



# THE INSTITUTE OF POLITICS

**FOUNDED IN 2012 BY FORMER WHITE HOUSE SENIOR ADVISOR DAVID AXELROD (AB '76), THE NON-PARTISAN INSTITUTE OF POLITICS AIMS TO INSPIRE AND CULTIVATE THE NEXT GENERATION OF POLITICAL AND PUBLIC SERVICE LEADERS.**

At the Institute of Politics, we believe that political life can be inspiring again. The future health of our democracy depends on an active, engaged citizenry and on political leaders who believe deeply in serving the public interest over self interest. Our goal is to encourage young people to become active participants in shaping the future of the communities, the country, and the world in which they live.

A dynamic **Speaker Series** provides a forum for leaders and other political actors to share their experiences and insights on key issues of the day. Guest speakers have included U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, Vice President Joe Biden, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan, journalist Ta-Nehisi Coates, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, Sen. Rand Paul, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, HUD Secretary Julian Castro, Rep. Paul Ryan, and Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel. IOP events are free to attend and most are open to the public.

A **Fellows Program** brings a diverse cohort of elected officials, policymakers, diplomats, political consultants, and journalists to campus each academic quarter for extended residencies so that they can engage the University community and pursue projects of their choosing. Former Fellows include Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed, journalist E.J. Dionne, former White House advisor Dan Pfeiffer, and former senior advisor to Mitt Romney, Beth Myers.

A robust **Internship & Civic Engagement Program** provides students with hands-on opportunities to explore careers in politics and public service. Each year the IOP provides more than 300 paid internship opportunities in politics, public policy, government, and journalism. Leadership development programs and trips to such destinations as China, Cuba, Washington D.C., Springfield, IL., and Des Moines, IA. deepen their understanding of politics in action.



**igniting in young people a passion  
for politics & public service**