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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021

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FALL 2021
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KEYNOTE CONVOCATION SPEAKER
William C. Rhoden
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author, “Forty Million Dollar Slaves: The Rise, Fall, and Redemption of the Black Athlete”

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SPECIAL AWARDS

STUDENT SPEAKER
Angelica Olivas

RECESSIONAL

PLATFORM GUESTS
Adrienne Fairwell, Arizona PBS general manager
Angelica Olivas, student speaker
William C. Rhoden, keynote speaker
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Outstanding Graduate Students
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 Gabrielle Hofer
 Colin Romaglia

Top Innovator
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Cronkite Spirit
 Jordan Spurgeon

Highest GPA in Journalism and Mass Communication and Sports Journalism
 Camille Plant

Highest GPA in Digital Audiences and Mass Communication and Media Studies
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 Molly Turnbach

Outstanding Graduate Online Students
 Callan Christy
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KEYNOTE CONVOCATION SPEAKER

William C. Rhoden

William C. Rhoden is a columnist and writer-at-large for The Undefeated, ESPN’s news site about sports, race and culture. In collaboration with The Undefeated, ESPN, and the Walt Disney Company, Rhoden established the Rhoden Fellowship. Since 2017, this one-year program identifies and trains aspiring African-American journalists from Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Rhoden is also the author of several books, including “40 Million Dollar Slaves: The Rise, Fall and Redemption of the Black Athlete” and “Third and A Mile: The Trials and Triumphs of The Black Quarterback.” Before joining The Undefeated, Rhoden wrote an award winning sports column for The New York Times and appeared as a guest on ESPN’s Sports Reporters for nearly 30 years.

Rhoden began his journalism career as a news reporter at the Baltimore Afro American Newspaper. He was a senior editor with Ebony Magazine and then a columnist and jazz critic for the Baltimore Sun. Rhoden attended Morgan State University in Baltimore where he majored in English.

Rhoden won a Peabody Award for Broadcasting as the writer for the HBO documentary “Journey of the African American Athlete.” He was also the writer on the documentary “Breaking The Huddle: The Integration of College Football,” which won an Emmy.

STUDENT SPEAKER

Angelica Olivas

Angelica Olivas is graduating summa cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in journalism and a minor in business. Throughout her time at the Cronkite School, she worked as a PR specialist in the Cronkite School’s Public Relations Lab and interned at AZ Big Media, Phoenix Magazine, The Garrity Group Public Relations and social media agency Homemade Social. Olivas also served as a Cronkite ambassador and as the social media coordinator for ASU’s chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America. Olivas will continue her education at the Cronkite School in spring 2022, where she will work toward a master’s degree in mass communication.
About the School
The Cronkite School is widely recognized as one of the nation’s premier professional journalism and mass communication programs. Rooted in the time-honored values of accuracy, responsibility, fairness and integrity that characterize its namesake, the school fosters excellence and ethics among students as they master the practical skills they need to succeed in the world of today and tomorrow.

The Cronkite School’s 2,700 students, including in-person and online, consistently lead the country in national competitions. Over the past decade, Cronkite has been first in the nation in the Society of Professional Journalists’ Mark of Excellence competition and the Broadcast Education Association’s Festival of Media Arts awards and has finished in the top 10 in the Hearst Journalism Awards each year.

Students are guided by a faculty that is made up of award-winning professional journalists, strategic communications executives and world-class media scholars. Cronkite professors include five Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists, digital media thought leaders, top TV producers and correspondents, major metropolitan newspaper editors and strategic communications experts. They are master teachers, writers and scholars who often speak around the globe on the most important topics facing our industries.

The Cronkite School leads the field of mass communication education with its innovative use of the “teaching hospital” method, providing both unparalleled learning opportunities for students and important news content to the community, state, region, nation and around the world.

Students cover public affairs from news bureaus in Phoenix, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., and they report on sports from bureaus in Phoenix and Los Angeles. They conduct national investigations as part of the Howard Center for Investigative Journalism, and they produce multimedia projects on issues of national importance in the Carnegie-Knight News21 program.

