

Diversity Professionals Gather in Columbus at the The Ohio Diversity & Leadership Conference September 8-9, 2011

This statewide conference focuses on the sharing and promoting of diversity and inclusion best practices in the Ohio area.

COLUMBUS— June 15, 2011 – The 4th Annual Ohio Diversity & Leadership Conference allows professionals the opportunity to network, grow, and learn in an environment of leaders devoted to promoting diversity in their fields. The event is chaired by Candace Barnhardt, VP and Chief Diversity Officer at Nationwide and organized by the National Diversity Council, a non-profit organization that champions diversity as a business imperative.

“The Ohio Diversity and Leadership conference presents a tremendous opportunity for the state of Ohio to improve its community, by educating leaders on the importance of diversity and inclusion best practices” said Dennis Kennedy, Founder and CEO of the National Diversity Council.

This year’s theme is “DiversityFIRST™: Creating New Opportunities for Your Community.” As the Ohio area experiences demographic changes, new opportunities have risen to embrace diversity and inclusion practices, not only in the workplace, but in the community as well. The Ohio Diversity and Leadership conference is dedicated to educating both corporate and community leaders in these aspects, in order for everyone to learn to value and respect differences.

The conference will consist of over 12 excellent sessions dedicated to diversity and leadership, along with following, nationally known, keynote speakers:

Tony Plana, Actor, Starred in Ugly Betty

Dr. Laura Morgan Roberts, Co-Founder and Principal, R-PAQ Solutions, LLC

Douglas A. Blackmon, Author of “Slavery by Another Name”

Dee Dee Myers, Author, Former White House Press Secretary

Lani Guinier, Harvard Law Professor, First Tenured Black Woman at Harvard School of Law

Awards will also be presented at the conference for Most Powerful and Influential Women of Ohio, Multicultural Leadership, DiversityFIRST, and Legal Diversity Champion.

Registration is ongoing at: <http://www.ohiodiversityconference.com/register.htm>