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## **Liberty Hall Salutes High School Journalists**

**UNION, NJ** — Liberty Hall Museum at Kean University will hold a reception for high school journalists on Wednesday, October 21 at 6 p.m. on Kean University's Union Township campus. Student journalists and journalism faculty from high schools located in New Jersey are invited to attend.

The event is in conjunction with the new exhibit, *Headline News: The Life & Transformation of the Great American Newspaper*, on display in the university's Karl and Helen Burger Gallery. The exhibit features newspapers from the Liberty Hall Museum collection, spanning four centuries of American journalism. Guests will receive a personalized tour of the exhibit, followed by a question and answer session with the exhibit's co-curators. The cost is free and refreshments will be served. High schools wishing to attend the reception must RSVP to Liberty Hall Museum at (908) 527-0400 or e-mail [libertyhall@kean.edu](mailto:libertyhall@kean.edu) by October 16.

*Headline News* features dozens of famous headlines and front pages from American newspapers dating to 1789, including the assassinations of Presidents Abraham Lincoln, James Garfield and John F. Kennedy, the start of the Civil War, the end of World War I, the moon landing of 1969, the triumph of Nelson Mandela in South Africa, the first votes cast by women, and the election of Barack Obama.

Legendary journalist Pete Hamill wrote an introduction for the exhibit, which also features oral histories from several well-known journalists and audio excerpts from the work of some of journalism's giants, including Ida B. Wells, H.L. Mencken, Grantland Rice and Martha Gellhorn. *Headline News* will be on display until October 28.

Liberty Hall Museum at Kean University chronicles more than 200 years of American history. Built in 1772 by William Livingston, New Jersey's first elected governor, the Victorian style mansion is a treasure trove of historic riches. Along with forgotten letters from Thomas Jefferson, Liberty Hall also houses extensive collections of antique furniture, ceramics, textiles, toys and tools owned by seven generations of the Livingston and Kean families. The Firehouse is the latest addition to the Museum's complex housing two antique fire engines and a collection of fire memorabilia.

Liberty Hall is located at 1003 Morris Avenue in Union, New Jersey. It is open to the public Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

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