Other immersion programs include Cronkite Noticias, in which bilingual students produce Spanish-language broadcast and digital stories; the Public Relations Lab, where they develop campaigns for clients; the Digital Audiences Lab, where they harness social media, SEO and analytics to grow and engage audiences; and the New Media Innovation and Entrepreneurship Lab, where they use emerging media technologies to forge the future of journalism.

Arizona PBS, one of the nation’s largest public television stations, serves as a hub for these full-immersion programs, with students producing a nightly newscast that reaches 1.9 million households across the state.

Elsewhere at the school, the Donald W. Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism provides education and training to professional journalists, and Cronkite Global Initiatives fosters partnerships throughout the globe and brings international journalists to the school for study and training. Cronkite also is home to PBS NewsHour West and Indian Country Today, creating enhanced coverage and added student opportunities.

ASU’s investment in the school has generated national and international attention from educators and media professionals who place the school in the top tier of all U.S. journalism schools, calling it a pioneer in shaping how news is delivered and how people will stay informed in the future.

The Cronkite School is supported by generous individuals, corporations and foundations seeking to help train the next generation of journalists and communication professionals at a pivotal moment of industry transformation and growth. To make a gift today, visit asufoundation.org/cronkite.
ABOUT WALTER CRONKITE

ASU's journalism program was named in honor of former CBS News anchor Walter Cronkite in 1984.

The relationship started when Tom Chauncey, longtime owner of the CBS affiliate in Phoenix and a leading supporter of journalism education at ASU, contacted his old friend in an effort to advance the program. An endowment on behalf of the program was soon established and the school was named after “the most trusted man in America.”

Over the next quarter of a century, Cronkite lent much more than his name to the school. He was closely involved — advising leadership, guiding students and faculty and traveling to Arizona each year to personally give the Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Journalism to one of the nation’s top journalists. The most special relationship, though, was with “our students,” as Cronkite would always call them. Young women and men, some with parents barely old enough to remember Cronkite behind the anchor desk, lit up when he walked into a classroom. They hung on his every word as he thoughtfully answered their questions about the profession he so loved. They lined up just to shake his hand, and he loved every minute of it.

In what turned out to be Cronkite’s last visit to ASU in 2007 before declining health prevented him from traveling, a group of 100 students gathered with just a few minutes of notice that Cronkite was in the building. He held them spellbound as he spoke about covering World War II, Vietnam, Apollo, Watergate and presidents from Truman to Reagan — and of how important “our school” was to him. Although Cronkite died on July 17, 2009, before he was able to visit the new building, he remains an ever-present part of the school’s spirit and mission.

ABOUT OUR GRADUATES

The Cronkite School has about 14,000 alumni throughout the Valley, across the country and around the world. Many are leaders in television, digital media, newspapers, radio, magazines, public relations and digital marketing.

In 1993, the Cronkite School inducted its first class into the Cronkite Alumni Hall of Fame. The charter inductees were Al Michaels (‘66), an Emmy Award-winning sports broadcaster best known for anchoring “Monday Night Football,” and Bill Redeker (‘71), an ABC News correspondent who covered the Middle East and the Far East during his 30 years with the network.

Other notable Cronkite Alumni Hall of Fame inductees include Matt Barrie (‘01), anchor of SportsCenter and studio host of ESPN College Football; Nicole Carroll (‘91), editor-in-chief of USA Today; Becky Anderson (‘94), CNN International anchor; Julie Cart (‘98), Pulitzer Prize-winning Los Angeles Times reporter; Derrick Hall (‘91), president and CEO of the Arizona Diamondbacks; Christine Devine (‘87), news anchor at FOX 11 in Los Angeles; Mary Kim Titla (‘85), founder of Native Youth Magazine; Ray Artigue (‘76), president of The Artigue Agency; and Chip Dean (‘77), legendary director of ESPN’s “Monday Night Football.”

Stay connected to fellow #CronkiteNation alumni on LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.
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**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION**

Talal Alshathry, “Shifting Sands: A Qualitative Case Study of Changing Dynamics in the Saudi Media Landscape”

Allison Forbes, “Ball is (Virtual) Life: An Ethnographic Examination of Identity, Culture and Community in NBA 2K”

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