

NASPAA Conference Friday “Public Leadership” luncheon speaker announced

Eric Greitens, PhD: Navy SEAL, Rhodes Scholar, humanitarian, author

“A modern-day renaissance man” - General Richard Myers, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

“My hero” - Tom Brokaw

Eric Greitens is the author of the recently-released *The Heart and the Fist: The Education of a Humanitarian, the Making of a Navy SEAL*. He is a Missouri native who studied public policy in the Sanford School at Duke University. He was awarded Rhodes and Truman Scholarships, and earned a master’s in development studies and a Ph.D. in politics at Oxford University.

Eric had been involved with humanitarian work since college, working in trouble spots areas around the world. But after 9/11, he joined the Navy and endured the arduous training to become a SEAL officer. He was deployed four times, reaching the rank of Lieutenant Commander, and received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star, among other awards.



When he returned from active duty Eric founded a nonprofit organization that supports wounded and disabled veterans to become citizen leaders. He was a White House Fellow and received the President’s Volunteer Service Award. His first book, *Strength and Compassion*, is a volume of photographs and essays about humanitarian work. It was the 2009 New York Book Festival Grand Prize Winner.

Eric is currently a Senior Fellow at the Truman School of Public Affairs at the University of Missouri. He will be presented with the 2011 Pi Alpha Alpha National Honorary Member award during the NASPAA Conference.

Please join us for the Friday luncheon to hear and meet Eric. You can register for both the luncheon and the full conference at <https://secure.naspaa.org/register.aspx>

We also have a great speaker lined up for Thursday’s NASPAA Awards luncheon, and will send details as soon as it is confirmed.