

“A woman is like a tea bag—you never know how strong she is until she gets in hot water.” ~ Eleanor Roosevelt



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Jasmine Crockett and Jane Hope Hamilton headed to runoff in Democratic primary for U.S. House District 30

By David Sentendrey and Steven Dial/FOX 4 News



State Rep. Jasmine Crockett and Jane Hope Hamilton
Photo/FOX 4 News

DALLAS - There will be a runoff in the Democratic primary for a congressional seat that represents much of Dallas County.

State Rep. Jasmine Crockett took an early lead in the field of nine in U.S. House District 30.

And with nearly all the ballots counted, she does not have 50% of the vote and will likely head to a runoff against longtime

party worker Jane Hope Hamilton.

"I think the fact that I actually have a record. You know, somebody who is running for their very first time for any position, running for Congress, they haven't had to actually establish a record. That is something that I have and the people know that," Crockett said.

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Texas primary sets up Abbott-O'Rourke race as midterms begin

By WILL WEISSERT and PAUL J. WEBER

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Republican Gov. Greg Abbott will face Democrat Beto O'Rourke after voters in Texas opened what could be a lengthy, bruising primary season poised to reshape political power from state capitals to Washington.

Both easily won their party's nomination for governor on Tuesday. Abbott is now in a commanding position as he seeks a third term, beginning his run with more than \$50 million and campaigning on a strongly conservative agenda in America's largest Republican state. That leaves O'Rourke facing an uphill effort to recapture the magic of his 2018 Senate campaign, when he nearly ousted Ted Cruz.

"This group of people, and then some, are going to make me the first Democrat to be governor of the state of Texas since 1994," O'Rourke told supporters in Fort Worth, where in 2018 he flipped Texas' largest red county. "This is on us. This is on all of us."

Abbott said, "Republicans sent a message."

"They want to keep Texas on the extraordinary path of opportunity that we have provided over the past eight years," his campaign said in a statement.

The GOP primary for state attorney



Beto O'Rourke - (AP FILE Photo July 24, 2019/Carlos Osorio)

general was more competitive. Former President Donald Trump's endorsement wasn't enough to prevent incumbent Ken Paxton from being forced into a May runoff. He'll face Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush, the nephew of one president and grandson of another, after neither captured a majority of the

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Europe welcomes Ukrainian refugees — others, less so

By RENATA BRITO



FILE - African residents in Ukraine wait at the platform inside Lviv railway station, Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022, in Lviv, west Ukraine. (AP Photo/Bernat Armanguie, File)

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — They file into neighboring countries by the hundreds of thousands — refugees from Ukraine clutching children in one arm, belongings in the

other. And they're being heartily welcomed, by leaders of countries like Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria, Moldova and Romania.

But while the hospitali-

ty has been applauded, it has also highlighted stark differences in treatment given to migrants and refugees from the Middle

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State of the Union: Biden vows to halt Russia, hit inflation

By ZEKE MILLER and COLLEEN LONG



President Joe Biden delivers his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress at the Capitol, Tuesday, March 1, 2022, in Washington, as Vice President Kamala Harris and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi of Calif., look on. (Jabin Botsford, Pool via AP)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Addressing a concerned nation and anxious world, President Joe Biden vowed in his first State of the Union address Tuesday

night to check Russian aggression in Ukraine, tame soaring U.S. inflation and deal with the fading but still dangerous coronavirus.

Biden declared that he and all members of Congress, whatever their political differences, are

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Masterclass Matriarchs: The Series

“My Day of Women”

By **Dr. J. Ester Davis**
Esterdavis2000@gmail.com

Welcome . . . to March 2022, and National Women Month. This lead topic is one we have been working on for months. Bravo!!! We now have our outstanding list of living Dallas Women who are ‘head-of-an-elephant-herd’ bringing noted value to the world. The women in our series are a grand mix of age, status, and purpose. They are rulers of history, bearing banners of significance, embodying daily examples of worth, charm, and beauty. In addition, please be aware. . .their resumes will not fit on one page. Nor can the lives they have affected be counted, estimated, or fantasized. We just want to place them in a masterclass all by themselves.

