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HSP to Honor CNN's Jake Tapper with the Founder's Award

Tapper is a nationally renowned news anchor and author

Philadelphia, PA (January 19, 2023)—HSP is excited to honor Jake Tapper with the 2023 Founder's Award. The gala will be held on Saturday, May 13th at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

Jake Tapper serves as a news anchor and chief Washington correspondent for CNN. Tapper currently anchors a two-hour weekday program, *The Lead with Jake Tapper*, and he has hosted CNN's Sunday morning show, *State of the Union*, since June 2015. In April 2021, he became the lead anchor for CNN for Washington, D.C. events. Tapper imparts his political expertise on *State of the Union* by conducting interviews with top newsmakers on politics and policy, covering Washington, the country and the world. *The Lead* covers headlines from around the country and the globe, the top stories in national and international news, politics, health, money, the environment, sports and popular culture, and concentrates on bringing stories that aren't found on front pages—buried leads—to the forefront. Tapper has also authored five books, including his debut novel *The Hellfire Club* and its sequel, *The Devil May Dance*, both of which were *New York Times* best-sellers. His non-fiction works include *The Outpost: An Untold Story of American Valor*, a powerful saga about American troops in Afghanistan published in 2012, which also debuted in the top 10 on *The New York Times* best seller list.

Tapper stated “I am honored to accept the Founder's Award from the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and delighted to return home to Philadelphia to accept the award. The stories found within HSP's collections are powerful tools for civics education and critical to gaining a fuller context to many of the issues that face our nation today.”

The Founder's Award is given for exemplary service to history and heritage. “HSP is thrilled to recognize Jake Tapper's contributions to the humanities through his role in the nation's civic dialogue. His achievements as a news anchor, a correspondent, and an author are to be lauded and Philadelphia is proud to call him one of our own,” says Eric W. Noll, Chair of HSP's Board of Councilors.

HSP will also honor two Heritage Award recipients—Carmen Febo San Miguel and the Connelly Foundation. Dr. Febo San Miguel is the recently retired Executive Director of Taller Puertorriqueño, a community-based cultural organization whose primary purpose is to preserve, develop and promote Puerto Rican arts and culture. Under her tenure, Taller grew from an almost extinct organization to one with an operating budget of \$1 million that successfully completed a capital campaign and construction of new headquarters, the \$11.5 million El Corazón Cultural Center.

The Connelly Foundation has supported charitable organizations making a difference in the Philadelphia region since 1955. One of the Foundation's current priorities is to improve civics and history education in the Greater Philadelphia community, reflecting HSP's work with regional heritage organizations as the home for National History Day Philly.

About the Founder's Award

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania seeks not only to enrich and maintain the historical record, but also to champion history's uses and enhance its value to the public. As part of its 175th anniversary celebration, HSP established the Founder's Award for Exemplary Service to History to recognize leaders in these causes. The medal was commissioned with the assistance of Lea Aspinwall Cadwalader, in memory of her husband John Cadwalader, a longtime HSP councilor. The face of the medal is based on Alexander Milne Calder's model for the statue of William Penn atop Philadelphia's City Hall.

Past honorees include: Ken Burns, Charles Blockson, Ed Bradley, Terry Gross, David McCullough, Cokie Roberts, Jon Meacham, and Annette Gordon-Reed, among others.

About the Heritage Award

The Heritage Award, created in 2005, is presented to those who have made significant contributions to the future of the heritage of the Philadelphia region and in support of the work of HSP.

About the Historical Society of Pennsylvania

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