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## National Women's Council Hosts Inaugural Providence Women in Leadership Symposium

On April 19, 2016, the National Women's Council hosted the Inaugural Providence Women in Leadership Symposium at Rhode Island College in Providence, Rhode Island. Attendees of the symposium gained knowledge and advice from corporate leaders who shared insight from their personal success and leadership experience as professionals.



"We were very excited to bring our Women In Leadership Symposium to Providence," said Dennis Kennedy, Founder and Chair of the National Diversity Council. "There are many powerful and influential women throughout the state of Rhode Island and we are honored to provide a platform where they can meet and network."

The half-day event featured multiple business leaders from various organizations discussing topics such as "The Courage to Lead," "Positioning Yourself for the Next Big Opportunity," and "Finding & Owning Your Voice." The symposium began with a welcome from Nancy Carriuolo, President of Rhode Island College. Following a series of speeches presented by six featured panelists, audience members were given the opportunity to ask questions and share their thoughts on the discussion topics presented.

The National Women's Council would like to thank all the sponsors, speakers and attendees for helping to make this event a success.

The event program booklet and photos can be viewed at our [timeline](#).

### Women in Leadership Symposium Panelists:

**Suzanne Caldeira**

*Vice President*

*Shamrock Financial NMLS# 21038*

**Nancy J. Gagliano, MD, MBA**

*Senior Vice President,*

*CVS Health*

*Chief Medical Officer,*

*CVS/Minuteclinic*

**Meryl Moss, MPA, EMHL**

*Chief Operating Officer*

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**Patricia Placencia**

*Senior Vice President, Rhode Island Regional*

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*Consumer Finance Webster Bank*

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