Mrs. Kathryn Mitchell turned 100 years old last year with a party only Skyline Ranch could accommodate. For those

not familiar with Texas ranches, Skyline is about normal size, about ninety(90)acres of grassy green, well-manicured “wonder” in Southern Dallas. After the well-attended party, and while the celebrating continued, it dawned on Kathryn that she had forgotten some people. Oh really!! You think. Mrs. Mitchell, a retired teacher, is, first of all, keen, kindhearted, and a kindred spirit. Her age does not hinder her ambitious attitude and young-at-heart spirit. We contacted a few native Dallasites about ‘when you think of Kathryn Mitchell what comes to mind’ . . . and here is a taste of the replies:

Tom Wattlely, a native son, who grew up on Reed Lane in South Dallas, immediately responded with “ we all benefitted from her contributions. I remember her in my

younger days”.

Columnist and literary scholar, **Norma Adams Wade**, was cooking breakfast for grands when I called. Without hesitancy, she uttered a litany of phrases my antiquated shorthand could not muster. . .she is a ‘strong tower standing in the center of a community around which people gather to hear the sound of her voice’. Whew!!

Michael Yehdell, a founding member of Dallas Black Firefighters, retired from active duty, now teaching Firefighting at Roosevelt High School, had his say. Mrs. Mitchell is a good neighbor, a great friend, always willing to help.

Kathryn Mitchell taught at DISD for a legendary 45 years. She and Yvonne Ewell after which one of our super schools is named were best friends. The planning of the school



Dr. J. Ester Davis

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"The voters will see that I'm ready to serve in Congress as their next member on day one as opposed to my opponent," Hamilton said.

This congressional seat opened up after Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson announced she was retiring from Congress.

Congresswoman Johnson has served nearly 30 years in Congress and she endorsed Crockett back in November.

Johnson missed her last State of the Union and spent the day campaigning and going to polls with Crockett.

Her endorsement carried a lot of weight for Crockett, who made a name for herself as one of the Democratic lawmakers who fled the state to deny Republicans the ability to pass a voting bill in Texas, which ultimately passed.

Tuesday night, Crockett was talking to supporters and watching the results come in with them. She had the name recognition and late money to stand out in this race.

Hamilton was endorsed by Rep. Marc Veasey after she served as his chief of staff. She also got endorsements from other prominent Texas Democrats.

Hamilton knew she was the underdog against Crockett, but with such a crowded field, she was hoping for a runoff.

Hamilton gathered with dozens of supporters Tuesday night and thanked them for their support.

"I want to thank every single person who trusted me with their vote. Voters responded to my lived experience as a mother and my professional experience as a longtime congressional staffer. I have walked the path of commitment to our community for over 20 years," Hamilton said.

There will be a runoff in the Republican race in this district as well. It's a tight race between James Rodgers and James "J-Frank" Harris.

This district, which covers much of the city of Dallas, especially the southern sector, and other parts of Dallas County, is considered a safe seat for Democrats.

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ACTS 6:8-15

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith



Of the seven chosen servant leaders, we come now and focus on the life of Stephen. He is a man full of the Holy Spirit (vs. 3, 5). The result of the Spirit's fullness in Stephen's life was that he "did great wonders and miracles among the people" (v. 8). In the New Testament era, the per-

formance of miracles was one of the signs of an apostle (II Corinthians 12:12; Hebrews 2:4), confirming his God-given authority. In verse 8, they observed the sterling person of Stephen, a man full of the Holy Spirit, faith, and wisdom. Now in verse 10, let

us observe the awesome power of Stephen. Since he was full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, the people were not able to discredit or silence him. As believers today, as we yield to the Holy Spirit, we are able to witness courageously for Christ. Although Stephen's ministry was met with opposition (vv.

