

**Ford Hall Forum
at Suffolk University**
presents

Politics & Pasta

with
Buddy Cianci

moderator **Dominick Ianno**

Thursday, May 19, 6:30-8 pm

C. Walsh Theater

(Boston, MA 02114) **Ford Hall Forum at Suffolk University** presents ***“Politics and Pasta”*** with **Vincent A. (Buddy) Cianci** (former Mayor of Providence, RI); discussion moderated by **Dominick Ianno** (Ford Hall Forum Board President). Thursday, May 19, 6:30-8 pm. Admission is free and open to all. C. Walsh Theater at Suffolk University, 55 Temple Street, Boston, MA. Wheelchair accessible and conveniently located near the Park St. MBTA Station. For more information, call the Ford Hall Forum at 617-557-2007 or visit www.fordhallforum.org <<http://www.fordhallforum.org>> .

A champion of inner city revitalization, **Buddy Cianci** served as the Mayor of Providence for an unprecedented 21 years, turning it into the Renaissance City through sustainable urban renewal. While his tenure was marred with controversy, including a forced resignation and conviction, Buddy is still in the public eye through his daily radio and TV shows, and might even be considering yet another run for mayor. Ford Hall Forum President **Dominick Ianno** draws outrageous anecdotes from the always entertaining Buddy Cianci.

Cianci will be signing and selling copies of his memoir, “Politics and Pasta: How I Prosecuted Mobsters, Rebuilt a Dying City, Dined with Sinatra, Spent Five Years in a Federally-Funded Gated Community, and Lived to Tell the Tale,” at the end of the presentation.

Vincent A. (Buddy) Cianci, Jr. earned his BA in Government from Fairfield University, his MA in Political Science from Villanova University and his JD at Marquette University Law School. Cianci was elected mayor six times and voted “America’s Most Innovative Mayor” by the Association of Government Officials. During Buddy’s tenure, Providence dramatically changed from a lackluster city to being named by *Money Magazine* as the “Best City in which to live in the East.” After resigning as mayor under much controversy, and a conviction, he now hosts several local radio shows and shares his insights and witty analysis of Rhode Island’s issues as the chief political commentator on ABC-6, WLNE-TV Providence, RI. His own memoir *Politics and Pasta* is full of surprising stories and outrageous anecdotes.

Dominick Ianno, President of Ford Hall Forum, is a director of Public Affairs for Pfizer, Inc. He was the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Republican Party in 2003-04. Ianno has been a research and media operative for several statewide Republican campaigns in Massachusetts and was formerly a Vice President of Gray Media in Boston, providing political and business counsel.

About Ford Hall Forum at Suffolk University:

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The Forum began in 1908 as a series of Sunday evening public meetings held at the Ford Hall, which once stood on Beacon Hill in Boston. While the original building no longer exists, the public conversations have continued throughout the Boston area with the generous support of foundations, corporations, academic institutions, and individuals. In its 103rd year of programming, the Forum continues to build upon its partnership with Suffolk University. Suffolk is now housing the Forum's administrative offices just a block away from where the original Ford Hall once stood.

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