CBS news anchor to speak at CU on Sunday

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CLEMSON — Renowned broadcast journalist and CBS Evening News Anchor Scott Pelley will be a guest speaker at Clemson University on Sunday afternoon.



Pelley

"One of the most experienced reporters in broadcast history," according to CBS, Pelley was named evening news anchor and managing editor in 2011.

He has also been a contributing reporter to the "60 Minutes" segments on CBS News.

Eddie Smith, a senior lecturer within the department of communications studies at Clemson, said Pelley offered to speak at Clemson this weekend.

"He will be in town this weekend because his son is a student at Clemson," Smith said. "We asked him to speak last year, and he was kind enough to volunteer this year."

Smith said it's a great honor to have a prestigious reporter speak to students interested in broadcast journalism.

"A lot of students in communications studies want to go into the broadcast business, and this is a chance for them to learn what it's all about," he said.

He said Pelley will likely discuss topics of importance for Clemson students, such as what it's like to report the news, how the field has changed over the years and this year's election.

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Pelley joined CBS as a reporter in 1989. Throughout his career, his team and he have earned multiple prestigious journalism awards, including 20 national Emmy and honors from the Society of Professional Journalists, Investigative Reporters and Editors and the Writers Guild of America. Twenty-one of those awards have been earned for his work on "60 Minutes."

Pelley's address will begin at 1 p.m. in the Strom Thurmond Institute Self Auditorium.

In addition, Pelley's wife and daughter will be honored by the Women in Business division of the Clemson Chamber of Commerce today from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. in the Clemson House's Poole/Shanklin Room.

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