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Hillary Clinton to deliver keynote at Simmons College women's leadership conference

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Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton will give a keynote address at a Simmons College women's leadership conference in the spring, campus officials announced Wednesday.

"Secretary Clinton is the most admired woman in the world," said a statement from Simmons President Helen G. Drinan. "She has dedicated her career to public service as an attorney, First Lady, Senator, and Secretary of State. As an advocate for women and girls, she has inspired millions of women to reach their full potential. Simmons is deeply honored to host such an exemplary role model."

Clinton will deliver the closing speech at the 35th annual Simmons Leadership Conference at the Seaport World Trade Center Boston on April 23.

Also scheduled to attend the conference are: legendary singer, dancer, and actress Rita Moreno; Campbell Soup Company CEO Denise Morrison; former NASA astronaut Mae Jemison; award-winning journalist Rana Foroohar; and renowned humanitarian Zainab Salbi, co-founder and former CEO of Women for Women International, according to the college.

Simmons said the conference is the "longest-running women's leadership forum in the country" and attracts more than 3,000 business and professional women each year.

This year's sold-out conference is called "Jumping the Curve," which "reflects the need to step away from the familiar and face the unknown in order to succeed," the college said in a statement.

For live updates during the conference, follow @SimmonsLeads and #SLC14 on Twitter.

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