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Dr. Ken Paulson, former editor of USA Today and president of the First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt University, will be the keynote speaker at the Fresno State [First Amendment Celebration](#) from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at the Satellite Student Union.

[Paulson](#), who also is dean of the College of Mass Communication at Middle Tennessee State University, will lead attendees through the “Great First Amendment Quiz.”

Free and open to the public, the celebration is hosted by Fresno State’s Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, the Department of Communication, the Maddy Institute and The Fresno Bee. It is sponsored by the Fresno Regional Foundation.

Other sessions will include a “First Amendment History” by Dr. Craig Smith, director of the Center for First Amendment Studies at California State University, Long Beach.

The Fresno State debate team will participate in a debate about whether the United States federal government should substantially curtail criminal liability for release of classified information to media sources.

A panel discussion will explore “The Rules of the Game: Media and Politicians.”

During lunch, live music will be performed by the local musical group, Amoret.

The Community Media Access Collaborative (CMAC) will work with students to broadcast the event live on Comcast Channel 94 and AT&T U-verse Channel 99 as well as stream it live at [CMAC](#).

Coffee, breakfast snacks and lunch are provided for the first 300 attendees. Parking is \$3 for a day permit from dispensers in Lots P or O ([map](#)).

For more information, contact Betsy Hays at bhays@csufresno.edu.

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