

## Winners of Annual IHS Alum Award Recognized at Dinner

*IHS Chairman and Philanthropist Charles Koch Congratulates Namesake Winners*



*Alum award winners gathered with Charles Koch before being recognized from the podium. From left to right: John Hood, Peter Boettke, Scott Bullock, John Tomasi, Charles Koch, Kristina Kendall, Todd Zywicki, Chris Freiman (former student of David Schmidtz, standing in for him), Kris Mauren, and Randy Barnett.*

The first nine winners of the annual Charles G. Koch Outstanding IHS Alum Award were proudly honored during the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner program. The award, announced a decade ago at the Institute's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala, is named for businessman Charles Koch in recognition of his long-standing support for IHS.

Each year, the award is given to an alumnus who is making significant contributions to advancing liberty through research, teaching, writing, leadership, or financial contributions. In the order of their naming, the winners:

**David Schmidtz** is a scholar and academic entrepreneur of the first order. The Kendrick Professor of Philosophy and joint professor of economics at the University of Arizona, he founded the university's Freedom Center in 2008.

**John Hood** is president and CEO of the John Locke Foundation, North Carolina's market-based think tank, and a prolific commentator in print and on television.

**Peter J. Boettke** is a leading scholar in the contemporary Austrian school of economics and an inspiring teacher and mentor, serving as the BB&T Professor for the Study of Capitalism at George Mason University and as vice president for research at the Mercatus Center.

**Scott G. Bullock** is one of the merry band of litigators for liberty at the Institute for Justice, which he joined at

its founding 20 years ago. He argued the Kelo eminent domain case at the Supreme Court and then took that fight to the states to win victories for property rights.

**John Tomasi** is an entrepreneurial academic innovator, founding and leading the Political Theory Project at Brown University, where he is a highly popular professor of political science.

**Kristina J. Kendall** has worked with John Stossel since graduating from college, producing his shows at ABC and now at Fox Business Network as executive producer. Kristi is a great mentor to young journalists in the IHS network.

**Todd J. Zywicki** is a Foundation Professor of Law at George Mason University, a leading scholar on bankruptcy and consumer credit, and an active commentator on those issues on Capitol Hill and in the media.

**Kris Alan Mauren** is a premier institution builder in the freedom movement, helping to found and build the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty as its executive director.

**Randy E. Barnett** is the Carmack Waterhouse Professor of Legal Theory at Georgetown University Law Center and a relentless champion of liberty through his teaching, writing, and advocacy of "the rights retained by the people." ●

## "Advancing Liberty, Creating Change" Retreat Coming Up

*Donors to Enjoy Southwestern Reprieve from Winter, and Intellectual R&R*



*Sign up now for the March 16-18 Annual Donor Retreat! The Intercontinental Montelucia in Scottsdale, Arizona, is a beautiful setting for the Institute for Humane Studies and Mercatus Center's unique weekend event. To RSVP for you and your guests, contact Ashley Schiller at [aschille@ihs.gmu.edu](mailto:aschille@ihs.gmu.edu) or 703-993-9228.*

Supporters and their guests are invited to join us in Scottsdale, Arizona, for our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Retreat. The weekend event kicks off with lunch on Friday, March 16, and concludes with brunch on Sunday, March 18. *Members of our Founders Circle of supporters are invited to a special pre-Retreat dinner on Thursday, March 15.*



Friday evening will feature the popular TV personality **Judge Napolitano**, host of "Freedom Watch" on Fox Business Network. He will discuss the question, "Do we even have a Constitution anymore?" and sign copies of his new book.



**Patrick Byrne** will mark the centennial of Milton Friedman's birth with reflections on one of history's most influential economists and champions of liberty. Dr. Byrne is chairman of the Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice and the CEO of Overstock.com.

Throughout the weekend, scholars and experts will discuss critical issues in the fight for freedom and arm you with intellectual ammunition for a pivotal election year.

The Annual Donor Retreat is co-sponsored by IHS and our sister organization, the Mercatus Center at George Mason University. Retreat participants have an opportunity to talk one-on-one with Mercatus scholars and faculty from the IHS network.

"This is great stuff!" exclaimed a Retreat participant last year. "I want to get some of my friends to come." *Supporters are encouraged to invite guests to join in for a stimulating weekend. For more information, contact Ashley Schiller at [aschille@ihs.gmu.edu](mailto:aschille@ihs.gmu.edu) or 703-993-9228.* ●

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The mission of IHS is to support the achievement of a freer society by facilitating the development of talented students, scholars, and other intellectuals who share an interest in liberty and who demonstrate the potential to help change the climate of opinion to one more congenial to the principles and practice of freedom.



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## IHS Celebrates Five Decades and Launches the Next

More than 625 friends of the Institute for Humane Studies gathered at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Washington, DC, in October to celebrate the Institute's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and kick off a new decade. The evening started with reflections on IHS's founding and ended with a call to rally around major new initiatives.

Emcee **Megan McArdle** wove a humorous narrative through the program. IHS President **Marty Zupan** recalled that when IHS started up in a garage in California,

"It was but one man and an inspiration": founder Baldy Harper, and his vision for a unique organization to cultivate champions of liberty. Asking the nearly 300 IHS alumni in the room to stand and be recognized, she observed: "We're not one man in a garage anymore!" Indeed, IHS alums now number more than 12,000, with 2,800 active in careers in ideas.