9, 10-15), he nevertheless spoke boldly for the Lord. His antagonists had a two-fold charge against him. They said that Stephen was speaking against the temple and that he was changing the law of Moses. As he was about to answer the Sanhedrin, the Sanhedrin saw his face shining as the face

of an angel (v. 15). The face of Stephen glowed brilliantly as he faced those seventy-one men of the Sanhedrin. We need more Stephens today to witness a dying world. Stephen was not intimidated by those who opposed him. Like Stephen, we as believers today, need to possess the boldness of Stephen as we witness for Christ. As we witness, we need to utter, telling others that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Furthermore, we need to tell them: "But God commendeth His love

toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). As we continue to witness, we need to declare: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23). Lastly, we need to tell the unsaved: "That is thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9).

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votes cast.

While Paxton won more votes than Bush on Tuesday, his failure to win outright could raise questions about the power of Trump's endorsement as he seeks to reshape the party in his image in other primaries later this year.

Democrats faced challenges of their own. Nine-term U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar was trying to avoid becoming the first Democratic member of Congress to lose a primary this year. He will instead head into a runoff against progressive Jessica Cisneros.

The primary season, which picks up speed in the summer, determines which candidates from each party advance to the fall campaign. The midterms will ultimately serve as a referendum on the first half of President Joe Biden's administration, which has been dominated by a pandemic that has proven unpredictable, along with rising inflation and a series of foreign policy crises. The GOP, meanwhile, is grappling with its future as many candidates seeking to emerge from primaries, including a sizable number in Texas, tie themselves to Trump and his lie that the 2020 election was stolen.

Tuesday marked the state's first election under its tighter new voting laws that, among other changes muscled through by the GOP-controlled Legislature, require mail ballots to now include identification — a mandate that counties blamed for thousands of rejected mail ballots even before Election Day. More than 10,000 mail ballots around Houston alone were flagged for not complying. Technical issues also caused problems in Texas' largest county: Paper jams and paper tears in voting machines would take a couple days to work through while counting, said Isabel Longoria, Harris County's elections administrator.

Several voting sites around Houston were also short-staffed, she said, causing tensions in some locations.

"Democrats and Republicans bickering with each other, stealing each other's paper," Longoria said. "At the end of the day, they were able to help voters."

The primary also tested

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East and Africa, particularly Syrians who came in 2015. Some of the language from these leaders has been disturbing to them, and hurtful.

"These are not the refugees we are used to... these people are Europeans," Bulgarian Prime Minister Kiril Petkov told journalists earlier this week, of the Ukrainians. "These people are intelligent, they are educated people.... This is not the refugee wave we have been used to, people we were not sure about their identity, people with unclear pasts, who could have been even terrorists"

"In other words," he added, "there is not a single European country now which is afraid of the current wave of refugees."

Syrian journalist Okba Mohammad says that statement "mixes racism and Islamophobia."

Mohammad fled his hometown of Daraa in 2018. He now lives in Spain, and with other Syrian refugees founded the first bilingual magazine in Arabic and Spanish. He described a sense of déjà vu as he followed events in Ukraine. He also had sheltered underground to protect himself from Russian bombs. He also struggled to board an overcrowded bus to flee his town. He also was separated from his family at the border.

"A refugee is a refugee, whether European, African or Asian," Mohammad said.

The change in tone of some of Europe's most extreme anti-migration leaders has been striking — from "We aren't going to let anyone in" to "We're letting everyone in."

Those comments were made only three months apart by Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban. In the first, in December, he was addressing migrants and refugees from the Middle East and Africa. In the second, this week, he was addressing people from Ukraine.

Some journalists, too, are being criticized for descriptions of Ukrainian refugees. "These are prosperous, middle-class people," an Al Jazeera English television presenter said. "These are not obviously refugees trying to get away from areas in the Middle East... in North Africa. They look like any European family that you would live next door to."

The channel issued an apology saying the comments were insensitive and irresponsible.

CBS news apologized after one of its correspondents said the conflict in Kyiv wasn't "like Iraq or Afghanistan that has seen conflict raging for decades. This is a relatively civilized, relatively European" city.

