

Keynote Speaker

Dr. William J. Bennett

William J. Bennett is one of America's most important, influential, and respected voices on cultural, political, and education issues. A native of Brooklyn, New York, Bill Bennett studied philosophy at Williams College (B.A.) and the University of Texas (Ph.D.) and earned a law degree (J.D.) from Harvard.



Dr. Bennett is a three-time confirmed executive in the Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush administrations including holding two cabinet-level positions, Secretary of Education under Ronald Reagan and the Nation's first Drug Czar under the first President Bush.

Dr. Bennett has written or co-authored more than 25 books including two *New York Times* number one best-sellers, one of them being the *Book of Virtues*, one of the most successful books of the 1990s. The Sunday *New York Times* previously named Dr. Bennett the "leading spokesman of the Traditional Values wing of the Republican Party." Although he is a well-known Republican, Dr. Bennett often has crossed party lines in order to pursue important common purposes.