

CAROLINE KENNEDY



Caroline Kennedy has demonstrated a life-long commitment to service, education, and cross-cultural understanding. Here in New York City, Kennedy spent ten years as Vice-Chair of the Fund for Public Schools, where she transformed the Fund into a system-wide leader for public school reform and arts education. As United States Ambassador to Japan, Kennedy increased student exchange programs, supported women's economic empowerment, and played a critical role in ongoing reconciliation efforts culminating in President Obama's visit to Hiroshima, the first sitting President to do so. As Ambassador to Australia, she led outreach efforts to indigenous communities and cultural organizations and increased U.S. engagement with younger and diverse immigrant communities.

In 2014, while working with the DreamYard Project in the Bronx, Kennedy founded the International Poetry Exchange Program, a program for students in the Bronx, Japan, Korea, Australia, and the Philippines who meet monthly virtually and in-person to share spoken word poetry. She is the author/editor of 11 New York Times best-selling books on law, civics and poetry. A graduate of Harvard University and Columbia Law School, Kennedy has served on numerous non-profit boards including the Carnegie Corporation, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, and the Harvard Institute of Politics. She is the Honorary President of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation.