



THE ECHO FOUNDATION
2024 Annual Award Celebration
Honoring Charles Bowman, Executive in Residence, UNC Charlotte
Keynote Panel: Echoes of Wiesel
Monday, September 16, 2024 | 6:00 – 9:30 PM
Wells Fargo Auditorium & The Bechtler Museum of Modern Art

Please join us for an exquisite night as we celebrate Charles Bowman whose tireless work for good has enriched the lives of many and has helped to shape some of the finest features of Charlotte and North Carolina. Together we are **Building a Runway for the Future!**



CHARLES BOWMAN, Executive in Residence, University of North Carolina, Charlotte - Charles Bowman currently serves as Executive in Residence at UNC Charlotte after retiring in 2022 as the President of Bank of America for North Carolina and Charlotte. Prior to joining the Bank, he practiced law in Charlotte and was the Associate Director of the Morehead Foundation (now Morehead - Cain Foundation). During his 25-year career at the Bank he held various positions, including Associate General Counsel, Business Finance Executive, Director of State Government Relations, Regulatory Strategies Executive, Enterprise Business and Community Engagement Executive and Global Compliance Executive. In the Charlotte community Bowman has served on numerous civic committees and on governing boards of nonprofit organizations. He continues to serve today on the Boards of Atrium Health (Charlotte Mecklenburg Hospital Authority), the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Greater Charlotte YMCA, City of Charlotte Arts and Culture Committee and the North Carolina Railroad. In 2024, Bowman was honored with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. Bowman was graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a Bachelor’s Degree in American Studies, and received his Master’s Degree from Duke's Public Policy Institute and his law degree from North Carolina School of Law. He, and his wife, Mary, have two adult sons.

“Reinventing Diplomacy”

Join us as we present ECHOES OF ELIE WIESEL, visiting Echo Student Alums, scattered across the globe today, return to Charlotte to share their stories, their career paths, and the impact of Echo and the legacy of Elie Wiesel on their lives. This panel of young voices will speak about Elie Wiesel's Legacy and what we can learn from this great master about diplomacy today.

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Ambassadors Committee	\$5,000	6 Tickets to Award Ceremony, Elite Seating, Reception, Named Sponsorship
Individual Elite Tickets	\$1,500	2 Elite Tickets to Award Ceremony, Elite Seating & Reception
Patron Ticket	\$350	1 Patron Ticket to Award Ceremony, VIP Seating & Reception

Event Attire: Dark Suit/Cocktail

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“Our obligation is to give meaning to life and in doing so to overcome the passive, indifferent life.” – Elie Wiesel, Nobel Peace Laureate and Echo Co-Founder

What we do

The Echo Foundation empowers the next generation with the knowledge and tools to create a better world.

Why we exist

We believe in the power of education to inspire students to become the voices of conscience necessary to create a future built on human dignity, understanding and justice.

Our story

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Our initiatives

Voices Against Indifference: A curriculum-based educational program, VAI connects high school students with global humanitarians who exemplify the power of the individual to make a difference.

Footsteps Global Initiative: Provides regional youth with the opportunity to learn about, travel to and serve locations of humanitarian importance, while offering a global perspective.

Books Beyond Borders: Students collect gently used and new books to furnish libraries for children around the world.

Living Together in the 21st Century: Living Together in the 21st Century is a curriculum-based education outreach project for 2nd-grade students to teach problem-solving strategies, conflict resolution and respect for others.

Forum for Hope: Designed to promote social responsibility among regional business, faith and education institutions from the top down, the Forum for Hope is an opportunity for community



leaders to connect with global humanitarians.

“What can ONE person do?” - Stephanie Ansaldo, President of Echo