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## **Dr. Ben Carson Speaks to Students at Southern Methodist University in Joint Event with Turning Point USA**

DALLAS, TX – Dr. Ben Carson, Founder and Chairman of the American Cornerstone Institute (ACI), addressed students at Southern Methodist University (SMU) at a joint event with Turning Point USA on Tuesday, October 15, 2024. Dr. Carson shared a message on the importance of young people staying informed, engaging in the issues facing the country, and actively playing a role in shaping the nation’s future. He also discussed ACI’s *Executive Branch for America Program*, a free online resource designed for conservative-minded students and individuals considering federal service.

“It’s always a privilege to speak to the bright young people of this country who have their whole lives ahead of them. I consider it an honor to inspire them and remind them that the future of this great Republic is theirs to shape if they have the courage to stand for what’s right,” said Dr. Carson. “I’m grateful for organizations like Turning Point USA leading the way for young conservatives and free thinkers, providing a lively platform for discourse, debate, and diversity of thought and expression,” he continued.

Following his remarks, a brief panel discussion was conducted by SMU’s Turning Point Student Chapter President, Preston Patten.

“The event was exactly what I believe the campus experience is all about. Open dialogue, free exchange of ideas, and an opportunity for students to hear different perspectives. Voices like Dr. Carson’s deserve to be heard on campuses across the nation and this event highlighted that,” said Preston.

In the fall of 2023, ACI teamed up with Turning Point USA to bring Dr. Carson’s message of civil engagement and common sense to campuses across the country. In addition to SMU, Dr. Carson has visited Michigan State University, Clemson University, Auburn University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, West Virginia University, Ohio State University, Florida State University, and Texas A&M University.

Dr. Carson will headline upcoming events at the following schools:

November 14	University of Georgia, Athens, GA
November 19	University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

All events are free to attend, but a ticket must be obtained in advance. Go to <https://eba.americancornerstone.org/events-2/> to get your tickets today.

To learn more about the Executive Branch for America Program, visit <https://eba.americancornerstone.org>.

The American Cornerstone Institute is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded by Dr. Ben Carson that focuses on advancing America's founding principles of faith, liberty, community, and life. Learn more by visiting [AmericanCornerstone.org](http://AmericanCornerstone.org).

Turning Point USA empowers informed civic and cultural engagement grounded in American exceptionalism and a positive spirit of action. Turning Point USA guides citizens through development of knowledge, skills, values, and motivation, so they can meaningfully engage in their communities to restore traditional American values like patriotism, respect for life, liberty, family, and fiscal responsibility. Go to <https://www.tpusa.com> for more.