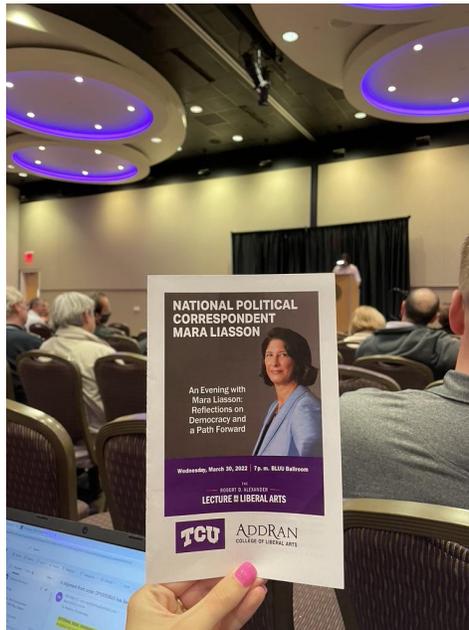


TCU celebrated education in the liberal arts at the annual “Lecture in the Liberal Arts.”



Sonja Watson welcomes attendees to a “Lecture in the Liberal Arts.” Photo by Siena Dancsecs

The evening was long awaited, as the event was postponed in March of 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. Sonja Watson, Dean of the AddRan College of the Liberal Arts, began the evening with a round of applause, celebrating the college’s mission and once again being together, for the first time in two years.

As Watson discussed, the AddRan College champions a liberal arts education, priding themselves on the communication, leadership and critical thinking skills their degree provides TCU students with.



The AddRan College of Liberal Arts is home to 38 different areas of study. Photo by TCU

Mara Liasson, well-known for her role as a political correspondent for NPR, was the keynote speaker at the celebration. In discussing her career path, Liaison credited her success to a

great liberal arts education. “As a History major at Brown University, I learned how to write, how to be a critical thinker, how to conduct research and how to express myself.” She went on to talk about how while the concept of liberal arts can have different meanings to different individuals, the fundamentals are all the same.

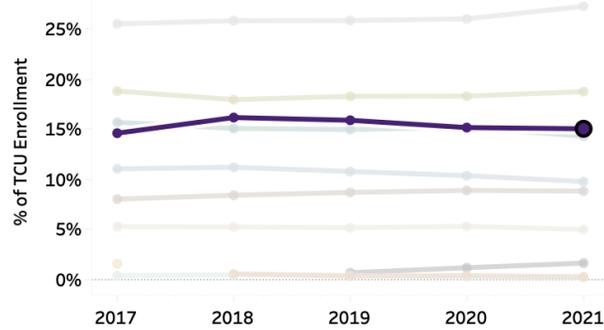


Mara Liasson was the keynote speaker of the evening, enlightening guests about the value of a liberal arts degree and her own career. Photo by NPR

Liberal arts offers a background in humanistic inquiry, [according to Princeton University](#). “A liberal arts education challenges you to consider not only how to solve problems, but also trains you to ask which problems to solve and why, preparing you for positions of leadership and a life of service to the nation and all of humanity.”

Liasson spent time in the White House as a correspondent for President Bill Clinton, and explained that her liberal arts background helped her in her position tremendously. She commended AddRan students for their choice in majors, assuring them that “the investment in a liberal arts education pays off.”

Percentage of Unduplicated Enrollment by College



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AddRan College of Liberal Arts

AddRan has the third largest enrollment out of the colleges on campus. Photo by TCU

AddRan students and Liasson share the same sentiments toward the value of a liberal arts education. “To me, having a liberal arts education is important. It means that I understand how to interpret many different beliefs and how they are different from mine,” said Blake Cone, a sophomore political science major. “What I have learned in AddRan is very comparable to real world issues, which I appreciate.