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Subject Colonel Matthew Bogdanos -- Presidential Lecture

To: Campus Community

I invite students, faculty, and staff to attend a Presidential Lecture by Colonel Matthew Bogdanos, espionage agent, assistant district attorney, 9/11 survivor, and decorated soldier, entitled, "Iraq Museum Investigation: Fact & Fiction," during this coming Wednesday's Campus Lifetime in the Wang Center Theatre. A slide presentation and discussion about the looting and recovery of Iraq's antiquities last April will be the focus of his talk.

After losing his apartment in the World Trade Center disaster on September 11, he joined a special forces task force and deployed to Afghanistan, where he received a promotion to colonel and a Bronze Star for classified counter-terrorism operations, identifying hundreds of senior Taliban and al Qaida leaders, 11 of whom were determined to be in the "Top 25" in the Global War on Terrorism.

Following his release from active duty in December 2003, Colonel Bogdanos returned to New York City, where he is a homicide prosecutor with the New York County District Attorney's Office. His prior prosecutions include 15-year-old "baby butchers" Daphne Abdela and Christopher Vazquez for the 1996 murder of Michael McMorrow in Central Park, and rappers Sean "Puff Daddy" Combs and Jamal "Shyne" Barrows for the 1999 shooting of three victims in Club New York. I believe you will find Colonel Bogdanos' experiences both interesting and challenging. Please join us -- Wednesday, March 17, 12:45-2:00 p.m. (Campus Lifetime), Charles B. Wang Center Theatre.