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2015 Glass Ceiling Awardees Honored at Fifth Annual Florida Women's Conference

On October 9, 2015, the Florida Diversity Council held its Fifth Annual Florida Women's Conference in Ft. Lauderdale-Davie, Florida. The event celebrated female leadership in the workplace and was themed around "Transformational Leadership: from Vision to Impact."

The event opened with a welcome from Steven Harvey, Assistant Dean for Graduate Affairs for Nova Southeastern University's Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship, which hosted the conference. Megan Cleghorn, CEO of Request for Relief LLC, energetically led the event as the conference emcee.



During breakfast, thirteen female executives were recognized as this year's Glass Ceiling Awardees. The criteria to receive this illustrious recognition include: demonstrating leadership excellence, bearing a record of accomplishments in areas of expertise and a steady increase in responsibility, exhibiting positive influence on those underneath her leadership, and displaying integrity and the highest ethical standard among colleagues. A full listing of the 2015 award recipients can be found at the [event webpage](#).

The conference continued with breakout sessions featuring panels on topics such as "The Power of She," "Finding Your Balance," "Building & Leveraging Effective Relationships in Business," "Your Value Proposition," and "Lessons of Leadership," among others. High-level female professionals from diverse backgrounds and industries served as panelists for these important topics and shared their valuable insights and experiences.

During lunch, attendees heard from keynote speaker Vicky Garcia, Chief Operating Officer & Co-Owner of Cruise Planners, an American Express Travel Representative. Ms. Garcia shared with the conference attendees her story of perseverance and ambition, relying on her relationship-building and positivity to rise through the ranks and become a successful c-suite executive.

The Florida Diversity Council would like to thank the event sponsors which helped make the Fifth Annual Florida Women's Conference possible: Nova Southeastern University's Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship, JM Family Enterprises, Inc., Wyndham Worldwide, Ocean Bank, ADT, Cruise Planners, and Associated Printing Production, Inc. The conference speakers, moderators, volunteers, and attendees also played an integral role in making this year's conference a great success.