

Professionals Attend the 2015 Ohio Women In Leadership Symposiums

The Ohio Diversity Council hosted four Women in Leadership Symposium in Dayton, Toledo, Cleveland and Columbus on March 19, March 26, March 27 and April 2, respectively. These half-day events 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 symposiums were 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 Ohio'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 Ohio Diversity Council would like to thank the sponsors and panelists for helping to make this year's Women in Leadership Symposiums a rousing success.

Dayton Panelists

- Karen Halsey, President, Better Built Construction Services Inc.
- Carol Turner, CEO, Atrium Medical Center
- Barbara Johnson, System Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer, Premier Health
- Quindelda McElroy, Senior Director of Digital, Cox Media Group
- Sumner Suzanne, Partner, Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP



Toledo Panelists

- Susan Kovach, Vice President and General Counsel, Libbey Inc
- Bobbie Strayer, Vice President of Operations, RMF Nooter, Inc.
- Shelly McCoy Grissom, PhD, Dean of Diversity, Inclusion and Retention, Mercy College of Ohio
- Dr. Shanda Gore, Associate Vice President for Equity, Diversity and Community Engagement, University of Toledo
- Linda Alvarado, Executive Director, City of Toledo
- Bethany Caravati, Vice President, Complex Business Development Manager, Morgan Stanley

Cleveland Panelists

- Terri Hauenstein, VP, Global Human Resources, Manufacturing, MGA/Little Tikes Companies, MGA Entertainment
- Bethany Pugh, Managing Director of Ohio, PFM
- Sarah Flannery, Partner, Thompson Hine LLP
- Sue Tyler, Executive Vice President, Chief Experience Officer (CXO), Medical Mutual
- Diana Stark, Assistant Vice President in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland

Columbus Panelists

- Eleanor Biddulph, Former EVP, Operations, Progressive Medical, Inc.
- Kelli J. Scott, Chief Diversity Officer, Mount Carmel Health System
- Shelley Bird, EVP, Office of the CEO, Cardinal Health
- Rebeca Johnson, Chief Marketing Officer, Bob Evans Farms
- Amy Shore, President, Nationwide P&C Exclusive Distribution