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## Ohio Diversity Council Hosts Toledo Women in Leadership Symposium

On March 2, 2016, the Ohio Diversity Council hosted the 2016 Toledo Women in Leadership Symposium at the St. Vincent Mercy Medical Convention Center in Toledo, Ohio. Attendees of the symposium gained knowledge and advice from corporate leaders who shared insight from their personal success and leadership experience as professionals.

“It is always a pleasure to host this great event in Toledo,” said Dennis Kennedy, Founder and Chair of the National Diversity Council. “Many powerful women reside here and by sharing their stories they empower the next generation to succeed.”



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 David Crafts, Director of Student Life and Housing at Mercy College of Ohio. 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 Ohio Diversity 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 here at our [timeline](#).

### Women in Leadership Symposium Moderator:

**Viviana Hurtado, PhD**  
*Journalist & Anchor*  
*WTOL-TV/FOX Toledo*

### Women in Leadership Symposium Panelists:

**Paula Hicks-Hudson**  
*Mayor*  
*City of Toledo*

**Barbara Berebitsky**  
*Executive Vice President*  
*Signature Bank*

**Karen Marquardt**  
*Assistant Chief*  
*Toledo Fire & Rescue*

**Joan Duggan, MD**  
*Chief of Infectious Diseases and Director of the*  
*Ryan White Center*  
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