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Tuesday, November 8, 2011

Columbus Academy's Eighth Annual Fund Speaker Series

Celebration of Leadership
with special guest

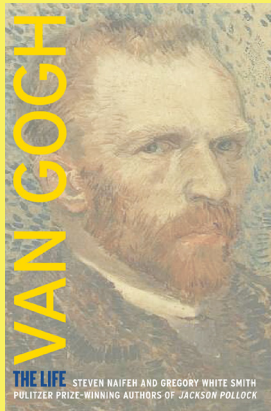
Gregory White Smith '69

Pulitzer Prize-Winning Co-Author of
Jackson Pollock: An American Saga &
Van Gogh: The Life (release date 10/18/2011)



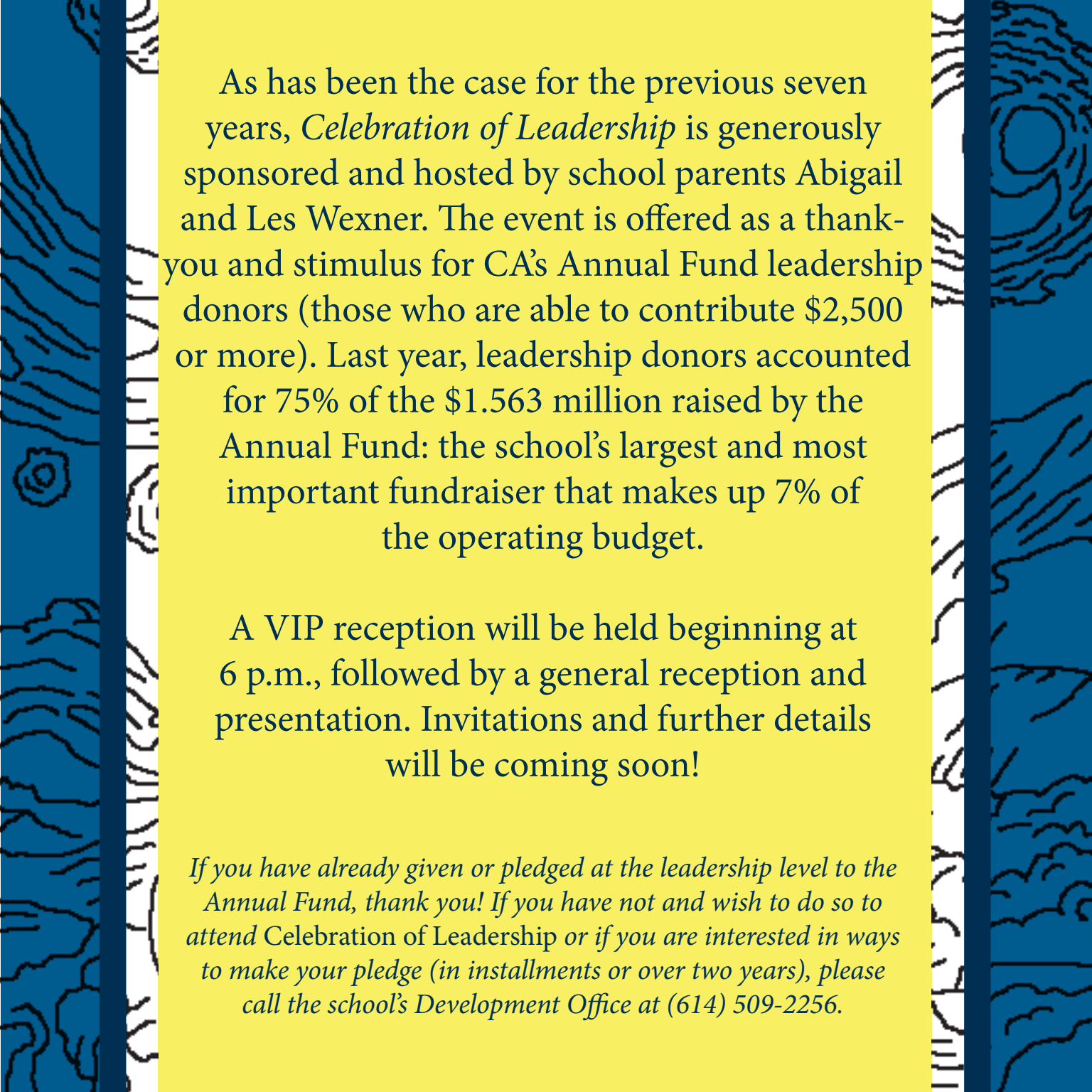
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Gregory White Smith '69 is a graduate of Harvard Law School, and the co-editor and co-founder of *Best Lawyers*, the leading lawyer-ranking publication in the world and now a partner with *U.S. News & World Report* in ranking the country's best law firms. Smith graduated from Colby College and has a Masters in Education, from Harvard University. He has been profiled in *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Harvard Magazine*, and *People*, as well as on *60 Minutes*, and has appeared on *Oprah*, *Larry King Live*, *Donahue*, the *Today show*, and *Charlie Rose*.



Van Gogh: The Life

Already praised as “the definitive biography for decades to come” by the curator of the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, this new biography reshapes our knowledge of the artist’s incredibly turbulent life, thanks to a wealth of primary sources never before available. The author team that wrote *Jackson Pollock*, winner of the Pulitzer Prize, finalist for the American Book Award and *New York Times* bestseller, has produced an in-depth, accessible, lavishly illustrated biography whose publication will be a major event. It is the account of an extraordinary and at times emotionally convulsive life but also the first book to trace the workings of an artistic genius in such graphic, gripping, and ultimately inspirational detail.

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As has been the case for the previous seven years, *Celebration of Leadership* is generously sponsored and hosted by school parents Abigail and Les Wexner. The event is offered as a thank-you and stimulus for CA's Annual Fund leadership donors (those who are able to contribute \$2,500 or more). Last year, leadership donors accounted for 75% of the \$1.563 million raised by the Annual Fund: the school's largest and most important fundraiser that makes up 7% of the operating budget.

A VIP reception will be held beginning at 6 p.m., followed by a general reception and presentation. Invitations and further details will be coming soon!

If you have already given or pledged at the leadership level to the Annual Fund, thank you! If you have not and wish to do so to attend Celebration of Leadership or if you are interested in ways to make your pledge (in installments or over two years), please call the school's Development Office at (614) 509-2256.