

# Ready To Run, Hillary Clinton To Announce 2016 Bid On Sunday

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WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton will end months of speculation and launch her highly anticipated 2016 presidential campaign on Sunday, skipping a flashy kickoff rally in favor of conversations with voters about the economic needs of middle class families and the next generation.

Clinton, the former first lady and secretary of state who lost the 2008 nomination to Barack Obama, will begin this time by courting voters in living rooms and cafes in early voting states. If victorious in 2016, she would become the nation's first female president.

The first official word of her candidacy will come in a video posted on social media and to supporters online, according to two people familiar with her plans. She will then turn to states such as Iowa and New Hampshire, looking to connect directly with voters in small, intimate settings.

The people familiar with her plans spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss them publicly.

Clinton has offered glimpses in recent speeches of why she will again seek the White House. Another preview came Friday in the epilogue to the paperback version of her 2014 book, "Hard Choices."

"Becoming a grandmother has made me think deeply



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about the responsibility we all share as stewards of the world we inherit and will one day pass on," Clinton writes in the new chapter, according to a preview published by The Huffington Post. "Rather than make me want to slow down, it has spurred me to speed up."

The Sunday announcement will mark Clinton's formal return to politics following a two-year leave from government.

Kicking off her campaign with straight-up retail politics, where she can talk to voters one-on-one, would be a departure from how Clinton jumped into her first presidential campaign. In 2007, Clinton also launched with a video, but followed it with a large, boisterous rally in Des Moines: "I'm running for president, and I'm in it to win it."

This time, the emphasis will be making a personal connection, rather than

touting herself. Clinton allies say they hope the intimate settings will let people see a more nurturing, empathetic side, along with her sense of humor.

"I think she's going to make sure she's in the small venues, the living rooms, the smaller places where she can connect directly with the voters," said Sylvia Larsen, a former New Hampshire state Senate president and a longtime Clinton supporter. "When people meet Hillary Clinton, they are persuaded. She's very down to earth and very personable."

By campaigning heavily in Iowa and New Hampshire, Clinton hopes to avoid making the same stumbles she did in 2008, when she entered the race as a U.S. senator and a heavy favorite only to be upset by Obama.

"She's a very decent wonderful woman, but sometimes they come out of the New York atmosphere and they're surrounded by staff and they're insulated. We don't want to see that," said Davenport, Iowa, Mayor Bill Gluba, a Democrat elected in a nonpartisan election who backed Obama in 2008.

Clinton appears unlikely to face a formidable primary opponent, though a handful of lower-profile Democrats have said they are considering campaigns. Some liberals have tried to lure Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts into the race, but she has rejected the idea.

Should she win the nomination, Clinton would face the winner of a Re-

publican primary field that could feature as many as two dozen candidates. They could include former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, who is expected to announce his campaign in Miami on Monday.

Republicans have been preparing for a second Clinton campaign since she left Obama's administration in early 2013. They intend to campaign against her by equating her potential presidency to that of a "third" Obama term, during which they argue she would continue his most unpopular policies.

"I'm curious what her slogan is going to be. I suspect it won't be 'four more years,'" Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, another possible GOP candidate, said Friday.

In the past few weeks, Clinton has faced withering criticism over her use of a personal email account and server while she was secretary of state, as well as the Clinton Foundation's acceptance of donations from foreign governments.

Also, Republicans running a select congressional committee reviewing the 2012 attack on a U.S. facility in Benghazi, Libya, which took place during Clinton's tenure at the State Department, are investigating her decision to delete thousands of emails she has deemed personal in nature.

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underclassmen who stepped up to the plate this year, Marks said.

"We won last year, and we lost a lot of seniors going into the year. Our kids knew they had to buckle down and put in the time and work as the season kept going," she said.

"They just kept growing and growing, and we did extremely well in districts. I told them, 'You guys have the most qualifiers out of the state. If you go down there and place, you have an awesome chance of bring home another title.'"

Wausa took 17 competitors to the state meet and picked up multiple points in two categories. The Vikings finished first and second in Oral Interpretation of Drama (OID) and first and fourth in duet acting. The team also picked up points with seconds in both poetry and persuasive, third in informative, fourth in entertainment and fifth in humorous prose.

"We went down there very focused and very excited," she said.

The Wausa contestants showed their flexibility with individuals who competed in different categories at the state meet. Marks pointed to the example of Sam Hennings, who presented a persuasive speech on children's feelings of entitlement and

an informative speech about neurologic.

Wausa competes in the rugged Lewis and Clark Conference, and Marks notes the season schedule is like competing in the state contest week after week.

"Those northeast Nebraska schools are the ones that we compete against frequently," she said. "We competed all year in the OID against Crofton and Hartington Public, and we would be the OID finals together almost every week."

The recent NSAA state results bear that out, as northeast Nebraska schools excelled at the state level.

In Class C1, Hartington-Newcastle finished fourth, Hartington Cedar Catholic finished eighth and Plainview finished ninth.

