



Shelby Scholars Lecture Series

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ABOUT OUR GUEST

Matthew A. Swift is the Co-Founder, President & CEO of Concordia. Since its inception in 2011, Swift has grown Concordia into one of the leading convening institutions in the world that advances innovative cross-sector partnerships addressing the most significant challenges and opportunities of our time. Hosting summits in New York City, Miami, Bogotá, Athens, Madrid, London, Porto, and Guyana, Concordia actively bridges the divide between the public and private sectors, convening business and government communities to advance market-based solutions to critical challenges.

Today, the Concordia Annual Summit in New York City is the largest nonpartisan private sector forum parallel to the United Nations General Assembly. Swift has hosted discussions with preeminent world figures such as former U.S. Presidents George W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Joe Biden; President of Türkiye, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan; former President of Colombia Álvaro Uribe; The Carlyle Group Inc. Co-Founder David Rubenstein; former White House Advisor Ivanka Trump; and Uber (NYSE: UBER) CEO,

Dara Khosrowshahi. Swift is also the anchor and host of The Swift Hour, an online series of peer-to-peer conversations with prominent government, nonprofit, and business leaders, including former Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater; U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy; former White House Senior Advisor Jared Kushner; retired General and former NATO Supreme Allied Commander Wesley Clark; and Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of the Republic of Guyana.

Swift's career spans the public and private sectors. In 2024, Swift founded Montfort Group, a strategic business intelligence firm providing bespoke executive advisory services and crisis management. Prior to founding Concordia, Swift worked in the media industry, holding positions within News Corporation and its subsidiaries, Fox News Channel, British Sky Broadcasting, and the New York Post. A graduate of Georgetown University, Swift is a Council on Foreign Relations term member, Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce in Florida, and a member of the Board of the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library.

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3 PM at Tuomey Hall*