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Publisher Katharine Graham to Receive Miller Center Award for Public Service

**Charlottesville, VA — April 24, 2000** On April 29, 2000, the Miller Center will honor former Washington Post publisher Katharine Graham with the Miller Center Presidential Award for Public Service.

The Miller Center Presidential Award for Public Service is given to individuals who through their public service, contributions to the understanding and improvement of the American presidency, or assistance to Miller Center programs, have furthered the mission of the Miller Center of Public Affairs. Past recipients have included historian Dumas Malone, three former secretaries of state (George Shultz, Dean Rusk and Lawrence Eagleburger), arms control negotiator Paul H. Nitze and journalist Charles McDowell. Mrs. Graham will receive the award at a dinner to be held at the Miller Center, hosted by the Center's Governing Council.

Katharine Graham is a legend in American journalism. She led the Washington Post Company and its flagship publications, *The Washington Post* and *Newsweek* for more than thirty years, and expanded the company's holdings in television stations, cable systems, educational services and electronic media. Her memoir, *Personal History*, for which she received the Pulitzer Prize for Biography in 1998, is at once a reconstruction of her life and a chronicle of the challenges of running The Washington Post Company.

The Miller Center of Public Affairs is an autonomous unit of the University of Virginia. It links the local and university community to the wider world of national and international affairs. The Center is also among the country's premier sites for studying and understanding the American presidency and the executive branch of government.

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