The Alexander Hamilton Award was instituted to celebrate and honor those individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the nation’s civic and intellectual life. We chose to name the award after Hamilton because he was a man of ideas and action. As aide-de-camp to Washington during the Revolution, the primary author of the Federalist Papers, and the nation’s first Treasury secretary, Hamilton, perhaps more than anyone, set the course for America’s bright future and prosperity over the next two centuries. Our honorees this year have each made Hamiltonian contributions to America, and the Manhattan Institute is privileged to honor them this evening.
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Reihan Salam is president of the Manhattan Institute. Previously, Mr. Salam served as the executive editor of National Review and was a National Review Institute Policy Fellow. In 2017, he was named a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum. Mr. Salam is a contributing editor to The Atlantic, the author of Melting Pot or Civil War?, and the coauthor, with Ross Douthat, of Grand New Party.

Early in his career, Mr. Salam was an editorial researcher for David Brooks at the New York Times and a producer at NBC News, before becoming associate editor of The Atlantic. Since joining MI, Mr. Salam has overseen the creation and launch of the New York City: Reborn initiative, which focuses on policies that will rejuvenate New York City, and the Policing and Public Safety initiative, which expands on MI’s legacy of criminal-justice work.
Paul E. Singer is the founder and president of Elliott Management Corporation, a New York-based trading firm launched in 1977 with $1 million of capital. Total assets under management by the Elliott funds have grown to approximately $41 billion, as of July 1, 2020. Elliott has affiliated offices elsewhere in the United States, London, Hong Kong, and Tokyo.

Mr. Singer is cofounder of Start-Up Nation Central, an Israel-based nonprofit organization. He is on the board of Harvard Medical School and is chairman of the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research.

Mr. Singer holds a B.S. in psychology from the University of Rochester and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.
Michael B. Mukasey served as the 81st attorney general of the United States, from November 2007 to January 2009. During that time, he oversaw the U.S. Justice Department and advised it on critical issues of domestic and international law. From 1988 to 2006, he served as a district court judge in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, becoming chief judge in 2000. While on the bench, he handled numerous cases, including the trial and conviction of Omar Abdel Rahman, the so-called “blind sheikh,” responsible for a wide-ranging conspiracy that included the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center and a later plot to blow up New York landmarks. He also presided over the case of Jose Padilla, convicted of conspiring to commit terrorist acts. Judge Mukasey is currently in private practice in New York City.
EUGENE B. MEYER
THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY

Eugene B. Meyer, president and CEO of the Federalist Society, has served as executive director, CEO, and/or president of the organization for more than 30 years. He is responsible for shepherding the organization from a small group of law students to a community of 70,000 lawyers, law students, academics, judges, and others interested in the rule of law. The Society now includes a student chapter at nearly every ABA-accredited law school in the country and Lawyers Chapters in 100 major cities across the nation. Mr. Meyer holds a B.A. in history from Yale and an M.A. in political science from the London School of Economics. He currently serves on the boards of the U.S. Chess Center, the Holman Foundation, the Sarah Scaife Foundation, and the advisory board of the Adam Smith Society. He holds the title of International Chess Master.
Heather R. Higgins is president of Suasion Insights LLC, a research and messaging consulting firm, and CEO of Independent Women’s Voice (IWV), which brings conservative free-market ideas to swing voters—particularly women, independents, and millennials.

Ms. Higgins is involved in numerous organizations that work to improve people’s lives by creating a freer, fairer, and more innovative and prosperous country. She currently serves as chairman of Independent Women’s Forum (IWV’s sister organization), as an overseer of the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, and, until recently, on the board of the Philanthropy Roundtable. Ms. Higgins runs the Randolph Foundation, a venture funder of conservative policy ideas and organizations. In addition, she sits on the boards of UBS’s New York-based mutual funds and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.
Leonard Leo joined the Federalist Society over 25 years ago, and has been instrumental in helping it become the preeminent conservative legal organization, with more than 70,000 members committed to advancing limited, constitutional government.

Mr. Leo has assisted two presidential administrations on judicial selection as an outside advisor and participated in the Gorsuch and Kavanaugh Supreme Court selection and confirmation process as well as the outside coalition efforts in support of the Roberts and Alito U.S. Supreme Court confirmations. He was a recipient of the Bradley Prize for his work in advancing freedom and the rule of law.

He was appointed by President George W. Bush to three terms as chairman of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom. He was also a U.S. delegate to the UN Council and UN Commission on Human Rights.

Mr. Leo holds degrees from Cornell University and Cornell Law School. He and his wife reside in Northern Virginia, along with their seven children.
Daniel S. Loeb is CEO of Third Point LLC, a New York-based asset-management firm founded in 1995. The firm often engages with company management and boards to improve performance and also takes passive stakes in companies with a long-term view of value creation. In addition to offering behind-the-scenes advice to numerous companies, Mr. Loeb has served on five publicly traded company boards.

In his philanthropy, Mr. Loeb has championed individual rights, fighting for greater economic opportunity for all, and combating discrimination and inequality. He is active in improving America’s schools to ensure that all children have access to high-quality education, reforming our criminal-justice system, and promoting LGBT rights globally. He is a strong supporter of Jewish and Israeli causes and is a trustee of the Mount Sinai Health System and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Loeb holds an A.B. in economics from Columbia University, where he has endowed the Daniel S. Loeb Scholarship for undergraduate study and received the school’s John Jay Award for distinguished professional achievement.
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