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Event Information

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MARQUETTE TO HONOR SCOWCROFT

The Les Aspin Center for Government Hosts Honorable Guests at 2003 Democracy Award Event

MILWAUKEE – Marquette University is honoring Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft (USAF, retired) with the 2003 Aspin Democracy Award. Gen. Scowcroft will be presented the honor at the 2003 Democracy Dinner, where Marquette will also honor Mr. and Mrs. David A. Straz, Jr. with the 2003 Les Aspin Center Founders Award.

Among the many accomplishments of his military career, Gen. Scowcroft served as Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs to Presidents Ford and Bush. He also served as Military Assistant under President Nixon and as Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs under Presidents Ford and Nixon.

“We are so pleased to honor General Scowcroft in this way,” said Marquette President Rev. Robert A. Wild, S.J. “He has served our nation with integrity and distinction, and is therefore a model for young people looking at careers in public service.”

The Les Aspin Center Democracy Award is presented to an individual whose actions have epitomized the mission of the Les Aspin Center for Government. The recipients have demonstrated a commitment to democratic values and rigorous, analytical problem solving, and have exemplified lives of public service. Thus, the award not only recognizes the accomplishments of its recipient, but it also honors its namesake, Les Aspin, and the manner in which he approached policy questions. Just as the Les Aspin Center for Government seeks to act as a bridge between various sectors of the American political system, the Les Aspin Democracy Award symbolizes the benefits of building such relationships to foster and promote democratic ideals. Former recipients include The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye (1999), Robert and Elizabeth Dole (1997), and Richard Holbrooke (1996).

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ABOUT THE ASPIN CENTER

The Les Aspin Center for Government offers educational internships that provide the excellence of a Marquette Education in Washington, D.C. Students from Marquette and other colleges and universities live in an academic community just blocks from the Capitol. They serve as interns in congressional offices, The White House, and a variety of other governmental agencies and departments. In this capacity, the students gain valuable insight into the challenges and rewards of public service. Marquette University combines this hands-on learning with academics that examine the American political experience. In addition to attending classes at the Center, students visit government agencies to gain key insiders' perspectives on American democracy. Marquette University changed the name of the Center to honor Les Aspin, a former faculty member of Marquette and Secretary of Defense from 1993 to 1994.

The Center is committed to instilling in its students the values of leadership, service, and academic excellence. In the Jesuit tradition, it strives for the full development, intellectual, spiritual, social, and professional, of those who participate in its programs. Its mission is not simply to educate, but to prepare individuals for lives dedicated to the betterment of others. More than 700 students have interned in nearly 100 congressional offices, the Department of State, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, U.S. Secret Service, the White House, Department of Defense, the Wisconsin Office of Federal-State Relations, and corporate government relations offices since the Les Aspin Center was established in 1984. More than 50 Aspin Center alumni who are now working as professional staff members in the U.S. Congress, provide assistance to new graduates who seek careers in public service on Capitol Hill and throughout the nation.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

The Aspin Center promotes opportunities for foreign studies and international exchanges— among students and government officials from other democratic nations— and takes Marquette's mission beyond U.S. borders. Since 1995, the Aspin Center has trained and educated nearly 100 leaders from Kenya and Ghana, building an international reputation to match its national repute as a respected and revered educational program. Over the last eight years, more than two hundred leaders from six African nations have come to the Aspin Center.

Marquette University is a Catholic, Jesuit university dedicated to serving God by serving our students and contributing to the advancement of knowledge. Through our mission of Faith, Excellence, Leadership and Service we strive to graduate students who are not only better educated, but better people. We provide them with the necessary training to actively "Be the Difference" in our world.

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