

SPEAKER & STAFF BIOGRAPHIES

JASON BARBOUR

Jason Barbour is a vice president and the director of development at Young America's Foundation. In this executive leadership role, Jason leads the organization's national fundraising program, helping individuals achieve their philanthropic goals of conveying the ideas of individual freedom, a strong national defense, free enterprise, and traditional values to our nation's youth.



In 2000, Jason joined Young America's Foundation's leadership team as the director of donor relations at the Foundation's National Headquarters in Virginia. After a year of coordinating events and visiting supporters around the country, Jason transferred to Santa Barbara, California, to serve at the Reagan Ranch as the national director of development.

Jason hosted hundreds of supporters for private visits to the Reagan Ranch and worked closely on the acquisition and development of the Reagan Ranch Center. He also coordinated successful President's Club Weekends and Rawhide Circle Retreats at George Washington's Mount Vernon, Theodore Roosevelt's Sagamore Hill, Winston Churchill's Chartwell, and Ronald Reagan's Rancho del Cielo.

Jason is an alumnus of the Foundation's 1994 National Conservative Student Conference and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Prior to joining Young America's Foundation, Jason served as the director of donor relations at the Leadership Institute.

Jason and his wife of 27 years, Stacey, reside in Greensboro, North Carolina, and have two sons, Ethan (a junior at Auburn University) and Hudson (a freshman at North Carolina State University). Stacey works part-time as the administrative coordinator at Christ Covenant Church in Greensboro, North Carolina.

ILINCA BIGGS

Ilinca Biggs serves as a Senior Development Officer & Events Manager at Young America's Foundation (YAF). She works closely with supporters



across the country to advance YAF's mission by advising supporters on how to achieve their philanthropic goals through strategic charitable giving. Ilinca also oversees and executes major supporter events around the country and donor engagement opportunities that inspire investment in the next

generation of conservative leaders. Ilinca joined YAF in 2019 after graduating from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with degrees in Political Science and International and Global Studies.

Born in Romania, Ilinca immigrated to the United States with her family at the age of 11. Growing up with an understanding of the devastating consequences of Communism, she developed a deep appreciation for the freedoms and opportunities found only in America. This experience fuels her passion for educating young people about the principles of individual liberty, free enterprise, strong national defense, and limited government.

Before working at YAF, Ilinca was actively involved in conservative campaigns and advocacy organizations. She first encountered YAF as a freshman in college and quickly became engaged with the organization's programs. During her time at UNCG, she attended several YAF conferences and partnered with the Foundation to bring conservative author and filmmaker Dinesh D'Souza to campus. His book, *Letters to a Young Conservative*, played an important role in shaping her understanding of conservative principles and strengthening her commitment to the movement.

Today, Ilinca is dedicated to fostering meaningful relationships with YAF supporters who share a commitment to preserving the values that have made America exceptional. She works with individuals and families to create lasting philanthropic impact in the conservative movement.

Ilinca is honored to serve Young America's Foundation by contributing to our mission of inspiring young people to become principled conservative leaders. She lives in Raleigh, North Carolina, with her husband, Jeffrey.

ANDREW COFFIN

Andrew is a vice president of Young America's Foundation and the director of the Reagan Ranch. Beginning his service with the Foundation more than 27 years ago, Andrew is the longest-serving team member at the Reagan Ranch.



Andrew has been active in every facet of the Reagan Ranch project: student outreach programs (including the launch of the annual Fall College Conference in Santa Barbara), communications, development, and the completion of the Reagan Ranch Center.

Formerly, Andrew was a staff assistant in the communications office of the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives; this office was assigned to handle receipt of the report of the Independent Counsel's investigation of President Clinton. Andrew also served for five years as a correspondent for *WORLD* magazine, writing on film and culture for the national newsweekly.

Andrew and his wife, Betsy, live in Carpinteria, California (just south of Santa Barbara), and have three children: Maggie, Liza, and Peter. Both Andrew and Betsy are graduates of Grove City College in Pennsylvania and enjoyed working together at the Reagan Ranch office of Young America's Foundation before having kids.

