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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Hood College Brings “Educated” Author Tara Westover to Weinberg Center**

FREDERICK, MD, Tuesday, January 14, 2020 — Hood College presents [An Evening with Tara Westover](#) at the Weinberg Center for the Arts on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Westover is the author of the #1 New York Times bestseller, “Educated” her memoir of growing up in a Mormon survivalist home, and eventually escaping to earn a doctorate from Cambridge University.

This FREE ticketed event is presented by Hood College and sponsored by The Hanson Lecture Series through the Foundation for Enhancing Communities. Tickets will be available to Weinberg Center members Wednesday, January 15 at 10:00 AM and to the public Friday, January 17 at 10:00 AM. Tickets can be obtained online at [WeinbergCenter.org](http://WeinbergCenter.org), by phone at 301-600-2828 or in person at 20 West Patrick Street.

Tara Westover was born in Idaho to a father opposed to public education; she never attended school. She spent her days working in her father's junkyard or stewing herbs for her mother, a self-taught herbalist and midwife. Taught to read by an older brother, her education was erratic and incomplete. She was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. After that first encounter with education, she pursued learning for a decade, graduating magna cum laude from Brigham Young University in 2008 and subsequently winning a Gates Cambridge Scholarship. She earned an MPhil from Trinity College, Cambridge in 2009, and in 2010 was a visiting fellow at Harvard University. She returned to Cambridge, where she was awarded a PhD in history in 2014. In 2018, she published her memoir, *Educated*, which explores her struggle to reconcile her desire for education and autonomy with her desire to be loyal to her family. *Educated* was an instant commercial and critical success, debuting at #1 on The New York Times bestseller list and remaining on the list for more than a year.

A complete listing of artists and performers scheduled for the 2019-2020 season can be found at [WeinbergCenter.org](http://WeinbergCenter.org).

#### **ABOUT THE WEINBERG CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

The Weinberg Center for the Arts is one of the region’s premier performing arts presenters, offering film, music, dance, theater, and family-focused programming. Located in the historic Tivoli movie theater in downtown Frederick Maryland, the Weinberg Center strives to ensure that the arts remain accessible and affordable to local and regional audiences alike. Weinberg Center events are made possible with major support from the City of Frederick, the Maryland State Arts Council, Plamondon Hospitality Partners, and other corporate and individual donors.