Laila Ali

Wednesday, March 22
7:00 p.m.
James Union Building, Tennessee Room
Open to the Public • Free Admission

Laila Ali is a world-class athlete, fitness and wellness expert, television host, cooking enthusiast, founder of the Laila Ali Lifestyle Brand, and mother of two. The daughter of late beloved global icon and humanitarian Muhammad Ali, she is a former four-time boxing world champion with a 24-0 undefeated record and 21 knockouts.

Ali is a past president of the Women’s Sports Foundation that promotes equality for women in professional sports. Through WSF, she pushes programs that encourage young women to be confident, healthy, and strong through sports. Ali also was a major voice for the 40th anniversary of Title IX, which protects women’s rights in collegiate athletics.

A sought-after inspirational speaker, Ali authored her life’s story in a dynamic book for young women, Reach! She studied business management at Santa Monica College and is married to former NFL star Curtis Conway.

In 2017, Ali is competing in the boardroom on Celebrity Apprentice and is a regular panelist and contributor for the CBS Sports Network’s new all-female sports commentary program, We Need to Talk—the first of its kind.

A cooking enthusiast, she previously appeared twice on Food Network’s celebrity edition of Chopped and emerged victorious. Ali also was the host of the Late Night Chef Fight food truck cooking competition show and has cooked on Rachael Ray, The Chew, and Steve Harvey. Her cookbook is scheduled for release in fall of 2017.

In 2014 she co-starred in the feature film Falcon Rising. Other TV work includes Everyday Health, American Gladiators, All-In With Laila Ali, the Olympics, and the ESPN Sports Humanitarian Awards.

She is a major supporter of Feeding America and Peace 4 Kids and has worked with the American Dental Association.

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