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National Women's Council Hosts Inaugural Burlington Women in Leadership Symposium

On March 24, 2016, the National Women's Council hosted the 2016 Burlington Women in Leadership Symposium at Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont. 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 host our Women in Leadership Symposium for the first time in Burlington," said Dennis Kennedy, Founder and Chair of the National Diversity Council. "The event provides the perfect platform for women to share knowledge and experiences with one another."

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 Donald Hatter, CEO at DRE Software Inc. 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 Moderator:

Ame Lambert
*Chief Diversity Officer
Champlain College*

Women in Leadership Symposium Panelists:

Martha Brace
*Vice President, Enterprise Business Services
Marathon Health*

Nikkie Kent
*Executive Vice President
Mamava*

Catherine Hamilton, PhD
*Vice President of Consumer
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