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Currier Lecture Series

Presents Its 16th Guest Speaker Since 1996:



Sheila Watt-Cloutier

Nobel Peace Prize Nominee,

A Voice of the Inuit People and

World Leader on Global Climate Change and Human Rights

7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 25, 2011
Columbus Academy Schoedinger Theatre

This is a FREE lecture, but seating is limited!

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***Everything is Connected: Environment, Economy, Foreign Policy, Sustainability,
Human Rights and Leadership in the 21st Century***

Sheila Watt-Cloutier is in the business of changing public opinion into public policy. She is an Officer of the Order of Canada and the recipient of many prestigious awards, including the Aboriginal Achievement Award, the UN Champion of the Earth Award and the prestigious Norwegian Sophie Prize. From 1995-2002, she was elected the Canadian President of the Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC). At the ICC, she was a hugely influential voice in the successful negotiations of the Stockholm Convention, the landmark treaty banning Persistent Organic Pollutants. She was later elected in 2002 to become the International Chair of the ICC, representing the 155,000 Inuit from Canada, Greenland, Alaska and Russia; she held this post until 2006. Under her leadership, she and 62 fellow Inuit from Canada and Alaska launched the world's first international legal action on climate change, with a petition to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

In 2007, Watt-Cloutier was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for her advocacy work in showing the impact of global climate change on human rights – especially in the Arctic, where it is felt more immediately, and more dramatically, than anywhere else in the world. Experienced in working with global decision makers for over a decade, Watt-Cloutier offers a new model for 21st Century leadership. She treats the issues of our day – the environment, the economy, foreign policy, global health and sustainability – not as separate concerns, but as a deeply interconnected whole. Every decision, whether environmental, political or economic, has a profound effect on those far from the corridors of power; to understand this connection is vital to building a sustainable world.

