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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum to present
"A Conversation with Madeleine Albright"
A Discussion and Book Signing with
America's First Female Secretary of State Madeleine Albright
Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Henry A. Wallace Center at the
FDR Presidential Library and Home
Free public event; Pre-registration required
*Call (845) 486-1970 to register***

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum will present, "**A Conversation with Madeleine Albright**," on Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. During the program, Roosevelt Library Director Lynn Bassanese will speak with **Madeleine Albright** -- the first female Secretary of State of the United States (and, at that time, the highest ranking woman in the history of the United States government) -- about a variety of topics spanning from world affairs to Secretary Albright's famous collection of pins. This is a free public event, however, pre-registration is required. ***Call (845) 486-1970 to register.***

This program coincides with the Roosevelt Library's new special exhibition, READ MY PINS: THE MADELEINE ALBRIGHT COLLECTION. Featuring a collection of more than 200 symbolic and historically significant pins, this exhibit explores how Secretary of State Madeleine Albright used jewelry as a diplomatic, political and social tool.

Following the discussion, Secretary Albright will be available to sign copies of her books, including the best-selling READ MY PINS: STORIES FROM A DIPLOMAT'S JEWEL BOX, MADAM SECRETARY and PRAGUE WINTER, which will be for sale in the New Deal Store.

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ABOUT MADELEINE ALBRIGHT

Madeleine K. Albright is Chair of Albright Stonebridge Group, a global strategy firm, and Chair of Albright Capital Management LLC, an investment advisory firm focused on emerging markets. She was the 64th Secretary of State of the United States. Dr. Albright received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, from President Obama on May 29, 2012.

In 1997, Dr. Albright was named the first female Secretary of State and became, at that time, the highest-ranking woman in the history of the U.S. government. As Secretary of State, Dr. Albright reinforced America's alliances, advocated for democracy and human rights, and promoted American trade, business, labor, and environmental standards abroad. From 1993 to 1997, Dr. Albright served as the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations and was a member of the President's Cabinet. From 1989 to 1992, she served as President of the Center for National Policy. Previously, she was a member of President Jimmy Carter's National Security Council and White House staff and served as Chief Legislative Assistant to U.S. Senator Edmund S. Muskie.

Dr. Albright is a Professor in the Practice of Diplomacy at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service. She chairs both the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs and the Pew Global Attitudes Project and serves as president of the Truman Scholarship Foundation. She serves on the U.S. Department of Defense's Defense Policy Board, a group tasked with providing the Secretary of Defense with independent, informed advice and opinion concerning matters of defense policy. Dr. Albright also serves on the Boards of the Aspen Institute and the Center for American Progress. In 2009, Dr. Albright was asked by NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen to Chair a Group of Experts focused on developing NATO's New Strategic Concept.

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Dr. Albright is the author of five *New York Times* bestsellers: her autobiography, *Madam Secretary: A Memoir* (2003); *The Mighty and the Almighty: Reflections on America, God, and World Affairs* (2006); *Memo to the President: How We Can Restore America's Reputation and Leadership* (2008); *Read My Pins: Stories from a Diplomat's Jewel Box* (2009); and *Prague Winter: A Personal Story of Remembrance and War, 1937-1948* (2012).

Dr. Albright received a B.A. with Honors from Wellesley College, and Master's and Doctorate degrees from Columbia University's Department of Public Law and Government, as well as a Certificate from its Russian Institute.

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum

As generations of Americans that have no personal memory of the Roosevelt Era emerge, it is more critical than ever that the lives and legacies of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt be preserved and presented to new generations. The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum stands ready to serve as a visible and valuable resource for children and families, educators and students, and an international audience seeking to understand the past to make a better tomorrow. With a newly renovated building and new permanent museum exhibits the Library seeks to honor President Roosevelt's vision in dedicating his Library to the American people. The Roosevelt Library is one of thirteen presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For more information about the Library or its programs call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

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