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Half Past Six O'Clock in the Evening
Friday, the Eighth of November, Two Thousand and Thirteen

James A. Baker III Hall
Rice University, Houston, Texas

BLACK TIE  VALET PARKING
Addressing the Challenges of the 21st Century

FEATURING

A Presidential Conversation

WITH

The Honorable George W. Bush

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The James A. Baker III Prize for Excellence in Leadership
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The Honorable Hushang Ansary

Hushang Ansary holds a distinguished record of service in private enterprise and the public domain. In his native Iran, he held important cabinet positions, including Minister of Economy and Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs, and was Iran’s Ambassador to the United States. Mr. Ansary is one of Houston’s most prominent philanthropists. His lifelong commitment to education, health care and the alleviation of human sufferings has been honored internationally. He has been decorated by the governments of Japan, South Korea, Norway and Pakistan. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. Mr. Ansary is a founding member of the Baker Institute for Public Policy and has served on its Advisory Board since its inception.

The James A. Baker III Prize for Excellence in Leadership recognizes nationally and internationally renowned individuals for outstanding achievements in government, business, science, education or philanthropy. We award this prize to those who exemplify the vision of building “a bridge between the world of ideas and the world of action,” conceived by the Honorable James A. Baker, III, when he established the Baker Institute. Recipients embody the institute’s mission to nurture the ties between academia, government and the private sector.

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Twenty years ago, the Baker Institute was established to bring together scholars, statesmen and students to generate research that would impact the domestic and foreign policies of our nation. Today, the Baker Institute ranks 21st among think tanks in the United States. Globally, it is ranked the 13th best university-based think tank and 6th among energy research programs worldwide. Our nonpartisan policy research is disseminated to decision-makers around the world. As the institute begins its third decade, we will continue to shape and influence the formulation of public policy, bringing a compelling voice to our national dialogue.
The 20th Anniversary Gala Celebration dinner will be an unprecedented taste of excellence prepared by six of Houston’s James Beard Foundation Award-nominated chefs.

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- Premier full-color name or logo placement on the institute website for one year
- Premier listing in the dinner program
- Invitation to the private reception before the dinner event with James A. Baker, III, and former President George W. Bush
- A one-year membership at the Ambassador level to the Baker Institute Roundtable
- Sponsorship of 8 Rice University students to attend the event

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- Select listing in the dinner program
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- Table seating for 10 guests
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- Listing in the dinner program

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- Individual ticket to the dinner event
- Listing in the dinner program

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The favour of your reply is requested by Friday, the Eighteenth of October