

Convocation on Critical Issues History

Western inaugurated the Convocation on Critical Issues program in 1993, under the presidency of Dr. Janet Gorman Murphy. The program was started as part of an overall commitment to offer enriching experiences to students while bringing together the college and community. The Convocation is held in honor of R. Dan Boulware, former president of the Board of Regents. Below is the list of Convocation speakers:

- 1993 - Arthur Schlesinger, Jr.
- 1994 - Jeane Kirkpatrick
- 1995 – Cancelled (Colin Powell)
- 1996 - David McCullough
- 1997 - Colin Powell
- 1998 - Bill Bradley
- 1999 - Jerry Linenger
- 2000 - Patricia Schroeder
- 2001 - Daniel Schorr
- 2002 - Joseph Nye
- 2003 - David Gergen
- 2004 - Bob Woodward
- 2005 - J C Watts
- 2006 - Steve Forbes
- 2007 - Sam Donaldson
- 2008 - James Carville & Mary Matalin
- 2009 – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.
- 2010 – Newt Gingrich