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A NEWSLETTER FROM THE JOHN F. KENNEDY HYANNIS MUSEUM FOUNDATION

## MUSEUM PRESIDENT/CEO TO RETIRE

John L. Allen, President and CEO of the John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum, has announced that he will retire at the end of 2019.

*"I have been honored and privileged to lead this extraordinary museum and its talented staff," says Allen, who turned 75 in February and discussed his retirement with foundation directors in the fall of 2018. Since then, he has shared his plans with museum staff, major donors, and friends of the museum. "During my career at the museum, I have had the pleasure of working with a dedicated board of directors and many individuals, businesses, and community partners who care about the vision and mission of the museum. Together, we have charted an exceptional course that will continue to serve the museum and the community."*

Over a nearly seven-year period, Allen spearheaded an upgrade of exhibits and exhibit areas throughout the museum. He guided the expansion of cultural programming across the Cape and Islands, including the Summer Speaker Series, which features notable authors, public servants, and influential dignitaries. Allen launched efforts to modernize the building, such as renovating space on the second floor to create the Scudder Family Community Room—slated for completion in April 2020. The remodeled area will serve the museum's growing educational and cultural programming needs.

The museum is the fourth major attraction on the Cape, with an average of 70,000 annual visitors from the U.S. and around the world. Allen led the growth of the museum's civic education programs and youth activities, serving pre-K through high school. Last year, 2,400 Cape and Islands youth participated in museum-related educational activities designed to teach the value of civic engagement.

Peter Ubertaccio, Chairman of the Board of The John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum Foundation in Hyannis, expressed his admiration for Allen's strong vision and meaningful work with the community—sentiments shared by the board. Under Allen's leadership, the museum has consistently achieved excellent financial performance. "Thanks to John's leadership, the museum is poised for someone to advance it to the next level."

A succession committee was established by the board to search for the museum's next president. The formal search was launched in April. It is anticipated the committee will complete its work in the third quarter of 2019. During this transition period, Allen will remain involved in the museum.

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**A Special Exhibit in Memory of John F. Kennedy Jr.**

## "CAPE COD REMEMBERS JFK JR." OPENING JUNE 2019

Born two weeks after his father was elected President of the United States, John F. Kennedy Jr. grew up in the spotlight. At Hyannis Port on Cape Cod, at the White House during his father's presidency, and years later in Manhattan, JFK Jr. captivated the world.

John, his wife, and her sister all died in a plane crash off Cape Cod on July 16, 1999. As his beloved uncle Ted Kennedy said at his funeral, "From the first day of his life, John seemed to belong not only to our family but to the American Family."

John also belonged to the Cape Cod family. It was here that he enchanted us as a little boy and later beguiled us as an adult visiting the family home in Hyannis Port. He felt comfortable on the Cape walking down Main Street, Hyannis, and sometimes visiting the John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum.

Set in thematic arrangements, "Cape Cod Remembers JFK Jr." features extraordinary images (some seldom seen) of John Jr. alone, or with his father, mother, sister, and wife. Through video, photographs, quotes, text, and artifacts, this commemorative special exhibit invites visitors to remember John F. Kennedy Jr., who, like his father, had every gift but length of years.

## DeWitt Davenport and The Davenport Companies Honored with JFK Hyannis Museum's Founders Community Leadership Award



We are proud to announce that DeWitt Davenport and The Davenport Companies will be this year's recipient of the Founders Community Leadership Award. The Award recognizes an individual or organization within the community who has demonstrated excellence in leadership through outstanding initiative, impact of work and inspiration of others.

*"For many years, DeWitt Davenport has helped improve the lives of so many people on the Cape and Islands through his philanthropic work," said John L. Allen, President of the JFK Hyannis Museum. "We are pleased to honor such an inspiring leader and organization in our community."*

The award will be presented at the museum's Annual Founders Community Leadership Award Luncheon on Wednesday, June 12.

**Hours:**

**Jun 1 – Oct 31**

Mon – Sat 9 am – 5 pm  
Sun 12 pm – 5 pm

**Nov 1 – Nov 30**

Mon – Sat 10 am – 4 pm  
Sun 12 pm – 4 pm

**Dec 1 – Apr 30**

Thurs, Fri, Sat 10 am – 4 pm

**May 1 – 31**

Mon – Sat 10 am – 5 pm  
Sun 12 pm – 5 pm

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**Victura Newsletter**

The Foundation's newsletter, *Victura*, is named after President Kennedy's 26-foot Wianno Senior sailboat, built in Osterville in 1932 and a gift from his parents on his 15th birthday. He sailed it throughout his life.

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Cape Cod Child Development students enjoy one of their monthly lessons, Jim Coogan's presentation of *Priscilla the Amazing Pinkywink*, focusing on the importance of teamwork.

## EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS 2019

Civic Education programs that focus on listening thoughtfully, dialoguing respectfully, thinking critically, and developing informed opinions were offered to students, preschool through high school, during the 2018–2019 school year. Highlights include regularly scheduled programs offered to

- ★ Cape Cod Child Development/Head Start
- ★ Hyannis West Elementary 21st Century Community Partnership Grant
- ★ Hyannis Youth and Community Center After School Program
- ★ Marguerite E. Small Elementary After School Program

### Ambassadorship Day: Immigration Perspectives

130 students from seven Cape and Islands High Schools participated in this wonderful day hosted at Monomoy Regional High School. We provided students with fact-based discourse from presenters that expanded their understanding of immigration.

### 2019 John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum Scholarship Awards

Sponsored by Joyce Landscaping and  
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*"And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country."* – President John F. Kennedy, Inaugural Address, January 20, 1961

Forty-five students from 14 Cape and Islands High Schools submitted essays explaining the meaning of this famous quote from President Kennedy's Inaugural Address, relating the quote to their own civic engagement experiences.

Congratulations to Hannah Capra, Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, and Ila Maeve Bedenkop, Barnstable High School, our 2019 scholarship award winners.

### Camp Kennedy: Three Weeks of Fun, Free Summer Programs at the Museum

Sponsored by Dowling and O'Neil Insurance

The Museum will host three weeks of activities, highlighting President Kennedy's legacies of space exploration and protecting our natural resources. These classes scheduled for 9 am–12 pm, are recommended for students ages 7–10. Online registration on our website [jfkhyannismuseum.org](http://jfkhyannismuseum.org) is on a first come/first served basis.

Launching into Space: July 16, 17, 18  
Boats: July 30, 31, and August 1  
The Seashore: August 6, 7, and 8



Norah Alaraifi Softic, Legal Services of Catholic Charities of Boston, presents to students at Ambassadorship Day.

### John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum Awarded Mass Cultural Council Grant

We're thrilled to share that the Mass Cultural Council has awarded us a grant through its Cultural Facilities Fund. The Fund supports the acquisition, design, repair, rehabilitation, renovation, expansion, or construction of nonprofit cultural facilities statewide.

This support will enable us to transform the second level of the museum into a community and media space for civic, educational, and cultural programming for local students, residents, and visitors. This programming is designed to encourage civic engagement.

Our thanks to Mass Cultural Council and Governor Charlie Baker for this investment in our museum.



## WITH GRATITUDE: THE JFK HYANNIS MUSEUM HONORS ROBERT LUDDINGTON

Mr. Robert Luddington is a tremendous friend to the JFK Hyannis Museum, not only donating his time by giving lectures across Cape Cod but also donating his wide collection of letters and memoranda from the Kennedy family to the museum to be used in future exhibits and research programs. Mr. Luddington also donated a \$2500 scholarship to the museum for 2019.

Mr. Luddington worked with the entire Kennedy family for 60 years, serving as an interior designer on multiple homes for the family's matriarch, Rose Kennedy, and later for her children and grandchildren. Stretching across the decades of his service as an advisor and confidante to the family, he is known by all members of the Kennedy clan simply as "Mr. Luddington."

Mr. Luddington was honored on May 29, 2019, at the 50th anniversary of Rose Kennedy's donation of the first Kennedy family home at 83 Beale Street, Brookline, to the National Park Service.



## 2019 EXHIBITS



Photo by Jacques Lowe.

### "Cape Cod Remembers JFK Jr."

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### "Creating Camelot, The Kennedy Photography of Jacques Lowe"

Featuring intimate, behind the scenes images of John F. Kennedy, his wife, Jacqueline, and their children, Caroline and John, taken by Jacques Lowe, the Kennedy's personal photographer. This exhibit, on loan from the Newseum, will be here only through the end of October.

### "JFK at 100: Life and Legacy"

An inspirational journey through various periods of President Kennedy's life. The exhibit, celebrating the centennial anniversary of his birth, features photographs, text panels, videos, and artifacts that focus on the years President Kennedy spent in the place he loved and called home: Cape Cod.



### Please Donate Today

Please join us in enhancing the Museum as a vital community resource. Your gift will help the Museum grow collections, acquire artifacts, enhance exhibits, and deliver meaningful educational and cultural programs for you, your family, and visitors. The Museum is 100% privately funded and we rely on your generous support.

## 2019 SPEAKER PROGRAMS AND CELEBRATIONS

Please visit our website [jfkhyannismuseum.org](http://jfkhyannismuseum.org) for dates, times, locations, and to register for these events.

**Jun 12** The John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum's Founders Community Award Luncheon

**Jun 26** Barry Clifford presents "A Story of Exploration and Inspiration—JFK Jr. and Barry Clifford"

**Jul 11** Martin Sandler Presents His Book *Apollo 8: The Mission That Changed Everything*

**Jul 18** Rory Kennedy Presents Her Documentary *Above and Beyond: NASA's Journey to Tomorrow*

**Aug 14** "Remembering Ted Kennedy Ten Years Later," a discussion with John Farrell, Eileen McNamara, and Larry Tye, moderated by Mindy Todd.

## MEMBERSHIP Join Us!

Membership rates start at \$25 for students, \$35 for seniors, and \$50 for individuals.

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