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2015 Leadership Excellence Awardees Honored at Inaugural New England Business & Leadership Summit

On October 15, 2015, the New England Diversity Council held its Inaugural New England Business & Leadership Summit in Boston, Massachusetts. The event celebrated leadership excellence in the workplace and was themed around “Change, Challenge, and Opportunity.” Event Chair Joel J. Dubé, Assistant Vice President & Regional Diversity Officer at Morgan Stanley Wealth Management played an integral role in helping the National Diversity Council bring this new initiative to the New England area.



The conference included breakout sessions featuring panels on topics such as “Multicultural Leadership Roundtable,” “Smart Women Take Smart Risks,” “Creating & Managing Wealth,” “LGBT Roundtable,” “Top Competencies for Leadership,” and “Fast Track to the Corner Office.” High-level 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 Donna Brazile, Veteran Democratic Political Strategist. Ms. Brazile shared her insightful experiences gained throughout her prosperous career and inspired attendees to become more influential leaders within their workplaces and communities.

Following lunch, eleven executives were recognized as this year’s Leadership Excellence Awardees. The criteria to receive this illustrious recognition include: retaining an extraordinary background of developing, growing and improving the organization they are or have been in; empowering those around them by promoting achievement, goal attainment and advancement of his/her organization; investigating and formulating challenging opportunities to change, grow, innovate, and improve their organization; promoting cooperative goals and building trust through employee inclusion and teamwork. A full listing of the 2015 Leadership Excellence Awardees is available below.

The New England Diversity Council would like to thank the event sponsors which helped make the Business & Leadership Summit possible: AMICA, and Morgan Stanley – without their support the event would not have been possible. The conference speakers, moderators, volunteers, and attendees also played an integral role in making this inaugural summit a great success.

The event program booklet, photos, and other items from the event can be viewed here:

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2015 Leadership Excellence Award Winners

Jill Andy – Senior Vice President of HR, Amica Mutual Insurance Company

Bill Block – President & CEO, Blood Centers America

Brenda Cole – Vice President of Marketplace Inclusion Development, Harvard Pilgrim Health

Céline Del Genes – Global Vice President of Concepts to Consumer Marketing and Business Planning, Reebok International-Adidas Group

Sheryl Koval Garko – Partner, Morgan Lewis Labor and Employment Practice

Dr. M. Lee Pelton – President of Emerson College

Latha Sivaprasad – Senior Vice President & Chief Medical Officer, Rhode Island Hospital/Hasbro Children's Hospital

Leslie Spencer – Partner, Ropes & Gray

Larry Turner – Partner, Morgan Lewis Labor and Employment Practice

Kara Underwood – Managing Director and Head of Diversity & Inclusion, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management

Natalie Wagner – Vice President & Compliance Director, State Street Global Advisors