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GEORGIA DIVERSITY COUNCIL PRESENTS GEORGIA YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

ATLANTA, GA- The Georgia Diversity Council will kick off its' Georgia Young Women's Leadership Program with a Leadership Symposium on Friday, October 14th. The event will be held from 9AM - 2PM at the Home Depot Headquarters located at 2455 Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta GA 30330.

The Young Women's Leadership Program aims to provide young women the tools, resources and support they need to develop an education plan, attend college and become future leaders. The program has three components: a kick-off Leadership Symposium, monthly learning programs and mentoring, and focuses on providing the young women the skills and guidance they need to start preparing for college.

Marilyn Jentzen, Board Member of the Georgia Diversity Council and leader of the program, said, "the energy for the program that we are seeing from the leaders of the schools, the young women and our business and community leaders is phenomenal. We have the ability to have a meaningful impact on these young women by sharing the knowledge and wisdom of so many outstanding women leaders in Atlanta."

Over 150 8th grade girls from J. E. Brown Middle School and J. F. Kennedy Middle School will be participating in this year's Leadership Program and Symposium. Providing the Keynote Address will be Trish Mueller, Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer at The Home Depot. The young women will also participate in panel discussions featuring female executives in the Atlanta area. The first "Leadership" session will feature key points on leadership skills and ways to be successful in school and in the young women's future careers. The second "Education" panel will focus on the importance of using education as a young woman to achieve success.

The National Diversity Council's Founder & CEO, Dennis Kennedy, said the program invests in the development of society's future workforce and encourages young women to gain a college education and become leaders to help build an inclusive community and workplace.

"The mission of the Young Women's Leadership Symposium is to promote the development of future business leaders by giving young women access to mentors and businesses that support their goals," Kennedy said.

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