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### **ROAD SCHOLAR ANNOUNCES GROUNDBREAKING PARTICIPANT DEBATE SERIES AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY**

*Adults 50+ learn how to debate, and focus on the emergence of Artificial Intelligence and its impact on our lives*

BOSTON (October 2, 2018) — Road Scholar, the not-for-profit leader in educational travel, proudly supported journalists across the country this month, who in a coordinated campaign organized by *The Boston Globe*, published editorials in defense of a free press.

In the spirit of a free press and encouraging a healthy exchange of idea, Road Scholar has designed a new series of six-day educational adventures focused on improving civil. Hosted by Cornell University and in cooperation with the International Association of Senior Debate (IASD), this groundbreaking new program, titled *Artificial Intelligence: A Debate Workshop at Cornell University*, enlists expert debate lecturers from the Cornell Debate Team, who will teach baby boomers and beyond a variety of debate formats and methods for analyzing arguments that they will then use during the program to engage in an informal debate on Artificial Intelligence.

In October, more than 25 Road Scholars, ranging in age from 60-80+, will gather at Cornell University for the first debate in the series. A second debate is planned for March 2019, discussing an even more controversial topic: Immigration.

“Road Scholar believes that being willing to change your mind when exposed to new information is a hallmark of lifelong learning,” said James Moses, President and CEO, Road Scholar. “We design every Road Scholar program to support free and open encounters, and believe that this program in particular will give our participants an opportunity to use their wisdom and experience as older adults to address some of our nation’s most pressing issues.”

According to Dr. Thomas L. Benson, the founder and President of the IASD, senior debates have sparked interest at both prestigious universities like Cornell and several Lifelong Learning Institutes across the country because of the unique voice and perspective that older Americans bring to the table. Road Scholar is the first organization the newly founded association has partnered with, and Dr. Benson believes it’s an ideal match.

“Discourse in America seems to have reached a fever pitch, however understanding and resolution of some of our nation’s critical hot button issues are at an all-time low,” said Tom. “I founded this organization for seniors who want to learn how to debate contentious issues meaningfully and successfully, whether they be at the coffee shop or at the Thanksgiving dinner table. Road Scholar, with its educational mission and active and engaged participants, is the perfect partner, and we look forward to some lively debates in the months to come.”

To learn more or enroll in this new program, please visit: ([www.roadsholar.org/23297](http://www.roadsholar.org/23297))

### **About Road Scholar**

Road Scholar is the nation's largest educational travel organization for adults — a true university of the world. This not-for-profit educational organization offers 5,500 extraordinary learning adventures in 150 countries and 50 states. Road Scholars are immersed in a variety of educational activities, enlisting renowned faculty and experts who offer insider access not available to most individuals. Dedicated to making educational travel available to everyone, Road Scholar offers financial aid for those who otherwise could not participate in its programs.

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