In Class C2, Crofton claimed the runner-up spot, while Ponca, Laurel-Concord/Coleridge and Creighton also scored points to finish a respective 19th, 23rd and 27th.

In Class D1, Wausa was joined by Verdigré, which finished 12th. In Class D2, Wynot finished in ninth place.

However, the speech contestants from different schools cultivate friendships more than rivalries, Marks said.

"The kids have an awesome relationship," she said. "When we went to watch some of the other finals (at the state meet), the other schools would say, 'Come watch us (perform).'"

The kind of success seen this year breeds further success, and the Wausa program has grown stronger through

the years, Marks said. In a number of cases, students follow in siblings' footsteps. Parents, and the community in general, has shown tremendous support for the speech and fine arts programs, she added.

"The kids are dedicated every year, and this team has grown. The first year I was here, we had 20 kids, and this year it was 36, so we have become really strong," she said. "I don't have to recruit. They come out of the woodwork. They are excited about it."

Because of Wausa's smaller enrollment, students compete in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. In the case of fine arts, the state-one act play contest is followed almost immediately by the speech season. The consecutive compressed seasons can become tiring at times.

"We had our first (speech) competition during the last Saturday in January and then all of February. We practice five nights a week," Marks said. "We're in competitions during all those Saturdays and into March. Once they get started, they're very busy. And our kids are also involved in other different activities. They're not just in speech."

The students have shown a strong work ethic and are reaping the rewards, Marks said. "It requires hard work and dedication, and I always like to see it pay off for the kids," she said.

The current success will ultimately bring lifetime rewards, Marks said. "I always tell the kids,

you're building a lifetime skill," she said. "When you go to college and have the ability to write a speech, it will help you immensely. Being comfortable talking to other people in a group or as individuals is a skill you will never regret."

The following Wausa students qualified and placed/competed at the state speech meet:

Rachel Knox - competed in Extemporaneous  
Tyler Story - completed in Poetry  
Jessah Molina - placed 2nd in Poetry  
Luc Bloomquist - placed 4th in Entertainment  
Sam Hennings - placed 3rd in Informative  
Brianna VanDeWalle - competed in Informative  
Sam Hennings - placed 2nd in Persuasive  
Mary Johnson - competed in Persuasive  
Darren Nissen - placed 5th in Humorous Prose  
Jessah Molina and Christian Wilken - placed 1st in Duet Acting  
Jordan Burns and Hannah Nelson - placed 4th in Duet Acting  
Christian Wilken, Claire Vanness, Darren Nissen, Blake Bloomquist, and Brice Barney - placed 1st in OID  
Ryan Kumm, Jordan Burns, Regan Hennings, Luc Bloomquist, and Aidan Kleinschmit - placed 2nd in OID

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## Mourners Pay Respects For Walter Scott

A steady stream of mourners, including Charleston Mayor Joseph Reilly Jr., gathered Friday afternoon at a wake in downtown Charleston to pay their respects to Walter Scott, the black man who was shot to death by a white North Charleston police officer.

Many walked into the funeral home smiling as they greeted people in the hallway and left minutes later in tears or shaking their heads with pained expressions on their faces.

Visitors walked between two columns of wooden pews toward Scott's open casket, which was draped in an American flag and adorned with a Dallas Cowboys banner and a figurine of a player.

A heart-shaped flower arrangement on the left read "Beloved Father" and a ribbon on the right said "St. Andrews Parish High School Class of 1984."

## Firms Push High-Tech Airport Sensors

Technology firms increasingly pitch new sensors and software to U.S. airports as a way to bolster exterior security and keep intruders out, but such digital barriers come with a hefty price tag and don't always work.

An Associated Press investigation this week documented 268 instances in which people hopped over, crawled under, drove cars through or otherwise breached the fences and gates protecting the perimeters of 31 of the nation's busiest airports from January 2004 through January 2015.

How to address the problem is up for debate. "There's a lot of things that can be done," said John Pistole, retired director of the Transportation Security Administration, who, like airport officials, argues the perimeters are secure and that breaches are rare. "The question is whether there's an appetite for paying for it."

Congressman Eric Swalwell, D-Calif., said the number of airport breaches over the past decade is cause for action and that new technologies should be installed on perimeters.

## Ohio Court Awards Wrongly Imprisoned

CINCINNATI (AP) — Two brothers exonerated after spending decades in prison on a conviction and death sentences in a 1975 slaying have been initially awarded more than \$1.6 million in compensation from the state of Ohio for wrongful imprisonment.

The Ohio Court of Claims on Friday granted that amount to Wiley Bridgeman, 60, and Kwame Ajamu, 57, and the brothers' attorneys said compensation for lost wages has yet to be determined and awarded.

Bridgeman, Ajamu, and Ricky Jackson were sent to death row after aggravated murder convictions in the slaying of Cleveland businessman Harry Franks. Their sentences were later commuted to life in prison.

