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Prime Minister of Barbados
Member-On-Leave, Inter-American Dialogue
Keynote Speaker
2019

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TIM KAINE
US Senator from Virginia
Leadership Award for Public Service
2014

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JUAN MANUEL SANTOS
Nobel Peace Prize Recipient
President of Colombia
Member, Inter-American Dialogue
Lifetime Achievement Award for Peace
2016

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President, Fundación Colunga
Distinguished Leadership Award for Women's Rights and Empowerment |
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Distinguished Leadership for the Americas Award |
| | Mr. Daniel Chávez Morán | Founder, Grupo Vidanta & Fundación Vidanta
Distinguished Leadership for the Americas Award |
| | Mr. Salvador Paiz | Co-Chairman, Grupo PDC, Chair, FunSEPA
Distinguished Leadership Award for Civic Engagement |
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