



Shelby Scholars Lecture Series

WILL AINSWORTH

Alabama Lieutenant Governor

ABOUT OUR GUEST

Lieutenant Governor Will Ainsworth, a dedicated public servant and accomplished businessman from Marshall County, is a prominent figure in Alabama politics and community development.

Before entering politics, Ainsworth served as a youth pastor at Grace Fellowship Church in Albertville, which solidified his commitment to community service. In 2014, Ainsworth transitioned to public service, winning a seat in the Alabama House of Representatives.

Adhering to a self-imposed term limit, Ainsworth ran for lieutenant governor in 2018. He was re-elected for a second term in 2022 without major party opposition.

As lieutenant governor, Ainsworth has been key in several legislative initiatives. In 2023, he led the largest tax cut in Alabama history, reducing the state sales tax on groceries by \$300 million. He also renewed the Alabama Jobs Act and Growing Alabama to enhance the state's competitiveness in attracting high-paying jobs.

His work with the Lieutenant Governor's Commission on a 21st Century Workforce focuses on improving workforce development and job training in Alabama.

Ainsworth chairs the Alabama Small Business Commission, advocating for policies that support both new and existing businesses. He also leads the Alabama Military Stability Commission, working on behalf of military members and their families, an effort recognized with the Pete Taylor Award from the U.S. Department of Defense.

Nationally, Ainsworth has served as the former chair of the Aerospace States Association, where he supported Alabama's aerospace industry, promoted STEM education, and worked to keep U.S. Space Command Headquarters in Huntsville.

Through his diverse career, Ainsworth continues to shape Alabama's economic landscape and public policy, driven by a deep commitment to his community and state. He is married to Kendall and is the father of Hunter, Hays, and Addie.

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4 PM at Tuomey Hall*