



CASE WESTERN RESERVE
UNIVERSITY

ThinkForum

The F. Joseph Callahan
Distinguished Lecture

THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

David Brooks

New York Times
bestselling author of
How to Know a Person

Program

University Welcome

Eric W. Kaler

President and Morton L. Mandel Presidential Chair

Lecture

David Brooks

New York Times bestselling author and columnist,
Yale presidential senior fellow, The Atlantic contributor
and recurring *PBS NewsHour* commentator

Q + A

Eric W. Kaler and David Brooks

Closing Remarks

Eric W. Kaler

President and Morton L. Mandel Presidential Chair

**Immediately following the lecture, please join us in the
PNC Lobby for a book signing with David Brooks.**



David Brooks is a bestselling author, Yale's Jackson School of Global Affairs first presidential senior fellow, a contributing writer at *The Atlantic* and recurring commentator on PBS NewsHour. With decades of experience as an op-ed columnist for the *New York Times*, Brooks is an insightful observer of the American way of life and a savvy analyst of present-day politics and foreign affairs whose columns are among the most read in the nation. The author of six books with many bestsellers among them, Brooks seeks to share and encourage intellectual curiosity and emotional wisdom, emphasizing the value of community and the importance of nourishing both the inner self and the social self in our journeys to live fulfilling lives.



Born in his family home in Lima, Ohio, **F. Joseph Callahan** went on to excel in high school athletics, higher education classrooms, nuclear submarines and manufacturing. While working at Swagelok, a Cleveland-based fluid system company, for 42 years, Callahan secured 23 patents, ultimately becoming the company's president and chairman.

Throughout his life, Callahan maintained a profound commitment to family, service and generosity to those under-resourced—while displaying a powerful intellect, a passion for innovation and overwhelming confidence in the potential of close-knit working groups. The F. Joseph Callahan Distinguished Lecture emphasizes the same values of excellence, integrity and respect that its namesake embodied as an executive and a family man.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, October 8 - Sunday October 11, 2026

The Alumni Association of Case Western Reserve University
Homecoming and Reunion Weekend

For details on this event and more, visit case.edu/homecoming
or call **216.368.6280**.

Friday, January 22, 2027

12:45 p.m. - Martin Luther King, Jr. Convocation

featuring Damon Tweedy, MD

Tinkham Veale University Center

Tuesday, March 23, 2027

7:00 p.m. - The Millis Lecture in partnership with the Baker-Nord
Institute for the Humanities featuring Joshua Bennett, PhD

Maltz Performing Arts Center

For details on these event and more,
visit case.edu/events or call **216.368.2229**.



**CWRU PAGE
TURNERS**

All alumni, parent and friends are invited to join **CWRU Page Turners**, a virtual book discussion organized by The Alumni Association of CWRU in partnership with our signature lecture series, Think Forum. This series will discuss the works of our distinguished Think Forum lecturers.

For more information, please visit case.edu/alumni/pageturners
or email alumnirelations@case.edu.



Since the founding in 1826 of Western Reserve College, the creation of Case School of Applied Science in 1880, and the federation of the two in 1967, Case Western Reserve University has been known for its commitment to innovation in education and research. Now, the university marks its bicentennial—celebrating 200 years of history and an even more promising future.

Learn more at case.edu/bicentennial.