Their daughter Liza was married this summer after graduating from Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. Their youngest, Peter, returns to Samford University

for his second year this fall. Maggie is also a graduate of Grove City College and is living and working in Orange County.

T. KENNETH CRIBB, JR.

Mr. Cribb has served in many leadership positions over the years. From 1971 to 1977, he served as national director for the Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI). He became



president of ISI and served from 1989 to 2011. He was also the founding publisher of ISI Books and retains the title of president emeritus of ISI. Kenneth is the past president of the Collegiate Network, the Council for National Policy, and the Philadelphia Society and a former senior fellow of the Heritage Foundation.

He was deputy to the chief counsel of the 1980 Reagan campaign. During the Reagan transition, he was deputy director of the Legal and Administrative Agencies Group, Office of the Executive Branch Management.

Kenneth went on to serve the Reagan administration for almost the entire eight years of its existence, beginning in 1981 as assistant director for the Office of Cabinet Affairs. He served next as assistant counselor to the President, in which capacity he assisted Counselor Edwin Meese.

When Mr. Meese became attorney general, Mr. Cribb accompanied him to the Justice Department, where he became counselor to the attorney general of the United States. In 1987, Kenneth returned to the White House as assistant to the President for domestic affairs,

serving as President Reagan's top advisor on domestic matters, supervising four White House offices: policy development, cabinet affairs, public liaison, and welfare reform. He held this position until the fall of 1988.

Mr. Cribb has received numerous awards, including the Edmund Randolph Award, the highest honor given by the US Department of Justice, and the Charles H. Hoeflich Lifetime Achievement Award, an honor rarely awarded by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute.

Kenneth received a BA from Washington and Lee University and a JD from the University of Virginia School of Law. He also holds honorary doctorates from Thomas More University, Oklahoma Christian University, and Universidad Francisco Marroquín.

CHARLIE GITHLER

Charlie Githler is a real estate investor and entrepreneur known for his ability to identify undervalued properties and structure strategic partnerships with developers to unlock



their full potential. With a deep understanding of investment strategy and a sharp eye for market opportunity, Charlie brings both foresight and integrity to every project he undertakes.

Raised in a family devoted to investor education, philanthropy, and civic engagement, Charlie was instilled with a reverence for the values of America's founding fathers and the importance of preserving them through active participation in community and national discourse. He is deeply involved in local, state

(Florida), and national politics, advocating for policies rooted in family values and societal stability.

Charlie's upbringing was shaped by over 30 years of exposure to geopolitical discussions and financial strategy, giving him a strong foundation for navigating complex investment landscapes. He was educated at a private academy for 12 years and studied under Oxford scholars abroad, gaining a global perspective that informs his business and civic pursuits.

His family's philanthropic missions—supporting foster care, the arts, and underserved families—continue to guide his personal and professional life, ensuring that every endeavor he takes on contributes meaningfully to the communities he serves.

JULIANNA GITHLER

Julianna Githler is Vice President of Business-to-Consumer Sales at MoneyShow, where she leads consumer sales initiatives, oversees key marketing strategies, and



manages a private portfolio of high-net-worth clients. During her eight-year tenure, she has played an instrumental role in growing MoneyShow's premium events, luxury travel programs, and investor education offerings.

Prior to joining MoneyShow, Julianna completed a prestigious four-year culinary apprenticeship at Maison Blanche under Michelin-starred Chef Jose Martinez, rising to the position of Sous Chef and preparing exceptional dining experiences for distinguished

guests, including Michael Kors, Phil Rudd, and Chef Emeril Lagasse.

Her unique blend of hospitality, client service, and business leadership continues to drive exceptional experiences for MoneyShow guests and partners worldwide.

MOLLIE HEMINGWAY

Mollie Ziegler Hemingway is the Editor-in-Chief of *The Federalist*, Senior Journalism Fellow at Hillsdale College, and a Fox News Contributor.



She is a *New York Times*

bestselling author of three books, including *Alito: The Justice Who Reshaped the Supreme Court and Restored the Constitution*.

