

2008 Scholar-Statesman Award Dinner

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Henry Kissinger was secretary of state of the United States under the Nixon and Ford administrations, from 1973 to 1977, and assistant to the president for national security affairs from 1969 to 1975. He has since served on numerous public boards, commissions, and study groups, as well as writing widely on foreign policy and diplomatic history. He is the chairman of Kissinger Associates, an international consulting firm. Dr. Kissinger was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1973, the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977, and the Medal of Liberty in 1986.

Charles Krauthammer has been a columnist for the *Washington Post* since 1985. His work is syndicated in more than 150 papers around the

nation and the world, and his writing appears regularly in such publications as *Time*, the *Weekly Standard*, and the *New Republic*. The recipient of numerous awards, he won the National Magazine Award for essays and criticism in 1984, the Pulitzer Prize for distinguished commentary in 1987, and the Bradley Prize in 2004.

Robert Satloff is executive director of The Washington Institute, a post he assumed in 1993. An expert on Arab and Islamic politics as well as U.S. Middle East policy, he has written and spoken widely on the Arab-Israeli peace process, the Islamist challenge to the growth of democracy in the region, and the need for bold and innovative public diplomacy to Arabs and Muslims. In addition, he is the creator and host of *Dakhil Washington* (Inside Washington), a weekly news and interview program on al-Hurra, the U.S. government-supported Arabic satellite television channel that beams throughout the Middle East and Europe.

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