



"We march on toward the realization of the American Dream. We are not diverted by those who would deny opportunity based on what we look like or where we came from or who would deny equality based on who we love."

– Donna Brazile

BRAZILE & PERINO

Listen and Learn at Annual Awards Dinner

By Brenda L. Holmes

Speaker duos for the Indiana Chamber's Annual Awards celebration are not new. Watergate reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein took center stage in 2012. James Carville has been part of two such occasions – with wife Mary Matalin in 2006 and Republican counterpart Karl Rove in 2018.

Two women with different political perspectives (but a common employer in Fox News) will be in the spotlight on November 7 at the 30th Annual Awards Dinner. Learn more here about Donna Brazile and Dana Perino. Be sure to listen to IN Chamber podcast conversations with each, scheduled to air in September.



"I was raised to believe that America was a force for good in the world and that it should take its leadership role seriously."

– Dana Perino



“Politics is a rough and tumble business. It's not for the faint-hearted. I've got bruises and cuts from being in the political arena. But by and large, I understand how to navigate the process.”

– Donna Brazile

“If a political opponent has different approaches than mine, that doesn't make them a bad person. It means they have different backgrounds, experiences and ideas.”

– Dana Perino

Donna Brazile

- **Hometown:** New Orleans, Louisiana
- **Education:** Bachelor's degree in industrial psychology, Louisiana State University; fellow, Institute of Politics at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government
- **Books:** Author, *Cooking with Grease: Stirring the Pots in American Politics*; *Hacks: The Inside Story of the Break-ins and Breakdowns That Put Donald Trump in the White House*; and co-author, *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Politics*, with Yolanda Caraway, Leah Daughtry and Minyon Moore
- **Past Roles:** Chair, Democratic National Committee (DNC); campaign manager and political strategist; contributor, CNN and ABC
- **Current Roles:** Founder and managing director, Brazile & Associates; adjunct professor, Georgetown University; syndicated newspaper columnist, Universal Uclick; columnist, *O, the Oprah Magazine*; and contributor, Fox News

Key Experiences:

- First got involved in politics at the age of 9 when she worked to elect a city council candidate who had promised to build a playground in her neighborhood. The candidate won, the swing set was installed and a lifelong passion for political progress was ignited.
- Worked on the Democrat side of every presidential race from 1976 through 2000, when she became the first African American to manage a presidential campaign.
- Appointed as the chair of the Democratic National Committee's Voting Rights Institute in 2000. She would go on to serve as the interim chair of the DNC in 2016.

Dana Perino

- **Hometown:** Born in Evanston, Wyoming. Grew up in Denver
- **Education:** Bachelor's degree in mass communications with minors in both political science and Spanish, Colorado State University-Pueblo; master's in public affairs reporting, University of Illinois Springfield
- **Books:** Author, *And the Good News Is ... Lessons and Advice from the Bright Side*; *Let Me Tell You About Jasper ... How My Best Friend Became America's Dog*
- **Past Roles:** Assistant to the president and White House press secretary, President George W. Bush; spokesperson, Department of Justice; press secretary and staff assistant, two Colorado congressmen
- **Current Roles:** Fox News commentator and co-host, *The Five*, and anchor, *The Daily Briefing with Dana Perino*; publishing executive, Random House

Key Experiences:

- When she was growing up, her father expected that Dana and her younger sister would keep up with current events and debate at the dinner table. They would each argue with their own biases and then take the other side just as vehemently.
- First Republican woman to be named White House press secretary.
- Known as “the voice of reason” on Fox News' *The Five*.

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PERSONAL PERSPECTIVES



"Being a conservative has given me clarity; it's given me freedom – my mind is free; therefore, my heart is lighter. And that's a gift from God that I believe we have an obligation to share with others."

Dana Perino

"I want to talk to people. I want to listen. I want to reach out. I want to do so in civility and, most of all, I want to be able as a Democrat and a progressive and a liberal to talk to the Fox family, because they're Americans and they care about many of the same issues and concerns that I have."

Donna Brazile

ON MEDIA



"If you rely on the media for your information, to educate yourself about the candidates and what issues are facing the country, then you get just part of the equation. I think it's important that we as citizens of this democracy take the responsibility to get as much information as possible before we go into the voting booth."

Donna Brazile

"I don't think that I would always be asked about my feelings about liberal bias in the media if there wasn't any liberal bias in the media. If it was a moot question, then we wouldn't always have the discussion."

Dana Perino

What Others Have to Say

Brazile

"I've known Donna Brazile for about 40 years and, in 2016, the Democrats couldn't have selected a better person to lead them."

– Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr.

National Newspaper Publishers Association

About *Cooking with Grease: Stirring the Pots in American Politics*

"... readers will respond positively to the loving description of her Louisiana roots, her remarkable sense of purpose and her fierce loyalty to friends and family. Being a black woman informs all of Brazile's experiences, and readers get an invaluable glimpse of what it is like to be who she was, where she was, during one of America's most tumultuous political moments."

– Robert Barnett, *Publishers Weekly*

Perino

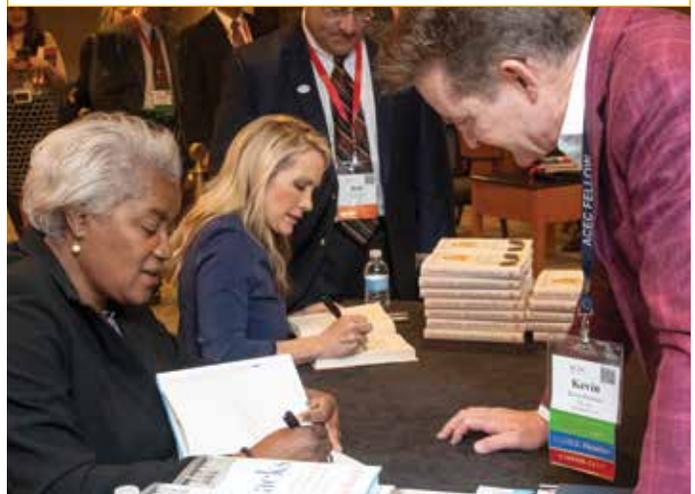
"What I look for in somebody like Dana is somebody who will walk in that Oval Office and give me sound judgment and good advice. And I have found that over the course of the time I've known her, she's capable of doing that."

– President George W. Bush (2007)

About *Let Me Tell You About Jasper ... How My Best Friend Became America's Dog*

"This book is a gem – modest and moving, clear and unpretentious. It gives the kind of practical and even ethical advice everyone starting out needs, but it's also funny and full of great stories. Dana is a true role model."

– Peggy Noonan, author and columnist



Donna Brazile and Dana Perino greet supporters and sign books at the 2019 American Council of Engineering Companies convention in Washington, D.C.