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CELEBRATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF POLICY LEADERS

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on its first 100 years of
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Bernard L. Schwartz

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## TCF CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

Sweating the details today for policy progress tomorrow.

For 100 years, The Century Foundation has delivered original, evidence-based policy leadership that has pushed the progressive movement and our country forward.

At TCF, we know change doesn't come easy or happen overnight. It requires persistence, rigor, and ingenuity. And that's been our approach for a century: we sweat the details, doing the hard work today for policy progress tomorrow.

Founded as the Co-operative League in 1919 by the progressive business leader Edward Filene and later renamed the Twentieth Century Fund, and then The Century Foundation, TCF is one of the oldest public policy research institutes in the country. Our work has contributed to policies that make the economy stronger, elections fairer, communities healthier, and schools and society more equitable.

Our experts come from academia, journalism, and public service—all with a shared commitment to advancing progressive ideas that benefit the public good. Through our evidence-based research and policy analysis, we seek to inform citizens, guide policymakers, and reshape what government does for the better.

In the wake of the Great Depression, our trustees worked closely with the architects of the New Deal to regulate the stock market, establish the National Labor Relations



Board, and help extend Social Security to all workers. In the world of health care, we championed the emergence of HMOs to drive down costs, and more recently, fought to defend the Affordable Care Act. Our experts were among the first to promote fair televised presidential debates, kicking off a decades-long effort to reform elections, expand voting rights, and strengthen our democracy.

Today, that legacy continues in our fight for higher wages and stronger worker protections, universal health care and debt-free college, and equal rights for all people, to name just a few examples. We're committed to empowering young leaders and diverse voices, partnering with allies and activists in the progressive movement, and always sweating the details.

Although the particular issues we work on change as the nation's politics evolve, what does not change—what has never changed—is our commitment to solving problems and making a lasting impact, no matter what or how long it takes.

In the century ahead, The Century Foundation will continue to do what we do best. We'll quietly focus on the details that matter, as others fight to be the loudest in the room. And we'll pursue outside-the-box solutions, despite what powerful defenders of the status quo may say.



### Thank You

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That's where Next100 comes in. Next100 is a startup think tank for and by the next generation of policy leaders. We are working to change the face and future of progressive policy and to build a more inclusive, equal, and just America.

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### **KEYNOTE**

### Speaker Nancy Pelosi

SPEAKER OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Nancy Pelosi is the 52nd Speaker of the House of Representatives, having made history in 2007 when she was elected the first woman to serve as Speaker of the House. Now in her third term as Speaker, Pelosi made history again in January 2019 when she regained her position second-in-line to the presidency, the first person to do so in more than sixty years. As Speaker, Pelosi is fighting for the people, working to lower health care costs, increase workers' pay through strong economic growth and rebuilding America, and cleaning up corruption to make Washington work for all.

For thirty-two years, Speaker Pelosi has represented San Francisco, California's 12th congressional district, in Congress. She has led House Democrats for sixteen years and previously served as House Democratic Whip.

Pelosi brings to her leadership position a distinguished record of legislative accomplishment. She led the Congress in passing historic health insurance reform, key investments in college aid, clean energy and innovation, and initiatives to help small businesses and veterans. She has been a powerful voice for civil rights and human rights around the world for decades. Pelosi comes from a strong family tradition of public service in Baltimore. Married to Paul Pelosi, she is a mother of five and grandmother of nine.

### HOST

### Melissa Harris-Perry

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Professor Melissa Harris-Perry is the Maya Angelou Presidential Chair at Wake Forest University where she served as founding director of the Anna Julia Cooper Center 2012 to 2019. Melissa is editor-at-large of Elle.com and a contributing editor at *The Nation*. Along with her husband James Perry, she is principal of the Perry Partnership, offering both private and political consulting. From 2012 to 2016 she hosted the television show *Melissa Harris-Perry* on weekend mornings on MSNBC and was awarded the

Hillman Prize for broadcast journalism. She is an award-winning author and sought after public speaker, lecturing widely throughout the United States and abroad.

Harris-Perry received her B.A. degree in English from Wake Forest University and her Ph.D. degree in political science from Duke University. She also studied theology at Union Theological Seminary in New York. Harris-Perry previously served on the faculty of the University of Chicago, Princeton University, and Tulane University. Professor Harris-Perry has been awarded honorary degrees from many universities including Meadville Lombard Theological School, Winston-Salem State University, Eckerd College, Ithaca College, and New York University. She and her family live in North Carolina.

### **SPEAKER**

### John B. King Jr.

FORMER UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT, THE EDUCATION TRUST | THE CENTURY FOUNDATION TRUSTEE



John B. King Jr. is the president and CEO of The Education Trust, a national nonprofit organization that seeks to identify and close opportunity and achievement gaps, from preschool through college. King served as the U.S. secretary of education from 2016 to 2017 as a member of President Barack Obama's administration. In tapping him to lead the U.S. Department of Education, President Obama called King "an exceptionally talented educator," citing his commitment to "preparing every child"

for success" and his lifelong dedication to education as a teacher, principal, and leader of schools and school systems.

