

## MELIORA WEEKEND 2017

# Good Morning, Rochester!

ABC anchor Robin Roberts joins lineup of Emmy, Pulitzer, and Grammy Award winners for Meliora Weekend.

Robin Roberts, coanchor of ABC's *Good Morning America*, will be the keynote speaker for the 17th Meliora Weekend, headlining a weekend that also features the *Wall Street Journal*'s Peggy Noonan, who won a Pulitzer Prize this spring, as well as 22-time Grammy Award winner Chick Corea.

The weekend kicks off Thursday, October 12, and continues through Sunday, October 15. Roberts will deliver her address at the Palestra on Saturday, October 14.

Under Roberts's leadership, *Good Morning America* has won five Daytime Emmy Awards for Outstanding Morning Program.

She has conducted interviews with a diverse group of newsmakers, including former President Barack Obama and Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, and has done extensive reporting around the globe on breaking news events such as the 2010 earthquake in Haiti and the AIDS crisis in Africa.

She has also won personal fights against breast cancer and the bone marrow disease myelodysplastic syndrome, experiences that she recounts in her 2014 memoir *Everybody's Got Something*.

Roberts will be part of a cast of special guests who will be featured throughout Meliora Weekend, the annual fall celebration of the University.

**GUEST LIST ANCHOR:** Robin Roberts, an Emmy Award-winning coanchor of ABC TV's *Good Morning America*, is the keynote guest for this fall's Meliora Weekend, October 12 to 15.

## Watch for Registration

Registration and ticketing will be available in late July. For more information or to sign up for all Meliora Weekend event updates, visit [Rochester.edu/melioraweekend](http://Rochester.edu/melioraweekend), email [alumni@rochester.edu](mailto:alumni@rochester.edu), or call 877.MELIORA (877.635.4672).

## An afternoon of perspective with Peggy Noonan

On Friday, October 13, *Wall Street Journal* columnist and best-selling author Peggy Noonan will bring her analysis of the nation and its leaders to the annual Presidential Symposium hosted by President and CEO Joel Seligman.

The author of books on American politics, history, and culture, as well as essays for *Time* magazine, *Newsweek*, the *Washington Post*, and other publications, Noonan received the Pulitzer Prize for political commentary this spring for her coverage of the 2016 presidential election.


## Chick Corea with Steve Gadd's band bring jazz to Kodak Hall

With a new studio album dropping this fall, the Corea/Gadd Band will perform in concert at Kodak Hall at the Eastman Theatre on Friday, October 13.

Keyboardist and composer Chick Corea is a 63-time Grammy Award nominee (fourth-most of all-time) and a 22-time Grammy Award winner. He's also earned three Latin Grammy Awards. Drummer and Rochester native Steve Gadd '68E is among the most well-known and highly regarded session and studio drummers. Coleading a band for the first time, Corea and Gadd have previously produced albums together, including *The Leprechaun* and *My Spanish Heart*. Both have performed to sold-out crowds at Rochester's International Jazz Festival in recent years.

## Jeffrey Toobin serves on Miller's Court

Jeffrey Toobin, a staff writer for *The New Yorker* and a senior analyst for CNN, will join noted attorney and broadcaster Arthur Miller '56, '08 (Honorary) to discuss and interpret the law in one of Meliora Weekend's signature events, Miller's Court.

Previously an assistant U.S. attorney, Toobin is one of the most recognized legal journalists in the country, and a noted lecturer and bestselling author. His book *The Run of His Life: The People v. O.J. Simpson* was the basis for the FX Network's acclaimed 10-part limited series *American Crime Story* (2016). Miller's Court takes place on Saturday, October 14. 





**STAGE DEBUT:** Jazz great Chick Corea and noted session and studio drummer Steve Gadd '68E will lead a band together (above) for the first time when they perform in concert on the stage of Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre.



**HOLDING COURT:** Legal analyst Jeffrey Toobin (left) will join noted attorney and broadcaster Arthur Miller '56 for this fall's Miller's Court, a freewheeling discussion of legal issues that Miller has moderated annually during the weekend.



**PRIZE COLUMNIST:** The *Wall Street Journal's* Peggy Noonan (right), who won a Pulitzer Prize this spring for her coverage of the 2016 presidential election, will offer her take on the state of American politics and political leadership.