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SHANNON WIGFIELD

## Breakfast to support student scholarship

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NEW PHILADELPHIA – The second annual Shannon Wigfield Scholarship Breakfast will be March 14 at Buckeye Career Center. The proceeds from the breakfast will support the Shannon

Wigfield Scholarship through the Buckeye Career Center Foundation, which awards a \$2,500 scholarship to a deserving BCC senior.

Wigfield taught at BCC for 24 years. She died in a November 2023 bus crash involving the Tusky Valley band and chaperones.

The breakfast, from 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at BCC, 545 University Drive NE, will include doughnuts from area shops, plus fruit and yogurt parfaits. A silent auction also is planned.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$10 and

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California Gov. Gavin Newsom has been in the spotlight for resisting the Trump administration's deployment of the National Guard in his state, a redistricting measure and using a punchy style online to go toe-to-toe with President Donald Trump and the MAGA movement. JOHANNES SIMO/GETTY IMAGES FILE

## Democrats wrestle with their 2028 approach

Views differ on how to tackle Trump, appeal to swing voters

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WASHINGTON – The way Andy Beshear sees it, the next Democratic nominee for president ought to be a governor. As someone who runs a state, he says his colleagues have a proven track record against President Donald Trump and for struggling Americans.

"When the American people are hungry for someone that makes their life a little bit better or a little bit easier. That's what governors do on a daily basis," the 48-year-old governor of Kentucky said.

"People see Democratic governors have the receipts, and Donald Trump does not," Beshear said. "He probably doesn't like that very much."

The question for rank-and-file Democratic primary voters beginning to kick the tires on early contenders, however, is more likely going to be what type of governor.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom, 58,

seized the spotlight early in 2025 by resisting the Trump administration's deployment of the National Guard in his state, counteracting the White House's effort to take more House seats through redistricting when other Democratic governors hesitated, and using a punchy online style going toe-to-toe with Trump and the MAGA movement.

Beshear is often cast as the anti-Newsom in terms of personal background and political presentation, coming from a red state Trump has won three times with ease. He talks about kitchen table issues, learning Gen Z slang from his teenage children, and his Christian faith when defending abortion rights and supporting the LGBTQ+ community.

Americans are already tired of the chaos and divisiveness Beshear said has been caused by the current administration, and they will be even more exhausted by 2028, suggesting Democrats aren't looking for a liberal version of Trump.

"I'm not going to criticize Gavin, because he's in a very different position – this president attacks California and attacks him on a daily basis," Beshear said. "But for me, I'm not the guy that mocks people on social media. And if that's what Democrats are looking for, then I'm not their guy."

With a few exceptions, top contenders in the shadow primary for the 2028 Democratic nomination are mostly governors, including Beshear and Newsom, Maryland Gov. Wes Moore, Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker.

But unlike previous state chief executives who've claimed the White House – think Jimmy Carter from Georgia, Bill Clinton from Arkansas and George W. Bush from Texas – they are contending with a president of the opposite party who relishes picking fights with states and their leaders.

That means the early jockeying is as much a personality question for Democrats as an ideological litmus test for

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## Pastor bringing Harvest Crusade to Canton

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CANTON – Pastor and evangelist Greg Laurie will bring a free Harvest Crusade event to Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium this summer.

The June 13 event will feature live worship and popular contemporary Christian music artists Chris Tomlin and Jeremy Camp.

Laurie announced the Stark County visit on social media and the Harvest website, describing it as a large-scale, one-night evangelistic event.

The event is free and open to the public. It will include a gospel message from Laurie "and an invitation for attendees to make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ," a press release said.

The event also will be streamed and available at harvest.org and the Harvest+ app.

"What a night this is gonna to be," Laurie said in a Facebook video. "So start praying for this event ... let's be praying to God (who) will bless it in a powerful way."

"We're seeing a remarkable openness to spiritual things among this generation," Laurie said in the announcement. "My prayer is that the

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