Before becoming secretary of education, beginning in January 2015, King carried out the duties of the U.S. deputy secretary of education, overseeing all policies and programs related to P–12 education, English learners, special education, and innovation. In this role, King also oversaw the agency's operations. King joined the department following his tenure as the first African American and Puerto Rican to serve as New York State education commissioner, a post he held from 2011 to 2015.

King began his career in education as a high school social studies teacher in Puerto Rico and Boston, MA, and as a middle school principal. His life story is an extraordinary testament to the transformative power of education. Both of King's parents were career New York City public school educators, whose example serves as an enduring inspiration. King's parents passed away from illness by the time he was twelve years old. He credits New York City public school teachers—particularly educators at P.S. 276 in Canarsie and Mark Twain Junior High School in Coney Island—for saving his life by providing him with rich and engaging educational experiences and by giving him hope for the future.



On behalf of the 1.7 million members of the **American Federation of Teachers**, we salute **The Century Foundation**, for its 100 years at the forefront of progressive policy movements.

The AFT stands with you and the next generation of policy leaders as champions of **great schools and colleges** that fulfill the promise of public education, **good jobs** that support a middle-class life, **affordable healthcare** for all, the **fight against discrimination and hate**, and the **defense of democracy**.

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### Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering

RETIRED UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS



Ambassador Tom Pickering is vice chair of Hills & Company. Tom served as under secretary of state for political affairs under President Clinton and as U.S. ambassador to Russia, India, Israel, El Salvador, Nigeria, and Jordan. He was the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations in the first Bush administration, and held positions including assistant secretary of state for the Bureau of Oceans, Environmental and Scientific Affairs, and special assistant to secretaries of state William Rogers and Henry Kissinger.

After government service, Tom joined The Boeing Company as senior vice president, international relations and led its transition to a global organization. He chairs or serves on many not-for-profit boards, including The International Crisis Group, and as chairman of the board of the American Academy of Diplomacy. Tom speaks French, Spanish, and Swahili fluently and also Arabic, Hebrew, and Russian.



# Congratulations to The Century Foundation on this milestone!



### CENTENNIAL VISIONARY AWARD

### Bernard L. Schwartz



Bernard L. Schwartz is a private investor, a progressive public policy advocate, a philanthropist, and a retired industrialist. He is currently chairman and CEO of BLS Investments, LLC, a private investment firm founded in 2006. In addition to his personal portfolio, Mr. Schwartz manages the Bernard and Irene Schwartz Foundation, which focuses on four major areas of support: publications, think tanks, and economic policy advocacy organizations that develop strategies to

promote U.S. economic growth and job-creation initiatives; educational institutions and programs; medical research centers; and major New York City-based cultural organizations. Mr. Schwartz is a life-long Democrat and an active supporter of the Democratic Party.

Mr. Schwartz is chairman emeritus and sponsor of the Schwartz Initiative on American Economic Policy at Third Way, the nation's leading centrist policy institution. He is publisher of *Democracy: a Journal of Ideas*, a quarterly progressive publication that spurs debate on economic and foreign policy issues. At The New School, a progressive urban university founded in 1919, Mr. Schwartz, a trustee, established a chair in economics and policy analysis, and formed and supports the Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Development. He is a member of the chairman's circle at the Council on Foreign Relations, serves on the boards of the Roosevelt Institute and the Center for American Progress and for many years has supported the Bernard L. Schwartz Rediscovering Government Initiative at The Century Foundation. He is also the author of *JUST SAY YES: What I've Learned About Life, Luck, and the Pursuit of Opportunity*, published in March 2014.

# Congratulations to our friends at The Century Foundation on 100 Remarkable Years!

We took forward to being a part of the next 100!

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Congratulations to our dear friend Bernard Schwartz for receiving tonight's special tribute on the 100th Anniversary of The Century Foundation.

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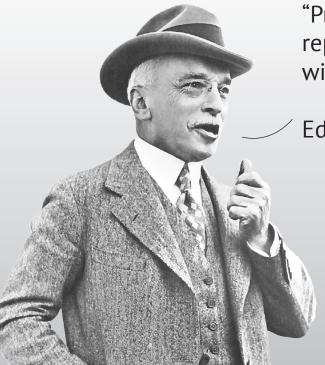
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"In this [new] world of work, knowing how to learn and how to handle change is critical, for it is a world in which businesses are constantly adapting to new market demands. In this world, workers who can provide innovative and creative ideas for new products and services...are what is important"

 Beverly Goldberg, Former TCF VP of Editorial, Author of Age Works (2000)





"Progress is the constant replacing of the best there is with something still better."

Edward Filene, TCF Founder

Thanks from Leif Wellington Haase, former member of the TCF staff.

We congratulate **Bernard L. Schwartz** on being honored for his outstanding contributions and commitment to the next generation of policy leaders.

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Congratulations to The Century Foundation on 100 years of sweating the details

Looking forward to the next 100!

Steve Goldberg
Pat Kozu







We salute The Century
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confidence that in the coming
century it will continue to carry
out research and advocacy for
democracy, equality and human
flourishing, in the tradition
of its founder, Edward Filene,
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Thanks to all the past and present trustees and staff for their great service to TCF.

On this special night, we remember fondly former board chair Alan Brinkley (1949–2019), teacher, mentor, and wise historian of liberalism and its critics; and Richard C. Leone (1940–2015), institution builder, public intellectual, and champion of Social Security and Medicare.



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