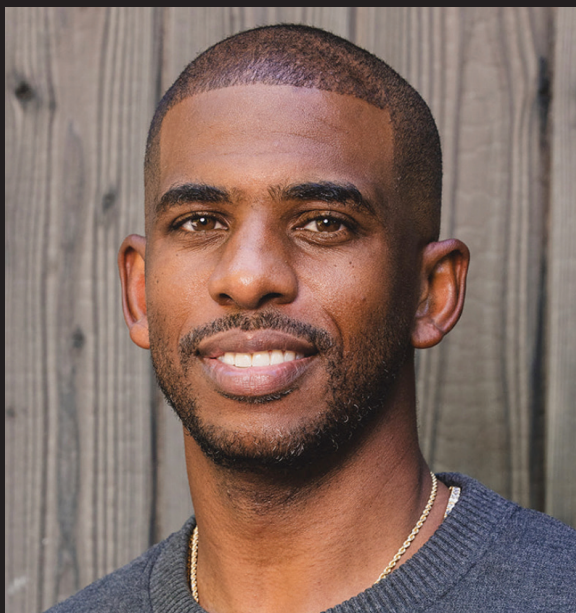


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SPEAKER FORUM



SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

**CHRIS PAUL**

Moderated by Tracy Wolfson

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## FACE TO FACE

Wake Forest University launched the Face to Face Speaker Forum in spring 2020. The community-facing series, celebrating its five-year anniversary in 2025, was created to bring world-renowned, influential voices to Winston-Salem to discuss topics in a variety of areas including politics, arts and culture, business, global issues and social justice.



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Thank you for being here! As you no doubt have seen, we have a lineup change this evening. But I can confidently say that we are all in for a program that is every bit as star-powered and every bit as magical.

Tonight, we welcome back to the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum a Demon Deacon legend — Chris Paul.

Chris Paul's storied career started just down the road at West Forsyth High School. And though basketball has taken him to New Orleans, Los Angeles, Beijing, London and beyond — he has always remained committed to the wellbeing and flourishing of his hometown. For two decades, the Chris Paul Family Foundation has invested in individuals, families and communities — focusing on education, health and wellness and leadership development. As a team leader, record-setter, philanthropist, entrepreneur and memoirist, Chris Paul continues to serve as an exemplar of character, integrity and leadership — of leveraging one's talents in the service of humanity — to generations of Demon Deacons. *Pro Humanitate*, indeed!

Finally, I want to extend a personal thank you to Chris Paul and his family for the many ways they support Wake Forest and the Winston-Salem community, and for their flexibility and enthusiasm that made this night possible.

Sincerely,  
Susan R. Wente, Ph.D.  
*President*  
*Distinguished University Professor of Biology and Biochemistry*  
*Wake Forest University*

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the Face to Face Speaker Forum.  
The program will begin at 7:30 p.m.

## ORDER OF EVENTS

### Welcome

#### SUE HENDERSON

*Executive Director, Face to Face Speaker Forum*  
*Wake Forest University*

### Special Message

#### SHAY MUSTAFA

*Chief Communications Officer – U.S.*  
*Reynolds American Inc.*

### Introductions

#### SUSAN R. WENTE

*President*  
*Wake Forest University*

### Featured Conversation

#### CHRIS PAUL

#### Moderated by

#### TRACY WOLFSON

### Closing Remarks

#### SUE HENDERSON

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Face to Face would like to welcome the Wake Forest University Men's and Women's Basketball programs, the inaugural Forsyth Tech Men's Basketball program, the Salem College Basketball program, the Winston-Salem State University Men's and Women's Basketball programs and more than 20 area high school boys and girls basketball programs.

We offer a special thank you to the Chris Paul Family Foundation and the YMCA of NWNC for sponsoring tonight's attendance of other deserving youth basketball participants from our community.

A West Forsyth High School and Wake Forest University basketball stand-out, affectionately known as the Point God, **Chris Paul** is a 12-time National Basketball Association (NBA) All-Star and two-time Olympic Gold medalist. He was named to the NBA's 75th Anniversary team as one of the 75 greatest players in history. In 2021, Paul became the first player in league history to record 20,000 points and 10,000 career assists. He ranks second on the NBA all-time career assists and steals list. Paul is entering his 21st season in the NBA with the Los Angeles Clippers.

