

GREAT AMERICANS DAY

Citizenship Forum

Since 1998, the annual Great Americans Day Citizenship Forum has celebrated the lives of a wide range of citizens, from Presidents and First Ladies to authors and professional athletes. Pieces of their lives provide models of civic virtue—the sacrifice of self-interest for the public good—that the founders intended to be the glue of our Republic.

This series is intended to promote the American ideal of civic virtue central to citizenship and to remind us that the continued success of our society depends upon both individual and collective contributions.

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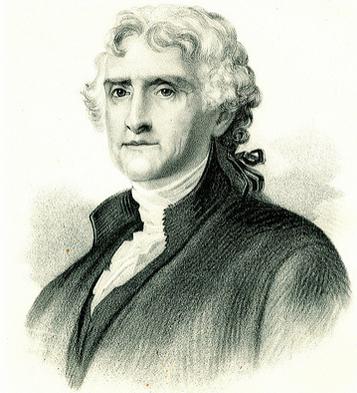
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Citizenship Forum and Luncheon

THOMAS JEFFERSON



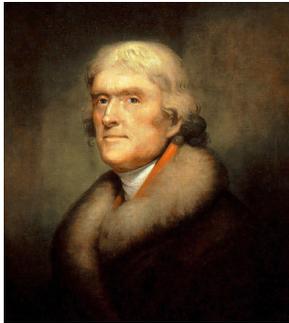
President Thomas Jefferson
(1743-1826)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2015
11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.
LIVING-LEARNING CENTER



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THOMAS JEFFERSON



This year, our featured great American is Thomas Jefferson. Widely known as author of the Declaration of Independence and third president of the United States, Jefferson was also a scientist, diplomat, historian, philosopher, architect, founder of the University of Virginia, and primary author of Virginia's Statute of Religious Freedom. Jefferson stands as one of

America's most revered founding fathers. Prior programs focused on the lives of Abraham Lincoln, Alexander Hamilton, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Will Rogers to name a few.

Thomas Jefferson is most widely known as author of the Declaration of Independence and third president of the United States. However, Jefferson was also a scientist, a diplomat, an historian, a philosopher, an architect, founder of the University of Virginia, and primary author of Virginia's Statute of Religious Freedom. Jefferson stands as one of America's most revered founding fathers.

Born into a prominent Virginia family in 1743, Jefferson attended The College of William and Mary where he studied a classical curriculum of the liberal arts, mathematics, and science. Jefferson entered the Virginia House of Burgesses in 1769, just as the imperial conflict between Great Britain and its North American colonies was entering a new, more conflict-ridden phase. Well-versed in classical and Enlightenment writings on history and philosophy, government and

politics, Jefferson quickly emerged as the colonists' most eloquent spokesman for colonial rights, natural rights, and colonial self-government. Jefferson's fellow Virginians quickly recognized his talents, and selected him to join the Continental Congress in Philadelphia in 1775. The following year, Jefferson was chosen by his peers to draft the Declaration of Independence, which bears a heavy imprint of Jefferson's commitment to Enlightenment principles along with his elegance as a writer.

Jefferson would compile a distinguished record of public service over the next thirty years, serving as governor of Virginia, Minister to France, Secretary of State, Vice-President, and then President of the United States. Upon retiring from public office in 1809, Jefferson dedicated himself to building a system of public education in Virginia, culminating in the creation of the University of Virginia. In retirement, Jefferson carried on an extensive correspondence concerning government and politics with luminaries such as John Adams and the Marquis de Lafayette, and he served as a confidant and adviser to a numerous politicians and statesmen, including his presidential successors and fellow Virginians, James Madison and James Monroe.

DR. JOHN CRAIG HAMMOND

This year's presenter will be Dr. John Craig Hammond, an associate professor of history at Penn State University, New Kensington. An expert on the early American republic, he is author of number books and articles. He earned a bachelor's degree in Physics at Temple University, a master's degree and a PhD in History at the University of Kentucky.

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Please list the names of the individuals who will be attending from your organization. Schools and companies should FAX the names of attendees. (School Note: Each school is limited to 20 attendees, including teachers/advisors and students.)

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EVENT INFORMATION

Heritage Hall, Living-Learning Center

Check-In: 10:30 a.m.

Presentation: 11 a.m.

Lunch: Noon

Questions & Answers: 12:30 p.m.

THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

(Seating is limited – first come, first served)

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