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Sylvia Mathews Burwell and Leon E. Panetta to Receive National Academy of Public Administration's

"Elliot L. Richardson Prize for Excellence in Public Service"

Prize awarded at February 13th ceremony; George Will to moderate discussion

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Academy of Public Administration today announced that **Sylvia Mathews Burwell** and **Leon E. Panetta** will receive the **Elliot L. Richardson Prize for Excellence in Public Service** on February 13, 2018 at an award ceremony in Washington, D.C.

"The Elliot L. Richardson Prize Fund and the Academy are pleased to honor Sylvia Mathews Burwell and Leon Panetta for their highly distinguished careers in public service," said Terry Gerton, President and CEO of the Academy. "Their hard work and dedication on behalf of our citizens makes them excellent role models for future generations of government leaders."

The award ceremony will take place on February 13 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C., with *Washington Post* syndicated columnist George F. Will moderating a discussion on public service with Secretary Burwell and Secretary Panetta.

The Elliot L. Richardson Prize is presented on a biennial basis to individuals possessing the outstanding public service virtues exemplified by the late Mr. Richardson. An Academy Fellow, Mr. Richardson served in four Cabinet-level positions in the U.S. government: Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW), Secretary of Defense, Attorney General and Secretary of Commerce.

The Honorable Sylvia Mathews Burwell is President of American University, and former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (2014-2017) and former Director of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (2013-2014) during the Obama Administration. She previously served in the Clinton Administration as Deputy Director of OMB, White House Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy, Chief of Staff at the U.S. Treasury Department, and Staff Director at the National Economic Council. In addition, Ms. Burwell has held executive roles at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Wal-Mart Foundation.

The Honorable Leon E. Panetta is Chairman of the Panetta Institute for Public Policy at California State University, and former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Defense (2011-2013) and former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (2009-2011) during the Obama Administration. He previously served in the Clinton Administration as the White House Chief of Staff and Director of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. Prior to serving in the Executive Branch, Mr. Panetta was a U.S. Congressman from California (1977-1993), serving as Chairman of the House Budget Committee for the final four years of his congressional career. He founded the Panetta Institute for Public Policy in 1997.

Honorees are selected by Elliot L. Richardson Prize Fund Nominating Committee, co-chaired by Joseph E. Kasputys and J.T. Smith, from the nominations submitted by Academy Fellows, members of the nominating committee and other members of the Academy. The Elliot L. Richardson Prize Fund Board of Directors, chaired by Michael C. Rogers, then confirms the selection. The National Academy of Public Administration houses the Richardson Prize Fund.

Details of the Elliott L. Richardson Prize Award Ceremony:

- WHAT:** Elliot L. Richardson Prize for Excellence in Public Service award ceremony and moderated discussion with awardees
- WHERE:** Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center – Pavilion Room
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.
- WHEN:** February 13, 2018
5:30 pm – 8:00 pm
- WHO:** **Sylvia Mathews Burwell**
Leon E. Panetta
George F. Will (moderator)
Terry Gerton, President and CEO of the Academy
- MEDIA:** Media planning to attend should RSVP to
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