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#### **Town Hall Speakers**

Monday morning authors' panel presentation:

Moderator: **Marilee Dal Pra**, Vice President of Programs, The Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust, Phoenix

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Karen Ortiz, Vice President & Program Director for Early Childhood Education, Helios Foundation, Phoenix

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#### Monday lunch presentation:

Adele Diamond, Professor of Psychiatry at the University of British Columbia and the Canada Research Chair in Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience

#### Monday dinner presentation:

**Rob Grunewald**, Associate Economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

# Tuesday lunch special presentation of the Shirley Agnos Legacy Award:

Award Recipient: **John Haeger**, President of Northern Arizona University

Entertainment: Students from the Northern Arizona University School of Music

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