

# Professionals Attend the 2nd Annual Oil and Gas Women's Symposium

The Oil and Gas Diversity Council hosted their 2nd Annual Women's Symposium at Rice University in Houston, Texas on February 5th, 2015.

The half-day event brought together a diverse mix of successful women leaders who, through the discussion of topics relevant to today's issues educated, inspired and encouraged women within the oil and gas industry to reflect on their own goals and status as they continue to strive to advance within their organizations. This year's theme was "Celebrating Leadership: How Women are Changing the Workplace and the World."

"The symposium was held to help women in the Oil and Gas industry grow in their knowledge of leadership and career advancement techniques", said Dennis Kennedy, CEO and Founder of the Oil and Gas Diversity Council.

The event opened with a period where the attendees could network with each other, allowing some of the Oil and Gas business elite to make invaluable industry contacts. The symposium began immediately following the networking session.

Topics addressed by the panelists included a variety of topics related to woman in the workforce such as "A Woman's Secret to Success: Developing and Balancing Self-Confidence" to "Gendered Leadership: How Talented Women Thrive" all pertinent to today's women leaders in corporate environments.

The discussions allowed attendees to gather a wealth of knowledge, experience, and expertise from top female oil and gas executives, who shared the personal and professional challenges they faced in their careers.

The Oil and Gas Diversity Council would like to thank the sponsors and panelists for helping to make this year's Women's Symposium a rousing success.



## Panelists

Lisa Finch  
Manager of Global Diversity & Inclusion  
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Janet Langford Kelly  
Senior Vice President, Legal, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary  
ConocoPhillips

Whitney Shelley  
Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer  
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Cindy Yeilding  
Vice President, Global Basin Analysis  
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Senior Vice President of Tax  
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