

Success Stories of Top Female Executives Highlight the Philadelphia Women in Leadership Symposium

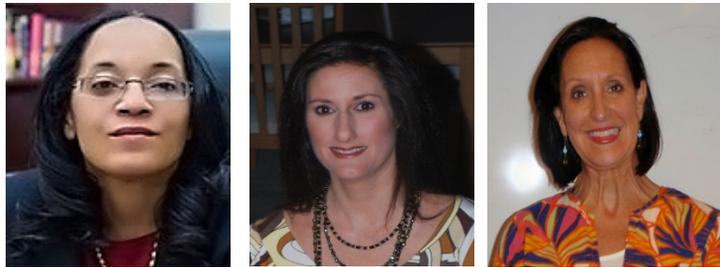
The Pennsylvania Diversity Council held their annual Philadelphia Women in Leadership Symposium at Philadelphia University on Wednesday, March 21, 2012.

The Symposium brought together a diverse panel of female executives, who shared their success stories in regards to climbing the “corporate ladder” with an audience of over 50 attendees. The theme of this year’s symposium was “Women in Leadership: Rising Above the Ordinary.”

The conference opened with a period where the attendees could network with each other, allowing some of the Philadelphia’s business elite to make invaluable cross-industry contacts. Following the networking session, the symposium itself began. Topics addressed included “Your Personal Board of Directors: How to Maximize Your Mentors,” “Pursuing Leadership Excellence,” and “Breaking Through Middle Management”. The discussions allowed attendees to gather a wealth of knowledge, experience,

and expertise from top female executives, who shared the personal and professional challenges they faced in their careers.

“The symposium was meant to encourage people to take the initiative to meet new colleagues, talk



Presenters at the Philadelphia Women in Leadership Symposium from left to right, Eloise Young, Lee Khatchadourian-Reese, Mary Terese Hoeltzel

openly about today’s topics and exchange ideas”, said Dennis Kennedy, CEO and Founder of the Pennsylvania Diversity Council. “It was my hope that this year’s Symposium would be a rewarding experience for our attendees, allowing them to gain insight into their own goals and careers in an effort to catapult themselves to the top.” In accordance with Mr. Kennedy’s hopes and expectations, attendees agreed that it was “very enlightening to hear from such a diverse group of

accomplished women.” They described the symposium as “inspiring and motivating” and were impressed by the “great panel and engagement.”

For this reason, Mr. Kennedy wants to thank the sponsors Philadelphia University and Sunoco

as well as the panelists Eloise Young (Chief Information Officer, Philadelphia Gas Works), Lee Khatchadourian-Reese (Vice President of

Business Services, Comcast), and Mary Terese Hoeltzel (Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer, Cigna), for making this year’s Philadelphia Women in Leadership Symposium such a success.