Johns Hopkins SAIS Women Lead offers an opportunity to name its flagship Women Who Inspire lecture series, a series of conversations using the power of example to motivate students to become pioneers in their chosen occupations. Bringing two to three exceptional high-profile women each year to explore different facets of leadership, the program has already made an imprint at SAIS, by featuring intimate, off the record conversations with trailblazing women from a variety of career and life paths.

The series started and is moderated by Ambassador Shirin Tahir-Kheli PhD, herself an inspirational leader and the first American Muslim ambassador.

The Women Who Inspire series was inaugurated with a talk by The Honorable Barbara Barrett in December of 2015. A video of her talk appears here: https://www.sais-jhu.edu/content/launch-johns-hopkins-sais-womens-leadership-initiative.
Tina Brown CBE, founder and CEO of Tina Brown Live Media, delivered a lecture in October of 2016. She spoke about her efforts to create, through her Women In the World Summits, a platform for local women leaders to tell their stories to make a difference in their communities.

Former US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice visited the school to discuss international affairs and share insights from her new book, *Democracy: Stories from the Long Road to Freedom.*
Ambassador Lana Nusseibeh visited the Washington campus to discuss the importance of women’s rights, youth empowerment and extremism, and the UAE’s regional priorities at the UN.

Bestselling author Anne Hillerman delivered the third lecture in April 2017. Anne brought her newly released book *Song of the Lion* to JHU SAIS and shared with students her enthusiasm for creating a leading female character in the mystery genre.
With a commitment of $250,000, payable over up to five years, this high profile speaker series will be named in honor of the donor or another individual of his or her choice. Over the years, the series will build on its reputation as the premier lecture series of its kind, associating the benefactor with a legacy of global women’s leadership. The donor will be invited back to the school to meet Women Who Inspire speakers, and to other events hosted by SAIS Women Lead.

ABOUT JOHNS HOPKINS SAIS

Enrolling students from over 70 countries, Johns Hopkins SAIS combines the academic depth of graduate training with the practical policy attributes of a professional school degree. Alumni are known for their innovative thinking and problem-solving skills, and broad, multicultural experiences. Graduates go on to successful careers in government, international organizations, business, journalism, academia, and nonprofits.

A shared set of principles defines the SAIS education: evidence-based reasoning as the basis for policymaking, respect for humanitarian interests, and leadership with purpose. Students trained at SAIS bring these principles and practices to bear in government, business, and the non-profit sector. In the present time, providing talented young people the opportunity to pursue a SAIS education has never been more critical.