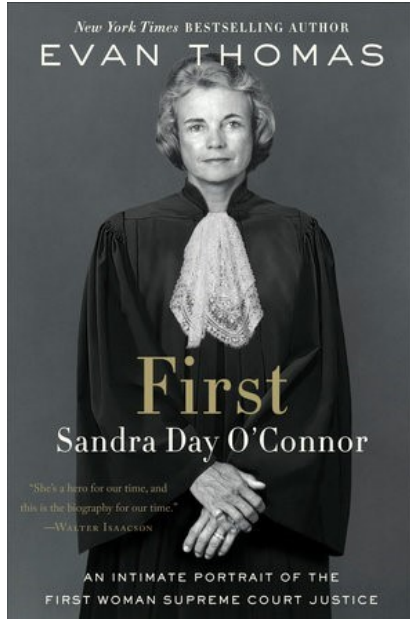


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**NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION
WILL HOST BIOGRAPHER EVAN THOMAS TO
DISCUSS FIRST, SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR**

*On Monday, April 22, from 7:30am to 9am at the Norwalk Community College PepsiCo Theater, New York Times best-selling author Evan Thomas will appear in conversation with former Connecticut Supreme Court Associate Justice Joette Katz. The event will include breakfast and a signed copy of Thomas's new biography, *First: Sandra Day O'Connor*.*

NORWALK, CT, March 19 2019—Evan Thomas was personally selected by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman to serve on the United States Supreme Court, to write her authorized biography, which is released this month. Norwalk Community College Foundation is excited to partner with Barrett Bookstore to host an exclusive conversation with Thomas at the Norwalk Community College campus. Having served over 18 years as an Associate Justice on the Connecticut Supreme Court, Joette Katz's insights are sure to inspire a unique and illuminating conversation with Thomas about his distinguished subject.

Attendees will receive signed copies of the new biography, which chronicles Justice O'Connor's groundbreaking life and career. The book has been described as a "vivid, humane, and inspiring portrait" by Drew Faust, president emerita of Harvard University and "a biography for our time," by Walter Isaacson.

Born in 1930 in El Paso and raised on an Arizona cattle ranch, Sandra Day O'Connor set her sights on Stanford University, and was accepted there at the age of 16. When she graduated near the top of her law school class in 1952, no firm would hire her. In 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor became the first woman appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court, ahead of many other "firsts" for women in public life in the years to come.

Evan Thomas is the author of ten books, including the New York Times bestselling *John Paul Jones, Sea of Thunder*, and *Being Nixon*. He was a writer, correspondent, and editor for thirty-three years at Time and Newsweek. Thomas holds a BA from Harvard, a JD from University of Virginia School of Law and has taught at Harvard and Princeton.

Proceeds from the event will benefit paralegal student scholarships at NCC. NCC offers the only paralegal program accredited by the American Bar Association in lower Fairfield County.

About the Norwalk Community College Foundation

The Norwalk Community College Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that supports expanding access to affordable, quality higher education, the development of a productive workforce, and contributing to the knowledge and well-being of our community by raising funds for Norwalk Community College.

The Foundation works with individuals, major corporations and local organizations to develop new initiatives and educational partnerships to inspire and engage our community to share talents and resources. With assistance from generous donors, the NCC Foundation provides \$3 million annually in scholarships, faculty and program support, and student success initiatives

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