

California Diversity Council Hosts Women in Leadership Symposiums across Southern California



Panelists of the Orange County, San Diego, and Los Angeles Women in Leadership Symposiums

The California Diversity Council hosted its annual Women in Leadership Symposium Series in Orange County, San Diego and Los Angeles on March 1st and March 6th - 7th. The focus for these annual symposiums was to bring together a diverse group of women executives to address topics on leadership and career advancement, in an effort to educate, inspire, and encourage attendees to reflect on their own goals and status, as they strive to advance within their own organizations. The theme for this year's symposiums was "Women in Leadership: Rising Above the Ordinary."

"The California Diversity Council Women in Leadership Symposiums were created to establish an environment where executive women leaders from across the state of California could come together to share their personal experiences and expertise with the women in attendance," Dennis Kennedy, CEO and Founder of the National Diversity Council, said.

Each symposium opened with a period where the attendees could network with each other, allowing some of California's business elite to make invaluable cross-industry contacts. Following the networking session, the symposiums began.

For the purpose of increasing opportunities for female leaders, multiple informative panel discussions were held at each event. Discussion topics ranged from, "Breaking Through Middle Management", "Speaking Up: Your Best Advocate", "What if You Don't Play Golf", and "A Brand Called 'You'".

Panelists and moderators at each event were an accomplished group, committed to the professional success of women. Each panelist shared the experiences and challenges they faced while rising to the top in their respective organizations. Their experiences and expertise accentuated the theme of the symposiums.

The California Diversity Council would like to thank the sponsors, speakers and attendees, for helping to make the Women in Leadership Symposiums a rousing success.

Featured Panelists of the California Women In Leadership Symposiums:

Orange County:

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