



The Brown University Club of Southwest Florida

Henry Merritt Wriston

11th President of Brown University, 1937-1955



University President, statesman and advisor to Presidents

Presentation by Robert Porter Lynch, '69

Friday, February 23, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. in the Library at
Trinity-by-the-Cove (553 Galleon Dr) followed by lunch at 12:30 at
Ridgeways

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During his time at Brown, Wriston was considered one of the preeminent educators in America.

- His legacy is undeniable, and his words should never be forgotten.
- His clarity about the purpose of education is both enlightening and inspiring – and especially relevant to today’s educational system where institutions of higher learning are struggling to find a central organizing principle.

When Brown was founded, one of its purposes was to develop leaders for the future. Wriston was a firm advocate of Brown’s role in creating great leaders with a strong moral character.

With all the turmoil about DEI (Diversity, Equality & Inclusion) and the political uproar on campuses, Robert will provide some of Wriston’s enlightened perspectives and how they would apply to today’s uproars.

Our speaker, Robert Porter Lynch, Brown ’69 discovered Wriston’s books, and listened to recordings of his speeches which he will share with you.

Wriston will come alive in this presentation. It will be highly interactive so you can contribute and share your ideas and insights.