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Patrick J. Kennedy to Speak at Vanderbilt University Chancellor's Lecture Series

Nashville, Tenn. / March 13, 2018 – As part of its Chancellor's Lecture Series, Vanderbilt University will welcome Patrick J. Kennedy on March 13. Kennedy, a former congressman and the nation's leading mental health advocate, will explore the system we need for better mental health and addiction care in the U.S.

According to Vanderbilt University's website, the Chancellor's series strives to connect the university and the Nashville community with intellectuals who are shaping our world. Previous guests have included The Honorable Eric H. Holder Jr., Former United States Attorney General; Admiral James Stavridis, 16th Supreme Allied Commander at NATO; and Sally Yates, Former Acting United States Attorney General.

For more information, visit <https://www.vanderbilt.edu/chancellor/lecture-series/>

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About Patrick J. Kennedy:

Former Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy (D-R.I.) is a lifelong mental health advocate and member of the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis. He is the founder of The Kennedy Forum, a convening think tank tackling mental health and addiction issues and co-founder of One Mind, a global leader in open science collaboration for brain research. In 2015, he co-authored *A Common Struggle*, a New York Times best seller, which details his personal journey and provides a roadmap for the future of mental health policy. Mr. Kennedy is pushing for full enforcement of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008. He was the lead sponsor of this groundbreaking legislation, which requires health plans cover mental health, eating disorder, and addiction care health benefits the same way they cover physical health benefits. To learn about Mr. Kennedy's efforts, please visit www.patrickjkennedy.net.