Ms. Couric is an award-winning journalist, New York Times best-selling author and a co-founder of Stand Up To Cancer (SU2C). Since its launch in 2008, Stand Up To Cancer has raised more than $600 million to support cutting-edge collaborative science and its research has contributed to six new FDA approved therapies. In 2017, she founded Katie Couric Media (KCM), which has developed a number of media projects, including a daily newsletter, a podcast, digital video series and several documentaries. KCM works with purpose driven brands to create premium content that addresses important social issues like gender equality, environmental sustainability and mental health.

Ms. Couric was the first woman to solo anchor a network evening newscast, serving as anchor and managing editor of the CBS Evening News from 2006 to 2011 following 15-years as co-anchor of NBC’s Today show. She also hosted a syndicated show and served as the Yahoo Global News Anchor until 2017. She has won a duPont-Columbia, a Peabody, two Edward R. Murrows, a Walter Cronkite Award, and multiple Emmys. She was twice named one of Time magazine’s 100 most influential people and was a Glamour Magazine woman of the year three times. She has also received numerous awards for her cancer advocacy work; honored by both the Harvard and Columbia schools of public health, the American Cancer Society and The American Association of Cancer Researchers.

In addition to writing The Best Advice I Ever Got: Lessons from Extraordinary Lives, Ms. Couric’s memoir will be published in the Fall of 2021. Ms. Couric has also published in The American Journal of Gastroenterology, “An Unexpected Turn: My Life as a Cancer Advocate,” in May 2016.
Past Emily Couric Memorial Lecturers

2019  Suresh T. Chari, MD, FACG: *Early Detection of Pancreatic Cancer: Problems, Promise, and Prospects*

2018  David A. Greenwald, MD, FACG: *80% Colorectal Cancer Screening by 2018: How Did We Do and Where Do We Go From Here?*

2017  Mark B. Pochapin, MD, FACG: *Colon Cancer: Polyps, Prevention and Progress*

2016  David E. Fleischer, MD, FACG: *Why the Esophageal Health of a Masai Tribesman in Kenya Matters to GI Docs in the U.S.*

2015  Irving M. Pike, MD, FACG: *National Registry Benchmarking for Colonoscopy Quality: The “High Road” Toward Improving the Performance of Colonoscopy and Cancer Prevention*

2014  Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, FACG: *Cancer in IBD: The Colon and Beyond*

2013  Nicholas J. Shaheen, MD, MPH, FACG: *Can We Prevent Cancer in Barrett’s Esophagus?*

2012  Carol A. Burke, MD, FACG: *Optimizing the Diagnosis and Management of Patients with Hereditary Colorectal Cancer*

2011  Robert H. Hawes, MD, FACG: *Current Diagnosis and Management of Cystic Neoplasms of the Pancreas*

2010  David A. Johnson, MD, FACG: *Colon Cancer Screening: Evolution to Eradication...*

2009  Dennis J. Ahnen, MD: *The Adenoma-Carcinoma Sequence Revisited – Has the Era of Genetic Tailoring Finally Arrived?*

2008  Kenneth E. L. McColl, MD, FRSE: *Why has Adenocarcinoma Moved from the Stomach to the Esophagus and Where Does Sex Come In To It All?*

2007  Peter A. Banks, MD, MACG: *Pancreatic Cancer: Present Understanding and Future Prospects*

2006  Douglas K. Rex, MD, FACG: *What is Needed to Transform Colonoscopy into a Truly Protective Strategy Against Colorectal Cancer?*