

# Professionals Attend the Boston Women In Leadership Symposium

The National Diversity Council hosted a Women in Leadership Symposium in Boston, Massachusetts on March 24, 2015. This 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 amongst various industries 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: The Power of Women in the Workplace".

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

The event opened with a period where the attendees could network with each other, allowing some of Boston's 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 leadership, professional development and work/life balance. The discussion 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 National 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

- Jackie Glenn, Global Chief Diversity Office, EMC Corporation
- Linda Houston, Market Executive, Merrill Lynch
- Karen E. Spilka, State Senator, Majority Whip, 2nd Middlesex and Norfolk District-Massachusetts
- Chanda Guth, Director Human Resources, Biogen
- Luz Carrasquillo, Director, Learning & Development, Thermo Fisher Scientific
- Arleen Ashjian, Global Director, R&D Portfolio Management, International Flavors & Fragrances, Inc. (IFF)
- Marika Reuling, Chief of Staff, Harvard University