Last year, the three men were exonerated after the case against them fell apart when the prosecution's key witness — then a 13-year-old boy — recanted his testimony as an adult.

## Car Window Plea Lands Kidney Donor

SOUTH PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Hospital officials said they're optimistic they can overcome the remaining medical and legal hurdles in a kidney transplant case whose donor was found through an ad on a car window.

Joshua Dall-Leighton responded to a plea for a donor painted on the back of Christine Royles' car.

Royles, who's suffering from kidney failure, organized fundraisers to pay bills and reimburse the potential donor's unpaid time away from work. An online fund, set up by someone else, raised about \$50,000.

The fundraising, though well intentioned, created a problem because hospitals must avoid any appearance that donors are being financially rewarded.

Still, Maine Medical Center remains hopeful it will "be in a position to perform a successful operation," spokesman Matt Paul said Friday. The hospital must determine how the rules of the National Organ Transplant Act apply to crowd-sourced donations for Dall-Leighton, Paul said. Legal advice is expected next week, he said.

It's not unusual for money to be raised to help defray costs associated with organ donation, such as missed work, babysitting or transportation, but those expenses usually are only about \$6,000.

The director of the organ transplant program, Dr. John Vella, suggested Thursday the problem of the fundraising in Royles' case can be resolved. He said the money flowed only after Dall-Leighton, of Windham, responded to the plea by Royles, of nearby South Portland, and made an "altruistic" decision to donate a kidney.

The hospital also needs to complete testing and evaluation of Dall-Leighton to confirm he's an eligible kidney donor. Royles has an uncle in Syracuse, New York, who's a potential match, but Dall-Leighton is considered to be a stronger candidate.

## Science

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Congress because of their area of interest in medicine or other scientific fields," he told the *Press & Dakotan*. "I plan to be a mechanical engineer. You could say, STEM is my cup of tea. I'm really good with my hands, and I want to work with buildings. I like to build stuff and make stuff work."

Gusso, the son of Greg and Bonnie Gusso of Yankton, has maintained near perfection in the classroom, holding a 3.9 grade point average.

During the three-day Congress in Boston, Gusso will join students from across the country and hear Nobel Laureates and National Medal of Science Winners talk about leading scientific research. The students will also be given advice from deans of the world's top technical universities, be inspired by fellow teen science prodigies and learn about cutting-edge advances and the future of science and technology.

One of the main speakers will be a 15-year-old winner in a 3M scientists' contest who met President Obama, Gusso said.

The YHS student said he finds the teenage scientist's example "inspiring."

"He's close to my age, and it really shows you can make a difference," Gusso said. "It also shows, if you work hard enough, you can gain recognition and reach that same level of achievement."

The congress' schedule calls for an appearance by a graphic designer who won three Oscars for work on the movie "Life of Pi," he added.

Gusso has already gained national attention with his prowess in the Science Olympiad program. He believes those showings helped him win an invitation to the upcoming congress.

He has qualified for the national Science Olympiad for five consecutive years, starting as a seventh grader. He has consistently placed in the top half of the national entries, often in the top one-third of the rankings.

The pinnacle, at least so far, came last year when he and his science partner finished fifth in the national event.

"We had to build a vehicle to carry an egg to the wall," he said. "We had to make the car go as fast as we could to the wall and stop as close as possible. We got to the wall in three seconds and finished one inch from

the wall." His fifth-place finish marked one of the highest Yankton placings in national competition.

"It was reassuring to know we could go to a national competition and compete in engineering science. We could compete against the large schools and the magnet schools," he said. "It was one of those moments where you feel proud of what you accomplished. You worked hard, and it paid off."

Those kinds of achievements and goals are what the science congress sponsors hope will spur even more young people to enter medicine and science, according to a news release.

The Boston event seeks to honor, inspire, motivate and direct the nation's top students who aspire to be scientists and technologists. The congress attempts to help them stay true to their dream and, ultimately, to provide a path, plan and resources to help them reach their goal.

"This is a crucial time in America when we need more doctors and medical scientists who are even better prepared for a future that is changing exponentially," said Richard Rossi, executive director of National Academy of Future Scientists

and Technologists.

The upcoming congress should prove educational in more ways than one, Gusso said.

"I've never been to Boston or the East Coast. I've never left the Midwest," he said. "While I'm in Boston, I'm looking forward to seeing that much history. After the congress, I'll spend a couple of extra days seeing the sights and experiencing Boston. It should be really interesting. I look forward to it."

Gusso plans to attend the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (SDSM&T) in Rapid City. He chose the school because of its strong academic reputation, its close connection with South Dakota and other Midwest engineering firms, and the ability to stay in his home state.

He credits the Yankton school and community with providing a firm foundation that will serve him well regardless of where the future takes him — including meetings with former astronauts. "A lot of people really support our science programs in Yankton," he said. "It's a great place for young scientists growing up."

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