

Jeb Bush Set to Deliver Liberty University's Commencement Keynote

Liberty University has announced that former Florida Governor Jeb Bush will be the keynote speaker for its 42nd Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 9.

Bush served as governor from 1999 to 2007 and was Florida's first two-term Republican to hold the position. During his tenure, he cut nearly \$20 billion in taxes, vetoed more than \$2.3 billion in earmarks, and reduced the state government workforce by more than 13,000. His limited government approach helped unleash one of the most robust and dynamic economies in the nation, creating 1.3 million net new jobs and improving the state's credit ratings, including achieving the first ever triple-A bond rating for Florida. Bush is credited for environmental, health care and economic improvements in the state and for overhauling its education system.

"Liberty University is honored to welcome Governor Jeb Bush to campus for our 42nd Commencement exercises," said Liberty President Jerry Falwell. "Throughout his years of public service, Governor Bush has been a champion for excellence in education and so many other issues of vital importance to our university community."

Jeb Bush graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in Latin American affairs and served as Florida's Secretary of Commerce before being elected governor. He has chaired several nonprofit organizations, including the Foundation for Excellence in Education, the Foundation for Florida's Future and the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy.

He will be the second member of his family to deliver

Liberty's Commencement address; his father, 41st U.S. President George H. W. Bush, spoke to graduates in May 1990 and received the honorary Doctor of Humanities degree. His brother, George W. Bush, was our nation's 43rd president. Jeb Bush announced in December that he is actively exploring a 2016 presidential run.