

## Times' national security correspondent to speak at Alfred University Commencement

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David E. Sanger

David E. Sanger, national security correspondent for the *New York Times*, and author of a best-selling analysis of the Obama administration's foreign policy, will deliver the commencement address at this year's Alfred University graduation ceremonies, to be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 17, in McLane Center. The University will also award a Doctor of Humane Letters degree, *honoris causa*, to Sanger.

"David Sanger's breadth of expertise is unique," said Alfred University President Charles M. Edmondson. "During his career as a journalist he has had substantial and direct responsibility for observing and explaining to literate Americans the emergence of modern China, the social and economic impact of technology, the dynamics of the Middle East, the operations of the American presidency, and the emergence of a national security state capable of eavesdropping on a massive scale and waging a secret cyberwar with drones and special forces."

A 30-year veteran of *The New York Times* and a regular guest on CBS' *Face the Nation*, Sanger has become known as one of the nation's most lucid analysts of geopolitics, national security, and globalization. His years as a foreign correspondent give him a unique view into the rise of Asia, nuclear proliferation, global competition, and a volatile Middle East.

Sanger's national bestseller, [\*Confront and Conceal: Obama's Secret Wars and Surprising Use of American Power\*](#), is a riveting analysis of the Obama administration's foreign policy, including its covert reliance on cyber-warfare, drones, and special operations forces. The book sent shockwaves around the globe. *Foreign Affairs* called it an "astonishingly revealing insider's account."

His previous bestseller, *The Inheritance: The World Obama Confronts and the Challenges to American Power*, is an in-depth examination of American foreign policy successes and failures. *TIME* called it a "behind-the-scenes account...laced with scoops and secret conversations about a world spinning out of America's control."

Sanger has been a part of two Pulitzer Prize-winning teams at the *Times*. His coverage of the Iraq and Korea crises took home the Weintal Prize, one of the highest honors for diplomatic reporting. He also won the White House Correspondents' Association Aldo Beckman prize for his presidential coverage.

Early in his career, Sanger covered technology and economics, before turning to foreign policy. Over the years, he has

focused on North Korea's nuclear weapons program, the rise and fall of Japan, and China as an emerging marketplace. Later, he covered domestic and foreign policy issues as the *Times* & White House correspondent from 1999 to 2006 and the NSA and cybersecurity as the current National Security Correspondent.

Sanger's articulate style has made him a regular on a variety of radio and television programs, including *PBS* & *Washington Week* and *Charlie Rose*.

A native of White Plains, NY, Mr. Sanger graduated *magna cum laude* in government from Harvard College in 1982. He now teaches national security policy as a visiting scholar and adjunct professor at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.