Paul's New York Times best-selling memoir, "Sixty-One: Life Lessons from Papa, On and Off the Court," is a powerful and unexpected memoir of family, faith, tragedy, and life's most important lessons. His business footprint is diverse and includes a multi-platform production company Ohh Dip!!! Productions, as well as ownership of plant-based, better for you snack brand Good Eatn'.

Through the Chris Paul Family Foundation, Paul continues to provide resources that enrich and strengthen underserved communities across the country. Paul co-launched the Social Change Fund United with Dwyane Wade and Carmelo Anthony. His philanthropic efforts have earned him the 2016 ESPYs "Humanitarian of the Year" award, the 2016 Mannie Jackson Human Spirit Award and the NBA Community Assist Award five times. Paul is also the first recipient of the Kobe and Gigi Bryant Advocacy Award for his significant contributions to the advancement of girls' and women's basketball and advocacy for the WNBA.

**Tracy Wolfson** is a two-time Emmy Award-winning reporter for CBS Sports. She was named the NFL on CBS's lead game reporter in 2014 and is part of the lead announce team of Jim Nantz and Tony Romo. Wolfson was on the sidelines as lead reporter for Super Bowl LVIII (2024), Super Bowl LV (2021), Super Bowl LIII (2019) and Super Bowl 50 (2016). She serves as the lead reporter for CBS's coverage of the NCAA Men's March Madness and has been the lead reporter on the Final Four since 2008. In addition, she is a host on "We Need to Talk," the first-ever nationally televised all-female weekly sports show.

**Sue Henderson** serves as assistant vice president and executive director of the Face to Face Speaker Forum. Before coming to Wake Forest, she worked in financial services, including more than two decades in wealth management at Wells Fargo. Henderson serves on five not-for-profit boards. Previously, she chaired the boards of the YMCA NWNC Metro and Summit School, the boards of visitors of Salem Academy and College and the UNC School of the Arts and served as vice-chair of the Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees.

**Shay Mustafa** is Chief Communications Officer - U.S. at Reynolds American Inc. (Reynolds), the largest market in the global BAT Group. A member of the U.S. executive team and BAT's global leadership community, she is helping transform the tobacco industry and plays a pivotal role leading Reynolds' communications and sustainable practices agenda. Mustafa's previous professional background ranges from senior roles with Fortune 100 companies to co-founder of a technology start up. Previously, she held commercial leadership positions across the Reynolds organization's brand portfolio, including launching, commercializing, and responsibly marketing next generation products. She earned her MBA in Marketing from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and a BA in Business Administration from Rhodes College. Mustafa is an avid supporter of S.T.E.M. education and early-stage entrepreneurship.

**Dr. Susan R. Wenthe** is Wake Forest University's 14th president and Distinguished University Professor of Biology and Biochemistry. Leading with trust, transparency and teamwork, she believes the University's motto — *Pro Humanitate* — calls Wake Forest to be a catalyst for good in society. Championing access and opportunity for all at Wake Forest, Dr. Wenthe has raised more than \$100 million in new scholarships and created a new admissions pathway for first generation students. Dr. Wenthe is also leading the most significant campus facility renewal effort since Wake Forest arrived in Winston-Salem in 1956. Partnering with the City of Winston-Salem, she launched a project to transform the 80 acres surrounding the University's stadiums into a mixed-use development and economic driver for the city, state and region.

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Wake Foresters cherish our hometown and the strong relationships students, faculty and staff have developed with the Winston-Salem community. Core tenets of the Face to Face Speaker Forum (outlined below) reflect our commitment to serve and engage members of our community.

### Community Engagement

- Face to Face is community-facing and — through thoughtful speaker selection and expanded engagement opportunities — works to strengthen connections with Winston-Salem and Piedmont Triad residents.
- Face to Face offers special free access to its events by working with the United Way of Forsyth County and other community organizations.

### Student Engagement

- Face to Face offers an intimate look at agents of change who have impacted our world. Our program intentionally engages future leaders, including Wake Forest students, students from other local institutions of higher learning, and students from area public and private high schools.
- Select speakers will be available for free, student-led events on Wake Forest's campus for Wake Forest students as well as for other local students.
- In addition, Keynote events will offer an allotment of first-come, first-served complimentary student seating.

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