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The Florida Diversity Council Hosted 8th Annual Young Women in Leadership Symposium

Tampa Bay, FL – The Florida Diversity Council, in conjunction with Grow Financial Federal Credit Union and Ford & Harrison LLP, hosted their 8th Annual Young Women in Leadership Symposium. Young Women between the ages of 14-18 were invited to attend the event held on March 21, 2015, at the Epicurean Hotel in Tampa Bay.



The Young Women in Leadership Symposium was geared towards female high school students from the Tampa Bay area. Each young woman had the opportunity to interact, in a small group setting, with at least one event day coach who is a female executive from an elite organization in the Tampa Bay area. The event strived to promote the development of future women leaders by giving them access to influential business women in the Tampa Bay area. The Symposium focused on leadership, personal brand management and career/college planning. Together with their table mentors, attendees had the opportunity to network and ask questions about future business and academic ventures, as well as work through important life and leadership building exercises.

“This year’s Young Women in Leadership Symposium was designed to help young women, aspiring for future success, develop the skills necessary to achieve their life goals” said Dennis Kennedy, Founder and CEO of the National Diversity Council.

The Symposium included workshops led by our speakers as well as mentor/student roundtables. Keynote Speaker Denise Schilte-Brown, Head Coach for USF’s Women’s Soccer team discussed the importance of positive “self-talk” and following your dreams. Speaker Jenni Stone, HR Director and Partner for HR Shield, discussed social media practices and how to control your online branding. Gail Wean, SVP and CFO for Grow Financial Credit Union, conducted a workshop on money management and “Protecting Your Credit”.

The Young Women in Leadership Symposium was sponsored by FIS, United Healthcare, UNUM, Allstate, Bright House Networks, Aon Hewitt, USAA, Humana, and MetLife.

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