



First Lady Melania Trump Named “Patriot of the Year”

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The First Lady was named “Patriot of the Year,” an honor Fox Nation awards to “heroes and patriots who have shown unwavering dedication to the values that make our country great.”

The First Lady’s speech awakened the “spirit of ambition,” inviting Americans to “celebrate everyone who dares to think differently, for it is these courageous Americans who are the heartbeat of our civilization.”

Drawing from her creative side, Mrs. Trump confessed, “most innovators know—it’s lonely when you are close to the edge of imagination—when you have a deep belief in your own power to create new realities. This is exactly where real change begins.”

Mrs. Trump also addressed the cynics, “Every breakthrough starts with one person daring to imagine what’s never been done. Her friends call it unrealistic, her family declares its ‘far-fetched’—but the human spirit moves forward anyway, turning vision into reality. One mind, one idea, one act of courage.”

And the First Lady ended the evening with a challenge to America: “make a personal pledge to celebrate ambition and scale imagination to create a more advanced and

prosperous society.”

Since returning to the White House for a second term, Melania Trump has driven a focused, results-oriented agenda across domestic and global fronts:

1. Championed the *TAKE IT DOWN Act* through Congress and into law
2. Secured \$25 Million in the President’s budget to provide housing support for youth who have experienced foster care
3. Launched America’s Presidential AI Challenge
4. Visited Americans impacted by catastrophic events in North Carolina, California, and Texas
5. Celebrated the United States Navy’s 250th Anniversary in Norfolk, Virginia
6. Hosted the first White House AI Education Task Force Roundtable
7. Established *Fostering the Future Together* during the United Nations General Assembly, a global coalition advancing education and technology for kids
8. Reunified eight children and their families displaced by the Russia-Ukraine conflict
9. Expanded her signature philanthropic initiative, *Fostering the Future*
10. Launched her Artificial Intelligence Audiobook, *Melania*
11. Produced her new feature film, *Melania*

Here are First Lady Melania Trump’s full remarks, as prepared for delivery, at the Fox Nation Patriot Awards.

Pledge to Celebrate Ambition and Scale Imagination

I applaud American Dreamers and Innovators who embrace originality.

Let’s embrace the spirit of ambition.

Let’s celebrate everyone who dares to think differently, for it is these courageous Americans who are the heartbeat of our civilization.

Trust me, I know a little bit about challenging convention.

Patriotism in our country dates back to our rebellious founders, who raged against British rule, seeking independence from the Crown. They all defied expectations, politically and intellectually. Each shared a common trait – they reinvented how things work.

We all have an image of Benjamin Franklin flying his kite in a lightning storm – the original innovator in science and technology. Thomas Jefferson pioneered architecture and design. Hamilton – our banking system.

Each built an extraordinary life – and in doing so, built a stronger America. Their personal ambition became a public good, benefitting us all.

We see it again and again – personal achievement fuels collective progress. When someone creates from conviction – a song, a movement, an idea – it ripples outward, uniting our people.

Daring to chase your dream is the American way. Innovation isn't accidental here – it's in our DNA.

In this country, innovation is a form of patriotism.

But most innovators know – it's lonely when you are close to the edge of imagination – when you have a deep belief in your own power to create new realities.

This is exactly where real change begins.

American ingenuity-built Silicon Valley, landed humans on the moon, and powered every industrial leap forward – from our winding railroads to Artificial Intelligence. Our great capital markets fuel development, and every day we celebrate our cultural disruptors from music to art and my new favorite frontier – The Silver Screen.

The silver screen and I have been in deep conversation lately. You may have heard the news – I produced a new film with Amazon MGM named – *Melania*.

What does the world want to know about becoming America's First Lady? The idea came to me shortly after the presidential election — a first-of-its-kind capturing the twenty days of my life before the inauguration.

Twenty intense days of transformation – from private citizen to First Lady – balancing my business, my philanthropy – “Fostering the Future,” building my East Wing team and the White House staff, and, of course, caring for my family.

Creatively, my film provides a snapshot into a defining moment in history. But what's equally powerful is its ripple effect. My single vision united photographers, filmmakers, music makers, writers, and creative visionaries across New York, Palm Beach, D.C., and L.A., leading to an impactful bi-coastal collaboration – driving job growth and impact far beyond the screen.

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Risk and reinvention aren't optional – they're obligations. Be relentless in experimentation. Never stop trying new things. Keep pushing yourself to grow, both intellectually and personally. Embrace different perspectives, even opposing ones.

Open your mind. Then change the world through your talent and hard work.

We talk a lot about “the greater good.” The truth is, the greater good is built by the few who dare to think differently. It's the designer who imagines beauty where others see data. It's the engineer who stays up all night refining an algorithm that reshapes an entire industry.

Those who produce, give. They create employment, tools, knowledge, and eventually – cities. And from their creation, the common good rises – naturally, beautifully, inevitably.

So, America, tonight, let's make a personal pledge to celebrate ambition and scale imagination to create a more advanced and prosperous society. Individual productivity is not selfish. It's the heartbeat of civilization.