



Wednesday, November 5, 2003

Lecture by CNN reporter rescheduled for Nov. 20

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The co-host of CNN's "American Morning," O'Brien will share her role as a woman in the media and the road to success in the sometimes cutthroat TV news business. She also brings her unique Latino, Irish and African-American heritage to the podium. With this perspective, she is qualified to address a variety of topics such as the media, technology, women's issues and diversity and has become a modern day renaissance woman in the world of broadcast journalism.

Balancing motherhood with her full-time career, she is the former host of NBC's "Weekend Today" show, MSNBC's "Morning Blend" and a former reporter for "NBC Nightly News." She started working at CNN in July 2003.

During her career, O'Brien has covered such notable stories as the school shootings in Colorado and Oregon; Taliban prisoners held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center; and John F. Kennedy Jr.'s plane crash and death. More recently, O'Brien covered the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster and anchored NBC's weekend coverage of the war in Iraq.

O'Brien has received many awards, including an Emmy for her work as co-host on the Discovery Channel's "The Know Zone." In 1998, she was named one of the "Top 100 Irish-Americans" by "Irish Magazine," and in 1997, she was awarded the Hispanic Achievement Award in Communications. She is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and the National Association of Hispanic Journalists.

O'Brien's lecture, "The Road to Success," which is being sponsored by the Student Life Lecture Board, is free and open to the public. No tickets are required.

For more information on this event, contact the **Center for Student Activities** at (248) 370-2400 or csa@oakland.edu.

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