

"The Martian" author speaks in ILS spring lecture series

Andy Weir, author of *The Martian*, the basis for the 2016 Best Picture Oscar-nominated film, spoke at Dominican University of California on April 13, as part of the Institute for Leadership Studies' 2016 Spring Lecture Series in partnership with Book Passage.

Weir appeared at Dominican in conversation with KQED's Michael Krasny to discuss his debut novel, *The Martian*. The science fiction book was turned into a 21st Century Fox film starring Matt Damon that was nominated this year for seven Academy Awards.

The Weir event was free as part of the annual One Book One Marin presentation. *The Martian* was selected as the 2016 honoree for One Book One Marin, now celebrating its 10th anniversary of building a stronger, enriched community through group dialogue, and the exploration of literature and culture.

Weir closed the curtain on the 2016 Spring Lecture Series, a cooperative effort between [Dominican's Institute for Leadership Studies](#) and Book Passage, features some of the country's leading figures from the worlds of business, politics, entertainment, academia, and literature. The series has entertained and educated thousands of Marin County and San Francisco Bay Area residents. Actress Kate Hudson, naturalist Helen Macdonald, and Huffington Post co-founder and editor-in-chief Arianna Huffington also appeared as guests in the 2016 ILS Spring Lecture Series.

The Institute for Leadership Studies' [2016 Spring Lecture Series](#) was sponsored by Private Ocean, the oldest and largest privately-held wealth management firm in Marin County. Private Ocean's commitment to community service has been a driving force behind its support of the lecture series.

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