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**National Academy of Public Administration and
Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs
Hold Forum on Future of Citizenship and Public Service**
*"Governing Across the Divide" Event Features
Keynote Address by the Honorable Christine Todd Whitman*

WASHINGTON, DC – The National Academy of Public Administration and Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs will hold a one-day forum in Syracuse, New York on October 4th to examine the future of citizenship and public service. Former EPA Administrator and New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman will deliver keynote remarks as part of the Maxwell School's Tanner Lecture on Ethics, Citizenship, and Public Responsibility.

"Public service is nearing a state of crisis," said Terry Gerton, President and CEO of the National Academy of Public Administration. "Due to declining public trust in government, increased political polarization, and recruitment and retention challenges, the outlook for public service is highly worrisome. With this forum, we hope to identify ideas for bolstering public service in both government and non-profit organizations, renewing the commitment of public servants, and attracting a new generation of citizens to public service careers."

During this third of four regional *Governing Across the Divide* forums initiated by the Academy, government officials, academics and thought leaders from across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors will discuss and address public service challenges facing leaders at the federal, state and local levels. Previous events took place in Sacramento, CA and Austin, TX, and a final forum will take place on October 30th in Arlington, VA.

"Governance is changing, and a broader understanding of how public-, private- and nonprofit-sectors can cooperate to meet the collective challenges our country faces will be essential to helping government work efficiently and effectively," says David M. Van Slyke, Dean of the Maxwell School. "Heroizing one sector and vilifying another reduces opportunities for collaboration and improving results for all citizens. This forum offers an opportunity to move beyond sound bites to meaningful discussion of how to work together to change the country's trajectory for a more engaged citizenry imbued with a set of public service values where all people benefit."

To register to attend, please click [here](#). Beginning at 10:15 am ET, video of the morning, lunch and afternoon panels and the closing remarks will be streamed live at <https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/tanner/>

WHAT: Governing Across the Divide – The Future of Citizenship and Public Service

WHEN: October 4, 2017
8:00 am – 5:00 pm ET (a reception will follow)

WHERE: Syracuse University Schine Student Center - Goldstein Auditorium
303 University Avenue
Syracuse, NY 13210

WHO: Speakers and panelists include:
Christine Todd Whitman, former Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; former Governor, New Jersey
Dustin Brown, Deputy Assistant Director for Management, U.S. Office of Management and Budget; NAPA Fellow
Steven Hagerty, Mayor, City of Evanston, Illinois; NAPA Fellow
Andrew Maxwell, former Director of Policy and Innovation, City of Syracuse, New York
Max Stier, President and CEO, The Partnership for Public Service
Chris Meek, Senior Director of Global Relationship Management, S&P Global
David Sulek, Vice President, Booz Allen Hamilton
David M. Van Slyke, Dean and Bantle Professor in Business and Government Policy, Maxwell School, Syracuse University; NAPA Fellow and Member, Board of Directors
Terry Gerton, President and CEO, National Academy of Public Administration
Sean O’Keefe, Syracuse University Professor, Phanstiel Chair in Strategic Management and Leadership; NAPA Fellow

MEDIA: Media planning to attend the event should RSVP to Jessica Smith, jsmith13@syr.edu

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