, The Philadelphia Society, the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, and the Claremont Institute. He served on the U.S. Army War College Board of Visitors for two years, for which he earned the Department of the Army's "Outstanding Civilian Service Medal." In 2015, he received the Bradley Prize from the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation. Dr. Arnn is the author of three books: *Liberty and Learning: The Evolution of American Education*; *The Founder's Key: The Divine and Natural Connection Between the Declaration and the Constitution and What We Risk by Losing It*; and *Churchill's Trail: Winston Churchill and the Salvation of Free Government*.

He and his wife, Penelope, have four children, Henry, Katy, Alice and Tony, and two grandchildren, Charlotte and William.

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**12th President of Hillsdale College, Larry P. Arnn, Ph.D.**

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## **FORUM CLUB SPEAKER SELECTION**

*The Program Committee's goal is to bring the best speakers to the Forum Club. The criteria for the speaker selection requires that each speaker have a reputation as an outstanding well-respected leader and role model in his/her area of expertise.*

*To offer program variety, speakers are selected from the government, corporate, financial, international, media, health care, technology, and other fields.*

*This year's Program Committee, chaired by President-Elect Beth*

Wessel, has begun its efforts to secure speakers for next season.

While the Forum Club provides for transportation and hotel expenses, it does not offer its speakers honoraria. The Club encourages all members to assist in securing potential speakers with whom they have contact. If you have a suggestion of a potential speaker, please contact the Forum Club office or Program Committee Chair, Beth Wessel.

## 2022-2023 SPEAKER PROGRAM

### **KRISTI NOEM**

**November 18, 2022**

Governor of South Dakota

### **MICHAEL POMPEO**

**December 9, 2022**

Former Secretary of State

### **KARL ROVE**

**January 7, 2022**

Former Senior Advisor to President George W. Bush

### **GINNI ROMETTY**

**January 20, 2023**

Retired CEO, IBM

### **CHRIS CASSIDY**

**February 10, 2023**

Astronaut, SEAL

### **LARRY P. ARNN, PH.D.**

**February 17, 2023**

President, Hillsdale College

### **SAFRA A. CATZ**

**March 3, 2023**

CEO of Oracle Corporation

### **VINITA GUPTA**

**March 17, 2023**

CEO, Lupin Pharmaceuticals

### **RICHARD K. DAVIS**

**March 31, 2023**

CEO, Make-A-Wish Foundation

### **BRIAN LAMB**

**April 14, 2023**

Chair of the Florida State University System Board of Governors  
Northeast Segment Head, JP Morgan Chase & Co.

## 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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