

Elite Business Professionals Gather for the 3rd Annual Atlanta Leadership Conference



Most Powerful & Influential Women Award Recipients

On Thursday, September 20, 2012, the Georgia Diversity Council held its 3rd Annual Leadership Conference at the Atlanta Marriott Century Center. Business executives attended to learn inclusion best practices and to strengthen their professional networks. The theme for this year's conference was "From Awareness to Action."

During the conference, attendees could choose to participate in an array of panel discussions, which were broken up into 4 concurrent sessions throughout the day. The panel discussions were designed to help attendees cultivate the skills necessary to further their careers, utilize any available resources to expand their networks, and grow as leaders. The panel discussions included topics ranging from, "Extraordinary, Powerful, and Influential Women", "Essential Leadership Skills", "Does Race

Matter?," "LGBT Roundtable", "Women Take Care Men Take Charge", to "Keys to Professional Success", and "Preparing for Leadership – What Does it Take to Take the Lead."

"Diversity and inclusion continues to be a business imperative in today's global economy," said Dennis Kennedy, CEO and Founder of National Diversity Council. "We hoped to create an environment where business leaders could learn the necessary techniques to advance their careers using diversity and inclusion practices."

The conference began with an awards breakfast honoring a diverse group of executive women from various organizations in the Atlanta area with the "Most Powerful & Influential Women Award". The award recipients were acknowledged for their

accomplishments and contributions to their field of work throughout the scope of their careers.

Following the award recognitions were concurrent panel discussions and the Multicultural Leadership Awards Luncheon. "The Multicultural Award" was presented to individuals who demonstrated leadership characteristics within their workplace and community, while also sustaining a record of accomplishments and contributions to their field of work throughout the scope of their careers.

After each awards ceremony, keynote speeches were delivered by Elizabeth Kiss, President of Agnes Scott University and Leonardo McClarty, President of DeKalb Chamber of Commerce. Both speakers focused on the importance of having diversity and inclusion best practices within the workplace. Their insight and experience highlighted this year's conference theme.

The Georgia Diversity Council would like to thank all of the speakers, sponsors, and attendees for helping make the Atlanta Leadership Conference a success.



Multicultural Award Winners