As more and more people scrambled to flee Ukraine, several reports emerged of non-white residents, including Nigerians, Indians and Lebanese, getting stuck at borders. Unlike Ukrainians, many non-Europeans need visas to get into neighboring countries. Embassies around the world were scrambling to assist their citizens in getting through.

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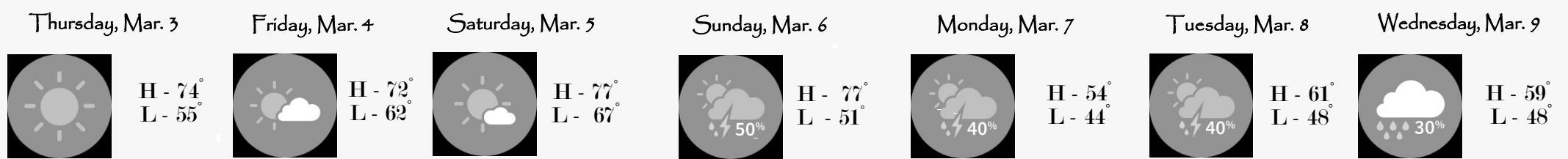
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Los Angeles Lakers sign D.J. Augustin waive DeAndre Jordan



New York Knicks forward Obi Toppin, left, snoots as Los Angeles Lakers center DeAndre Jordan defends during the first half of an NBA basketball game Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022, in Los Angeles. (AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill)

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers have waived center DeAndre Jordan and signed veteran point guard D.J. Augustin and forward Wenyen Gabriel.

The Lakers also waived Sekou Doumbouya on Tuesday before their home game against Dallas.

Jordan was a flop in his only season with the Lakers, who signed the 14-year veteran in September. He has been stuck to the Lakers' bench since Christmas, appearing in only five games. Jordan averaged 4.1

points and 5.4 rebounds per game while struggling to fit into Los Angeles' system on offense and defense. Dwight Howard has logged the majority of the minutes for a true center with the Lakers, who use Anthony Davis or LeBron James in the spot for long stretches.

Augustin appeared in 34 games for Houston this season, averaging 5.4 points and 2.2 assists per game in his 14th NBA campaign. The Rockets waived him Feb. 11.

Los Angeles is the 11th NBA franchise for

Augustin, who averaged 7.7 points and 3.3 assists per game last season between Houston and Milwaukee. The Bucks signed him to a three-year, \$21 million contract in the summer before trading him in a deal for P. J. Tucker.

Gabriel has appeared in seven games for the Clippers and the Brooklyn Nets this season. The Kentucky product is joining his sixth NBA franchise after appearing in 58 career games over three NBA seasons.

Denzel Washington to Discuss Hollywood and Faith at T.D. Jakes' International Leadership Summit

Two-Time Oscar Winner to Attend Global Conference Just After Academy Awards

CHARLOTTE, N.C., March 1, 2022—Two-time Academy Award winner and 2022 nominee Denzel Washington will be speaking at the 2022 International Leadership Summit, which is taking place March 31 through April 2 in Charlotte. The annual conference was founded by T.D. Jakes and brings together aspiring and tenured entrepreneurs, leaders, and influential change agents to revolutionize the future of leadership. At this year's event, Washington will join Jakes for a master class discussing Hollywood, faith, and life in the spotlight.

Washington, who is also a producer and director, is considered one of the greatest actors of his generation and holds the title as the most Oscar-nominated Black man of all time. Washington has 10

Academy Award nominations under his belt, including one this year for his work in *The Tragedy of Macbeth*. In 2019, Washington was honored with the AFI Life Achievement Award, one of the highest honors for a career in film. At the 2016 Golden Globe Awards, he received the Cecil B. deMille Award for lifetime achievement, which is bestowed by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association for outstanding contributions to the world of entertainment.

