

The long list of big political names who've spoken at Miami Dade College

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Miami Dade College will get a moment in the national spotlight June 15 when **Jeb Bush** [kicks off](#) his 2016 Republican presidential campaign. The university's used to it.

The list of presidents and presidential candidates who have delivered commencement speeches at one of the college's seven campuses over the years includes Vice President **Joe Biden** (2014), President **Barack Obama** (2011), former President **Bill Clinton** (2010), and President **George W. Bush** (2007). Jeb Bush himself spoke there as Florida governor in 1999 and 1997.

Bob Graham, who would become a presidential candidate in 2003, spoke in 1993. And **Gary Hart**, who ran in 1988, spoke in 1985.

The Bush brothers are Republican; the rest are Democrats.

Other Republicans have attended events hosted at the college, including during the Miami Book Fair International, a spokesman said: former Vice President **Dick Cheney**, presidential candidate **Marco Rubio** (whose own announcement [was held](#) at a college facility, the Freedom Tower), and former presidential candidates **Newt Gingrich**, **John McCain**, **Mitt Romney** and **Rick Santorum**. Former Vice President **Al Gore** (a Democrat) and former presidential candidate **Ralph Nader** (independent/Green Party) have also been featured.

A "leadership roundtable" series has drawn a number of political figures, including Clinton, Gore, former Presidents **Jimmy Carter** and **Gerald Ford**, and former First Lady **Barbara Bush**.

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