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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **UTPB/JBS ANNOUNCE DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SPEAKER MIKHAIL GORBACHEV COMING TO PERMIAN BASIN**

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UT Permian Basin and the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute announced today that former Russian President and Nobel Peace Prize winner Mikhail Gorbachev will be the speaker for the October Distinguished Lecture Series.

CNBC's Senior Economics Reporter Steve Liesman will moderate the discussion.

Liesman joined CNBC from *The Wall Street Journal* where he served as a senior economics reporter covering monetary policy, international economics, academic research and productivity. At the Journal, Liesman worked as an energy reporter and, from 1996-98, as the Journal's Moscow bureau chief. He was a member of the reporting team recognized with a Pulitzer Prize for stories chronicling the crash of the Russian financial markets.

For the last decade, the JBS Distinguished Lecture Series has brought internationally recognized individuals to discuss topics of significant interest to Texans as well as to national audiences.

The event will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the Chaparral Center on the Midland College Campus. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 552-2850 or visit [www.utpb.edu/jbs/leadership.htm](http://www.utpb.edu/jbs/leadership.htm).

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