



# Shelby Scholars Lecture Series

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**STEVE DAINES**

*U.S. Senator*

## **ABOUT OUR GUEST**

A fifth-generation Montanan, Steve Daines brings 28 years of private-sector business experience to Washington, D.C. as he serves the people of Montana in the U.S. Senate.

Steve is a lifelong sportsman and grew up in Bozeman, Montana. After attending public schools (K-12) in Bozeman, Steve graduated from Montana State University with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering. He spent thirteen years in a management role for Procter & Gamble, the last six in China launching American brands to compete against Chinese companies, and then returned to Bozeman in 1997 to work in a family construction business.

Steve was elected to serve as Montana's United States Representative in 2012. During his time in the House, Daines championed legislation to expand responsible development of Montana's energy resources, move forward meaningful forest management reform, increase transparency and accountability in government, and require members of Congress to balance the budget — or see their pay terminated. He passed the most significant public lands bill for Montana in over 30 years and was ranked the most effective first-term House member in 2013 and 2014.

In the U.S. Senate, Daines is working on growing good-paying Montana jobs, developing the state's energy resources, managing and protecting public lands and supporting the needs of Montana's veterans and tribes. He serves on the Senate Committees on Finance, Banking Housing and Urban Affairs, Energy and Natural Resources, and Indian Affairs.

In 2022, Steve received the "Life in Congress – Workplace Environment" Democracy Award from the nonpartisan Congressional Management Foundation (CMF). The award recognizes offices that have established both formal policies and informal cultures that enhance the work-life fit and professional development of their staffs to better serve their constituents. In 2019, he received the Democracy Award for Transparency and Accountability from CMF; was recognized by the Lugar Center as a leading bipartisan senator in the U.S. Senate; and honored by GovTrack, an independent entity, for his bipartisan leadership and effectiveness.

Steve has been married to his wife, Cindy, for 37 years. They are the parents of four children and proud grandparents of six. Steve and his family are actively involved in their church and community volunteer organizations and enjoy backpacking, hunting, skiing, and fishing.

*Saturday, September 28, 2024  
10 AM at Tuomey Hall*