In addition to the Academy Award nomination for *The Tragedy of Macbeth*, Washington expanded his directorial portfolio in 2021 with *A Journal for Jordan*, starring Michael B. Jordan. Washington has previously directed the films *Antwone Fisher* (2002), *The Great*

Debaters (2007) and *Fences* (2016).

"Denzel Washington's career is unrivaled—both on and off the screen, his passion for impacting the world shines through," said Jakes. "Denzel's wisdom, business prowess, and ability to mentor and mobilize has indelibly influenced the world, and I am honored to welcome him to the International Leadership Summit."

Jakes has spent the last 45 years serving and inspiring people on a global scale. In addition to his role as Bishop of The Potter's House, Jakes is a philanthropist, an educator, a real estate developer and a respected leader in the international business community. The annual International Leadership Summit will provide

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joined "with an unwavering resolve that freedom will always triumph over tyranny." He asked lawmakers crowding the House chamber to stand and salute the Ukrainians as he began his speech. They stood and cheered.

It was a notable show of unity after a long year of bitter acrimony between Biden's Democratic coalition and the Republican opposition.

Biden's 62-minute speech, which was split between attention to war abroad and worries at home — reflected the same

balancing act he now faces in his presidency. He must marshal allied resolve against Russia's aggression while tending to inflation, COVID-19 fatigue and sagging approval ratings heading into the midterm elections.

Aiming to build on momentum from the speech, Biden will head to Wisconsin on Wednesday in an effort to show Americans that his domestic agenda is working. His vice president and Cabinet members will fan out around the country to amplify the message.

Biden heads again to an old bridge set to be

repaired — increasingly a symbol for his administration, tangible evidence of the nation that he's working to update. This time, it's a wrought-iron bridge that connects Duluth, Minnesota, and Superior, Wisconsin, across the St. Louis Bay.

The bridge will be replaced using funds from the massive infrastructure plan signed into law last year, a signature piece of bipartisan legislation and proof — Biden says — that the GOP and Democrats can still work together.

In Tuesday's speech, Biden highlighted the bravery of Ukrainian

defenders and a newly reinvigorated Western alliance that has worked to rearm the Ukrainian military and cripple Russia's economy through sanctions. He acknowledged costs to the American economy, as well, but warned ominously that without consequences, Russian President Vladimir Putin's aggression wouldn't be contained to Ukraine.

"Throughout our history we've learned this lesson — when dictators do not pay a price for their aggression, they cause more chaos," Biden said. "They keep moving. And, the costs and

threats to America and the world keep rising."

As Biden spoke, Russian forces were escalating their attacks in Ukraine, having bombarded the central square of country's second-biggest city and Kyiv's main TV tower, killing at least five people. The Babi Yar Holocaust memorial was also damaged.

Biden announced that the U.S. is following Canada and the European Union in banning Russian planes from its airspace in retaliation for the invasion of Ukraine. He also said the Justice Department was launching a task force to go

after Russian oligarchs, whom he called "corrupt leaders who have bilked billions of dollars off this violent regime."

"We are coming for your ill-begotten gains," he said, pledging that the U.S. and European allies were after their yachts, luxury apartments and private jets.

Biden pivoted in his speech from the troubles abroad to those at home. Even before the Russian invasion sent energy costs skyrocketing, prices for American families had been rising, and the COVID-19 pandemic continues to hurt families and the country's economy.

Women's History Month

Leading On Purpose

"My Day"

By Dr. J. Ester Davis



The City of Dallas was ready for Women's History Month with a celebration scheduled on City Council Day, March 2, 2022, hosted by the five(5) "Women of the Dallas City Council". Hold my mule!!

