

Rhett Ryan

Professor Dean

Writing Across Media

04 April 2021

### **Vice President Pence Delivers Speech, Rallies Conservative Youth**

Vice President of the United States, Mike Pence, arrived at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill, to give a speech at the 39th National Student Conference, which was hosted by the Young America's Foundation (YAF).

"It's a great honor to be here tonight to address the rising generation of conservative leaders, the men and women of Young America's Foundation, here at the 39th National Conservative Student Conference. Give yourselves a round of applause. You're going to be making a difference in America for a long time" Pence stated.

Pence arrived on behalf of President Trump, encouraging the youth of America to combat restricted speech, political correctness, and many other conservative values. He also offered his gratitude towards the YAF and other conservatives alike.

"I just want to say thank you. Thank you to the young men and women of Young America's Foundation for your strong stand for our freedoms, and thank you for all that you do, day-in and day-out to bring the conservative message to the public square."

His expression of gratitude was met with applause, a show of support that was not short in supply tonight for the Vice President. Pence also went on to give his vote of confidence to president Trump.

“ President Trump has given voice, I believe, to the aspirations and frustrations of the American people like no leader since President Ronald Reagan.” It is a huge endorsement to be compared to the “Great Communicator.”

Mike Pence also urged his fellow conservatives to stand with him and Trump. Pence spoke jointly with and about the president.

“To finish what we’ve started, though, the President and I are counting on all of you. We’re counting on this rising generation. We need your voices. We need your values. We need your energy and your vision as never before.”

Again, his urging was met with applause from the republican/conservative faithful alike. We have yet to see how the perceived success of this speech will be looked at throughout the rest of the political aisle.

Pence’s presence and speech prompted other’s to be in attendance. We were fortunate to be able to gain insight into some individual’s responses to Pence.

Jabial White, a football player from Texas Wesleyan, stated that he felt the speech was “powerful” and that “the audience really rallied around VP Pence and his beliefs.”

A Texas Wesleyan journalist that was present at the speech, Kobe Nelms, echoed his thoughts. “I believe that he really is trying to make this country a better place. Whether he is going about it the right way or not is subject to scrutiny, but he’s working real hard.”