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Thomas Friedman closes Bryan Series with controversial speech

International journalist **Thomas Friedman** spoke Tuesday, April 16, at a small group session in the Community Center as well as for the Bryan Series event at War Memorial Auditorium downtown.



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NEWS

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"The age of the average is over," said Thomas Friedman at the Bryan Series. "We all need to find our 'extra' to compete in this globalized market."

On Tuesday, April 16, Thomas Friedman, New York Times foreign affairs Op-Ed

columnist, came to Guilford to conclude the 2012-13 Bryan series with a controversial speech.

Deviating from his original plan, Friedman explained that sometimes journalists have to move rapidly in response to important evolving national events.

"Sometimes in my business, you have to pivot very quickly," said Friedman. "Because

of what happened in Boston yesterday, I have decided to pivot. Instead of talking about foreign policy, I'll talk about Americans' place in the world."

Friedman stated that the happenings in Boston brought to mind memories of a tragic past experience.

"Yesterday's events reminded me of when I was in Tel Aviv several years ago," said

Friedman. "A suicide bomber exploded all over the street, leaving only his brown hairy leg with only a sock on it. I'll never forget what someone said: 'We will have it all cleaned up in two hours. You'll never know it happened.'"

He used these personal reflections as a prelude to the main content of his speech

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Guilford imagines with TEDxGreensboro: Dreamsboro

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Bill Gates. Karen Armstrong. Stephen Hawking. Along with hundreds of other influential figures, these three people have all given talks as part of the technology, entertainment and design program.

Now, several Greensboro residents have joined that list.

Greensboro hosted its own TEDx, an independently organized TED event, on Tuesday, April 16, with the theme "Dreamsboro."

Guilford College streamed live coverage of the speakers so students and nearby alumni could see it.

"These (talks) are good for Guilford because they are inspirational, and they help you push the boundaries as Guilford does," said CCE student Agymah Busch, who

attended the viewing.

The Office of Alumni Relations, the Bonner Center for Community Service and Learning and the Center for Principled Problem Solving co-sponsored the event.

"My takeaway from TEDx was the power of collective dreaming," said Karrie Manson, senior director of alumni

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