

Gingrich's Daughter Says U.S. Needs Her Dad

Jackie Gingrich Cushman addresses small crowd at Instant Ambition.

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It's the final days of the New Hampshire primary season where the candidates and their surrogates are trying to squeeze in every last campaign stop they can before the state goes to vote on Tuesday.

And a last minute meet and greet with Jackie Gingrich Cushman at [Instant Ambition](#) on Saturday afternoon gave an intimate crowd of about 30 a chance to shake Cushman's hand, chat her up and learn a little more about her father, Newt Gingrich, just three days before the polls open.

Merrimack resident Pat Miller organized the impromptu event that came together Friday afternoon.

Miller, who is a supporter of Gingrich called the meet and greet with Cushman “spur of the moment.”

“I thought it would be great to have it here,” Miller said. “Max and Leslie are such a nice couple and have such a great store. And these kinds of events are just perfectly fun.”

One attendee, who came to the event to learn a little more about Gingrich, said she came as an undecided voter. She has been back and forth considering Gingrich and Romney. Though their styles are completely different from one another, she said she thinks they both boast impressive careers and great credentials.

“Their intelligence and accomplishments kind of draw me to both of them,” she said.

Cushman, who walked around the store meeting each person their and shaking their hands, spoke for about 10 minutes about her dad, his childhood, her childhood and his history in Washington.

Cushman said her father brings a lot of experience to the table, having learned a lot working under Presidents Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton and he's been part of change that helped the country rebound in periods of joblessness.

“He learned that you don't create jobs,” she said of his time with Reagan. “You create an environment that creates jobs.”

She highlighted the balanced budget, reformed welfare and reduced spending creation of 11 million jobs that happened with Clinton pointing out that all of this happened with a Democratic President and and Republican Speaker of the House because they understood what needed to be done to get on track and they were focused on getting the job done.

“We need someone who has done it before and can do it again,” Cushman said. “And that is my dad.”

Following her short speech, Cushman spoke more in depth, one-on-one with attendees and posed for photos ops.

She also spoke to the importance of the New Hampshire Primary as a vetting process that not only gives an engaged set of voters a closer look at the candidates, but really pushes the candidates to prove they have what it takes. Being on the campaign trail is not easy, she said, but neither is the job her father and several others are chasing, and its important to see who can take it.

She pointed to the approximately \$10 million spent on negative ads in Iowa before the Caucus, saying that about half of that money was spent attacking her dad.

It's a process meant to test the candidates, she said, and it allows the voters to see the candidates survive and thrive or fall apart.

“I think we saw people settle for a candidate in the last election and I don't think America should have to settle,” Cushman said. “At this point we really need to vote for the person who's best for our country. America deserves the best, I think.”