I think we take for granted how utterly beautiful the front entrance of our Dallas City Hall really is. The Luncheon and

Commemoration was held in the front room overlooking the Reflection Pool out front. The standing room only affair, started at noon with opening remarks by Deputy City Manager Kimberly Bizzor Tolbert. Invocation was elegantly delivered by Rev. Cynthia Mickens Ross. The Women's Chorus of Dallas was as delightful and soul-

ful as ever. The Mayoral Remarks and Proclamation acknowledging National Women's History Month officially opened the ceremonies for the exciting City of Dallas. Cheryl Williamson was the absolute appropriate guest speaker. Her autographed book "The Art of Influence" graced each

round table of ten. Cheryl has amassed numerous accolades such as featured author at the NAACP and Congressional Black Caucus Conference, 2017 Winner of the IALA Literary Trailblazer of the Year Award and executive producer of the short film *Illegal Rose*. I remember several points to Cheryl poignant message to women, but the most profound was that 'validation-is-for-parking'.

In 'Leading on Purpose' I received The Outstanding Performance in Civic and Community Service Award. The engraved award is a defining smoked beveled glass with an extra stylish edgework. This award coming from the city I love only makes me grateful for the many array of people I work with, the many returned phone calls, which is doubly important. It is a city that cares and willing to make it's courage and progress known. More expressly, I am reminded of a recent venture; to-wit: 'missing-black-girls' which ignited a fire storm wanting to explode. We are planning a second Town Hall Report propelled with 'live' survivals. Look for it!

Congratulations !!!! to all the women honored on March 2, and all the women that make the wheels of purpose, principal and prosperity turn every day in this strong municipality.

Thank you to the City of Dallas! You rock!!

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Dallas ISD middle school music programs remain strong



BY THE HUB

DALLAS — Last month, over 160 Dallas ISD middle school choir students competed at the Region 20 UIL Middle School All Region Choir contest, with 70 students earning a spot in one of the choirs! This honor reflects the high-quality educational experiences taking place daily in the middle school visual and performing arts classrooms in Dallas ISD.

The district's Visual & Performing Arts Department offers a set of courses at the middle school level, which delivers dynamic experiences for students interested in the visual and performing arts. These offerings include visual art, choir, modern band, traditional band, orchestra, mariachi, dance, and theater.

"Our department offers students access to multiple visual and performing arts disciplines which provide skills that will serve them in high school and beyond," said Dr. Matthew Edwards, Director of Choral, Elementary, and General Music at Dallas

ISD's Visual & Performing Arts Department.

Students participating in Dallas ISD's arts programs not only have the opportunity to develop these skills in the classroom but to showcase them in a wide array of regional and state competitions. These include UIL contests, the Region 20 All-Region Band, Choir, Orchestra, and Jazz Band, as well as the Dallas ISD Dance Festival.

"Thanks to our community partnerships with entities such as the Dallas Black Dance Theater, the Dallas Museum of Art, the Women's Chorus of Dallas, and the AT&T Performing Arts Center, our students enjoy unique opportunities to experience the arts at the highest levels of quality and engagement," added Dr. Edwards.

Dallas ISD is committed to offering students access to fine arts classes that will help them socially, emotionally, artistically, and academically through each stage of their public-school journey and beyond.

Women's History Month is an annual declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society.

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visionaries and leaders with the tools they need to become "master builders" who can construct a solid foundation and revolutionize the way they lead in an ever-changing world. Guests from 19 countries have registered to attend the summit, including Canada, the United Kingdom, Namibia, Kenya, South Africa and Switzerland.

Other speakers at this year's conference include Ghanaian President Nana

Akufo-Addo, business tycoon Janice Bryant Howroyd, author and political commentator Van Jones, pastor Joel Osteen, and other key figures in business, entertainment, nonprofit and faith arenas. Registration for the conference is open at ThisIsILS.org. Attendees may join virtually or in person.

About Denzel Washington

Denzel Washington is an actor, director, and producer. Washington received his first Academy Award for the

historical war drama *Glory* (1987) and his second for his portrayal of the corrupt cop in the crime thriller, *Training Day* (2001). He won a Tony Award for his performance in *Fences* during his return to Broadway in 2010. Washington earned his first Oscar Nomination for *Cry Freedom* (1987), as South African anti-apartheid activist Steve Biko. He most recently was honored with the AFI Life Achievement Award, one of the highest honors for a career in film.