

# Professionals Attend the Alabama Women In Leadership Symposium

The Alabama Diversity Council hosted their Inaugural Women in Leadership Symposium at the University of Alabama - Birmingham in Birmingham, Alabama on March 26, 2015. The half-day event brought together a panel of female executives, who shared their success stories in regards to The Power of Women in the Workplace with a diverse audience of professional women. The theme of this year's symposium was "Celebrating Leadership: The Power of Women in the Workplace."

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

The event opened with a period where the attendees could network with each other, allowing some of Alabama's business elite to make invaluable cross-industry contacts. The symposium began immediately following the networking session. Topics addressed by the panelists included "Leadership beyond Survivor: Using the Power of Alliances, Lean In: The Good and the Bad, Gendered Leadership: How Talented Women Thrive, Great Leadership: Creating Change for the Better, Stop Playing Safe: Courageous Actions to Create a Brighter Future, A Woman's Secret to Success: Developing and Balancing Self-Confidence, Purposeful Life: Living and Following Your Dreams"

The discussions allowed attendees to gather a wealth of knowledge, experience, and expertise. The Alabama Diversity Council would like to thank the sponsors and panelists for helping to make this year's Women in Leadership Symposium a rousing success.



## Panelists

- Kem Marks Bryant, Shareholder, Maynard Cooper & Gale PC
- Nancy Kane, Senior Vice President, Acquisitions and Corporate Development, Protective Life Corporation
- Dawn Gardner McGlothan, Corporate Social Responsibility Vice President, Regions Bank
- Andrea Lewis, Senior Vice President Operations, ADTRAV Travel Management
- Julie Shedd, Human Resources Division Director, AMERICAN Cast Iron Pipe Company
- Sheila Benson, CEO, Employment Screening Services