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Past Speakers:

2017
- Ray Kelly, former NYPD Police Commissioner
- Peter Warmer, Singer, Bestselling author and futurist
- Michael Jager, Natalie Jeremijenko, and William Kamkwamba, Making Innovation Symposium panel discussion
- ADM Phil Davidson, USN, Commander of U.S. Fleet Forces Command
- Marilyn Tam, former CEO of Adidas; president of Rakdeb Apparel and Retail Group; and vice president of Nike

2016
- Nancy Lindborg, President, United States Institute of Peace
- GEN Mark A. Miller, USA, 39th Chief of Staff, U.S. Army
- Robert Guantanamo, retired U.S. Navy captain, founder, LZ Strategy and Development

2015
- Madeleine K. Albright, former U.S. Secretary of State
- LTG Mark S. Bowman, CID for the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- Col Michael E. Fox, NASA astronaut
- GEN Gordon R. Sullivan, USA (Ret.), former U.S. Army Chief of Staff
- GEN Colin Powell, USA (Ret.), former U.S. Secretary of State

2014
- Condoleezza Rice, former U.S. Secretary of State
- Rachel Armstrong, Visionary Architect
- Lt. Gen. Paul Van Riper, USMC (Ret.)
- Craig Ventner, Genotyp Pioneer

2013
- Gen. Barry McCaffrey, USA (Ret.)
- Jeremy Rifkin, Economist
- VADM John M. McConnell, USN (Ret.)
- Aarne Vesilind, Engineer and Author
- Bruce Lambrecht, Commercial Real Estate Expert

2012
- Lt. Gen. Michael Dunn, USAF (Ret.)
- Rebecca Skloot, Science Author
- Peter Diamandis, Engineer, Physician, and Entrepreneur
- Kevin Bennet, Mayo Clinic Engineering Chair
- Panel: James Carville and Mary Matalin

2011
- Tom Peters
- David O. Carpenter
- Louis J. Hutchinsen III
- Lt. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp, Jr. USA
- James Champy, Management Expert
- Adm. Thad Allen, USGC

2010
- Lawrence Krauss, Theoretical Physicist
- B.B. McAllister, Author & Environmentalist
- "Smart Power" Panel: Col. Christopher Holshue, Col. Thomas Baltazar, Dr. Reuben Brigety, Caryn Hollis, Jeanne Gang, Architect & MacArthur Fellow

2009
- LtGen David Deptula, USAF
- David Walker, President & CEO

2008
- Dean Kamen, Inventor