



Eagle Council 50

Saturday, 9/24/22

8:30 am

Speaker: Arthur, Frances – Frances Arthur grew up across the United States near military bases, having been born to parents who served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War Era.

Upon earning a degree in Music Education, she taught general music, music theory, and choir in the public school system. She has since taught in homeschool and homeschool tutorial settings. In her 33 years as a professional educator, Frances has developed a skillset which allows her to affectively teach government, politics, economics, American history, and world history.

Frances and Dale have two amazing sons, Ben and David, who were both homeschooled through their graduation from high school. Ben, a SCUBA instructor in South Georgia, is also a soldier and paratrooper in the Alabama Army National Guard. David, a Marine veteran, is now a border patrol agent serving in New Mexico.

From 2014-2018, Frances served as an elected member of the State Executive Committee of the TN Republican Party representing the 16th Senate District.

After teaching a one-year course that she developed on Emotional Health and Intelligence to students during the recent COVID-19 scare, Frances assembled these lessons and unit plans into book format. The teacher's guide was published in December 2021, and the student journal was released in January 2022. She is also the author of Pearls of Wisdom for Homeschooling Moms.

Her favorite volunteer work that she does is serving with TN Eagle Forum as the Student Eagle Director for TN, teaching high school students across the state how to participate in their government effectively. Frances has served in this role since 2011. She also serves as the National Student Eagle Chairman for Eagle Forum.

Title: *The Wisdom of Homeschooling*

Outline:

- My homeschooling journey
- Stupid mistakes I made

- When I finally got it right
- The best thing about homeschooling (student-oriented learning)
- Action items/resources
- How to support homeschoolers
 - State laws
 - Connect to homeschool experts
 - Don't be the superintendent of homeschoolers
 - Tangible help
- Success Stories

Action Items:

How to support friends who homeschool:

- Offer to watch their children so that mom can go to doctor's appointments and tend to other self-care needs.
- Do NOT act as the testing agent for their children; you do not know what, how, or when they are learning different things.
- Do NOT offer homeschooling advice unless it is requested from you.
- Be an encouragement and blessing to them as the Lord provides opportunity to do so.
- Share the links above to parents who are interested in learning more about homeschooling their children
- Reach out to your state home education association president and set up a meeting to learn more about what they do. The homeschool community can be very helpful to Eagle Forum, and we can be extraordinarily helpful to them. Currently, most homeschooling families share the same traditional Judeo-Christian values as Eagle Forum. Work together to preserve our mutual interests.
- Offer to speak at homeschool events such as career fairs, conventions, and days they gather at the state capitol.
- Provide opportunities for homeschooled students to shadow you when you are lobbying at your state capitol.
- Pray diligently for the homeschool community, and specifically for those you personally know. Our nation is in a dire condition and if change is to come for the better, it will begin with those who love the Lord, love our country, and are well-educated to speak on important issues. Homeschoolers fit that description.

Resources:

State laws regarding homeschooling: <https://hslda.org/legal>

Curriculum options: <https://www.christianbook.com/page/homeschool/>

Homeschooling philosophy to best suit your family:

<https://homeschooling4him.com/homeschool-philosophies/>

<http://eclectic-homeschool.com/homeschool-philosophies-a-resource-list/>

Information on homeschooling <https://www.practicalhomeschooling.com/>