Hemingway is a recipient of The Bradley Prize, awarded for extraordinary contributions to American scholarship and debate, as well as the Dao Prize for Excellence in Investigative Journalism for her series on the Russia Collusion Hoax.

JESSICA JENSEN

Jessica serves as chief operating officer at Young America's Foundation. She works directly with YAF's president, Governor Scott Walker, helping to manage YAF's



overall operations and nationwide team.

In this capacity, she communicates the Foundation's goals and initiatives with YAF's entire team, board members, and key stakeholders. Jessica also assists Governor Walker with long-term strategic planning and growth, which includes preserving YAF's organizational culture and mission.

Jessica oversees daily operations at YAF's National Headquarters and Capitol Hill Townhouse. She coordinates YAF's board meetings, manages general staffing needs, and produces YAF's monthly and annual reports for our top supporters. She also organizes YAF's yearly cruises with our top supporters and key conservative leaders.

Throughout her two decades with YAF, Jessica has also served as assistant to the president, vice president and chief of staff, and editor of the Foundation's magazine, *Libertas*—producing 40 issues.

Jessica is originally from Hibbing, Minnesota—the heart of Minnesota's Iron Range—and a graduate of The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota. During college, Jessica interned in the White House's Office of Media Affairs for President George W. Bush. Jessica graduated summa cum laude from St. Scholastica with a degree in English.

She became involved with the Foundation upon attending the annual Thomas Phillips Student Luncheon at CPAC.

Jessica is a recipient of the Young Conservatives Coalition's William F. Buckley Jr. Award.

She and her husband, Austen, reside in Alexandria, Virginia, with their 13-year-old son, Jackson, and furry best friends, Bella and Maverick.

LARRY O'CONNOR

Larry O'Connor is a nationally recognized radio host, journalist, editor, and conservative commentator. He serves as editor at Townhall Media and hosts the influential morning drive-time show *O'Connor & Company* on WMAL 105.9 FM in Washington, D.C. In 2026, his program expanded nationally on the Salem Radio Network and Salem News Channel. He also hosts the daily video podcast *LARRY* on Townhall Media.



In May 2026, O'Connor was named a permanent co-host of Mark Halperin's *The Morning Meeting* on the 2WAY platform, joining Halperin and Kevin Walling for daily live discussions on politics and current events. The program has quickly gained attention for its balanced, high-level discourse and interactive format, further expanding O'Connor's national reach and influence in political media.

With over a decade on Washington, D.C. airwaves, O'Connor has become a trusted voice in conservative media, known for his sharp analysis, insider perspective on politics and policy, and ability to break down complex issues with clarity and wit. He has been a frequent television commentator on Fox News, NewsNation, and Newsmax, and has appeared across major networks, including ABC, PBS, and even MSNBC.

Prior to Townhall, O'Connor was part of the early wave of digital-first conservative media. He served as editor-in-chief of *Breitbart.tv*,

worked with Andrew Breitbart on platforms such as *Big Hollywood* and *Big Government*, and held editorial roles at *HotAir*, *The Federalist*, *Washington Times*, and *Weekly Standard*. He is the author of *Shameless Liars: How Trump Defeated the Legacy Media and Made Them Irrelevant*.

Before entering political media, O'Connor had a successful career in theater, serving as general manager of the Shubert Theatre in Los Angeles, where he worked on major Broadway productions, including the American premiere of *Sunset Boulevard* starring Glenn Close.

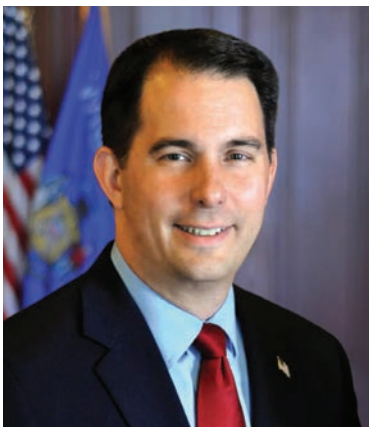
A Michigan native, with deep roots in Southern California, O'Connor lives in Maryland with his wife, Meredith, and intermittently their four adult children: Quinn, who is pursuing a master's degree in theatre management at Yale Drama School; Veronica, a U.S. Navy officer married to a Marine Corps officer; Christian, who is beginning his senior year at UC San Diego; and EJ, their 19-year-old special needs superstar.

