



Cape Cod Speaker Series Launches Annual David R. Gergen Address to be Delivered By David Rubenstein

*Businessman, Philanthropist, and Historian to Reflect on America's
Founding Principles*

BARNSTABLE, MA – The Cape Cod Speaker Series will welcome businessman, philanthropist, and historian David Rubenstein on Thursday, July 23 at 7 p.m. at the Tilden Arts Center at Cape Cod Community College for the inaugural 2026 David R. Gergen Address.

Rubenstein's presentation, *Keeping History Alive: The Declaration of Independence and the Call to Lead*, will examine the enduring significance of the Declaration of Independence and the responsibilities of civic leadership as the country commemorates America's 250th anniversary.

The new annual address was inspired by longtime political analyst and presidential advisor David R. Gergen, whose vision helped bring the Cape Cod Speaker Series to life. Each year, the address will feature a distinguished individual whose leadership and commitment to public service reflect Gergen's values of civic engagement, integrity, and thoughtful dialogue.

According to Gergen's wife Anne, "David believed deeply in the power of informed citizenship, respectful dialogue, and leadership rooted in service. He cared greatly about helping people better understand one another and engage thoughtfully in civic life. Our family is honored that this annual address, in a place that has deep meaning for us, will continue the conversations he valued so much and inspire future generations of leaders."

"David Rubenstein has spent decades encouraging civic understanding and championing the preservation of American history. His perspective is especially meaningful as the nation reflects on its founding ideals and the future of democracy. It is right to honor David Gergen with this address," said Gene Guill, President of the Cape Cod Speaker Series.

Rubenstein is co-founder and co-chairman of The Carlyle Group and is widely known for his philanthropic efforts supporting historical preservation, education, and public service initiatives. He is also the author of several bestselling books focused on leadership and American history and host of nationally televised interview programs.

This event is part of the Cape Cod Speaker Series' 2026 season, featuring nationally recognized leaders and influential voices exploring history, leadership, innovation, sports, and culture.

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