Television journalist **John Stossel** and star economics professor **Walter Williams** offered tributes to IHS's

*Clockwise from top left: Emcee Megan McArdle of The Atlantic; supporter Don Smith and IHS Chairman Charles Koch; alum and supporter Warren Lammert and IHS President Marty Zupan; three of the nearly 300 alums on hand to celebrate; George Mason University Professor Walter Williams at the podium; a dinner table anchored by supporters Tom & Irene Graham (seated center right), with IHS board member Art Pope and his wife, Kathy, standing behind Tom; Outstanding IHS Alum Award winners Kristi Kendall and Todd Zywicki.*



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work—and alum **Andrew Kirell**, who studied under Williams and now works with Stossel, attested to IHS's help in "making my dream come true." More alum stories followed—from philosophy professor **David Schmidtz**, an alum of the '80s; from *his* student, **Christopher Freiman**, now a professor himself; and from student activist **Sloane Frost**.

Following dinner, winners of the annual IHS alum award were recognized (see page 5), and Professor **Randy Barnett** introduced IHS Chairman **Charles Koch**, bringing down the house when he observed that the two knew each other when "I was just a law student and Charles was just a millionaire."

Mr. Koch explained that he has been "devoted to IHS and its vision" for more than 45 years "because its work is *fundamental* to everything else that needs to be done to restore our free society. Without the best ideas and people with the intellectual horsepower and skill to advance them, all our other efforts will be for naught."

After guests expressed their appreciation with a standing ovation, Ms. Zupan returned to the podium to say that "the new urgency of the battle of ideas lit a fire under the IHS team," resulting in major initiatives to educate, equip, and engage orders of magnitude more talent.

She announced a two-year **Champions of Liberty Campaign** with the goal of raising \$20 million, and thanked lead contributors to the campaign—**Charles Koch**, the **Humphreys family**, **Art Pope**, **Richard Uihlein**, an anonymous donor, and **Frayda and Ken Levy**. Frayda Levy offered an inspiring story about IHS's impact and asked others to join in supporting the campaign, which Ms. Zupan noted has already been blessed with \$15 million in gifts and commitments.

"Tonight we celebrate," she said in closing. "Tomorrow, we rise with the same energy, dedication, and passion as our founder—to achieve a society of enduring freedom, prosperity, and peace. *Thank you for being part of our endeavor.*" ●



*At the gala, as at 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary receptions around the country, IHS supporters and alumni enjoyed getting together. Here, it's longtime supporters **Bill & Rebecca Dunn** catching up with IHS alum **Baron Bond** and his wife, **Mayrev**.*



*Alum **Sloane Frost**, co-founder of the burgeoning group **Students for Liberty**, told how IHS inspired her to take up the cause.*



*Board member **Richard Fink** and his wife, **Mary**, share smiles with IHS alum **Tony Woodlief**, President of the **Bill of Rights Institute**.*



*The whole room rose to thank IHS Chairman **Charles Koch** for his decades of work to advance freedom and his unflinching, continuing support today in the face of relentless attacks by opponents of more freedom and less government.*



*Concluding his remarks, keynote speaker **Charles Koch** appealed to the assembled guests: "Your help has never been more urgently needed."*



***Liz Koch** (center) raises a toast with **Frayda & Ken Levy**. During the program, Frayda urged the audience to join her and Ken in supporting the Institute's \$20-million **Champions of Liberty Campaign**.*



*Two generations of the **Humphreys family**, supporters since 1966, joined in the celebration: **Ethelmae** (seated) and her son **David Humphreys** (an IHS Board member) and daughter, **Sarah Atkins**.*



*A special pre-dinner reception marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of IHS's prestigious **Koch Summer Fellow Program**, with alumni toasts by **Cato Institute VP Gene Healy**, **Utah State University Professor Diana Thomas**, and **Reason Senior Editor Katherine Mangu-Ward**.*



*"If it wasn't for IHS, I couldn't do my job," said television host **John Stossel** in a taped tribute that was followed by a live thank you from one of the many IHS alums to work with John over the past 15 years.*



***Jerry Fullinwider**, honored for his service on the Board since IHS's founding, celebrated with his wife, **Leah**, and IHS alum and Brown University Professor **John Tomasi**.*



*Supporter **Norma Zimdahl** (right) and her sister **Josephine Pelleter** were there for IHS's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala and would not have missed this one.*



*Liberty Fund Chairman **T. Alan Russell** (seated second from right) hosted a table that included Liberty Fund board member **Mary O'Grady** (left), Vice President and IHS alum **Emilio Pacheco** (standing left), and President **Chris Talley** (standing right).*



***Randy Barnett**, a law professor at **Georgetown University** and this year's **Outstanding IHS Alum** winner, introduced **Charles Koch**.*



*Supporters **Gerry Ohrstrom** and **Whitney Ball**, President of **DonorsTrust**, were among the 625 contributors, alumni, and friends who enjoyed the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner.*