GOVERNOR SCOTT WALKER

The Occupy Movement didn't start on Wall Street. It started in Madison, Wisconsin, when 100,000 protestors descended onto the grounds of the State Capitol soon after

Scott Walker took office as Governor. Their goal was to intimidate him and his allies, but he did not back down. He was unintimidated.

Scott's reforms took power from the hands of big government special interests and put



it firmly into the hands of the hard-working people of Wisconsin and those whom they elect to run their local governments. Those reforms, known as Act 10, have saved taxpayers more than \$16 billion. During Governor Walker's tenure, Wisconsin enacted more common-sense conservative reforms than any state in the nation. They targeted him, and he won, becoming the first governor in American history to win a recall election.

Now, Scott serves as president of Young America's Foundation, which trains the next generation of leaders in the fight for freedom. YAF conducts programs at the Reagan Ranch, Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home, and its national headquarters in Northern Virginia; in Washington, D.C.; and at regional sites nationwide. YAF also hosts more conservative campus lectures than any other organization and has a digital presence with more than one billion online video views.

Scott has been married to Tonette for more than 30 years. They live on Pewaukee Lake in Wisconsin while also spending time in Virginia and California. Scott and Tonette have two adult children. Matt owns a digital marketing business in Milwaukee and is married to Erica. Alex works in government and politics and is married to Bailey.

Born the son of a pastor and a part-time bookkeeper and raised in a small town, Scott understands the value of hard work and community. He is a proud Eagle Scout and an alumnus of the American Legion's Badger Boys State and Boys Nation programs. When he's not working, Scott can be found riding on his Harley Davidson Road King, on their pontoon boat out on the lake, or cheering on the Packers or one of Wisconsin's other sports teams. Most importantly, he is a follower of Christ.

TONETTE WALKER

Tonette M. Walker is married to Scott Walker, president of YAF and the former Governor of Wisconsin, and mom to her two wonderful adult sons—Matt and Alex.



Born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, she spent more than 20 years employed in the insurance industry before moving into non-profits, including the American Diabetes Association and the American Lung Association.

In 2011, her husband, Scott Walker, was elected to serve as the 45th Governor of Wisconsin. From 2012 through 2018, she worked to improve the lives of Wisconsinites through her role as First Lady.

During this time, Tonette led a variety of successful initiatives, including support for a faith-based substance abuse rehabilitation program, promoting various lesser-known Wisconsin tourism locales, and a monthly celebration of unsung “Wisconsin Heroes” who voluntarily devoted their time and energy to non-profit organizations and causes.

Her primary initiative and true passion as First Lady of Wisconsin was Fostering Futures, a public-private partnership that sought to better recognize, understand, and address the effects of adverse childhood experiences on the lives of children and families in Wisconsin.

Developed in response to scientific research about the epidemic of toxic childhood stress, Fostering Futures worked to integrate trauma-informed care principles into the cultures, policies, and practices of various organizations

across the state. Through Tonette’s work with Fostering Futures, the State of Wisconsin became well-known as a national leader in the Trauma-Informed Care movement.

Tonette’s passion for trauma-informed care continues as she seeks ways for Fostering Futures to improve the lives of children and families at both the state level through supporting local organizations and at the federal level through a congressional caucus.

She has established a new organization, Fostering Futures of Wisconsin, which provides monetary grants to Wisconsin-based organizations seeking to implement trauma-informed policies and practices into their daily work. She has also founded The Violet Society—a group of compassionate women supporting Fostering Futures with annual financial contributions.

Tonette spends her time between Reston, Virginia, and Pewaukee, Wisconsin, where she enjoys spending time with her sons and their wives, extended family, and many dear lifelong friends.