The Inaugural Southwest Florida Women in Leadership Symposium was a Huge Success

The Inaugural Southwest Florida Women in Leadership Symposium was held on Monday, October 29th at Hodges University in Naples. Approximately 80 attendees were present to receive valuable insight from a diverse panel of female executives who gathered to explore an array of topics relevant to this year’s symposium theme, “Realizing Our Greatest Success.”

The half-day event began with continental breakfast and a networking session. This session of meet-and-greet provided an opportunity for the attendees to create connections and contacts, establish a network of business leaders and gain a sense of community and support amongst the various professions that were represented.

“This year’s symposium provided a great opportunity for the attendees to observe, learn, network, and hear different perspectives from a diverse group of executives who have climbed up the corporate ladder,” said Dennis Kennedy, Founder and CEO of National Diversity Council. “Their experiences as leaders enabled the attendees to gather insight to reflect on their own personal and professional goals in effort to catapult them to the top in their own professional career paths.”

Following the networking session, the symposium began. An array of successful and influential businesswomen in the Southwest Florida region comprised a panel to discuss topics related to women leaders’ success in the workforce today. The Topics included, “Giving and Receiving: Supporting One Another in Both Directions”; “Networking Our Way Up: Always Finding Ways to Connect”; “Beyond the Box: Letting Go of Preconceived Barriers and Fears”; “Balancing Life and Work: How do We do It?” and “Leadership Best Practices: What it Takes to Lead in Today’s World.” The Q&A sessions that took place after the panel discussions were provided to allow attendees the opportunity to interact with the panelists.

The Florida Diversity Council would like to thank all of its sponsors, speakers, and attendees for helping make the South Florida Women in Leadership Symposium a success.