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Alabama Diversity Council Honors the Top 13 Business Women at the Alabama Women's Conference

On November 18, 2015, the Alabama Diversity Council hosted their Alabama Women's Conference at the Hyatt Regency Birmingham – Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham, AL. Attendees of the event gained knowledge and advice from a diverse group of female executives who shared insight from their personal success and leadership experience as professionals. This year's theme was, "Women as Game Changers: Orchestrating Business Success Today and in the Future."



"The Alabama Women's Conference gave recognition to top women executives while discussing women's unique contributions as leaders," said Dennis Kennedy, Founder & CEO of the National Diversity Council.

The conference began with registration and networking followed by concurrent sessions focused on leadership and professional development. During lunch, female executives were recognized with the Top 13 Business Women Award. This award highlights female leaders who have reached the top of their organization and drive innovation and change within their industry. Their success serves as the catalyst for future generations to follow in their footsteps.

The Alabama Diversity Council would like to thank all the sponsors, speakers and attendees for helping to make the event a success.

The events program booklet, photos, and other post events from 2015 can be viewed here: [Post Event Timeline 2015 Program](#)

Top 13 Business Women's Award Winners:

LaBella Alvis

*Partner
Christian & Small LLP*

Jenna Bedsole

*Shareholder and Chair of Baker Donelson's
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Berkowitz, PC*

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*Chief Executive Officer
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Natalie Bickel

*Chair Alabama Women's Conference & Joint
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