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## Ohio Diversity Council Hosts Dayton Women in Leadership Symposium

On March 30, 2016, the Ohio Diversity Council hosted the Women in Leadership Symposium at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio. Attendees of the symposium gained knowledge and advice from corporate leaders who shared insight from their personal success and leadership experience as professionals.

“Bringing women together to educate and encourage one another is a great place to begin the path to success,” said Dennis Kennedy, Founder and Chair of the National Diversity Council. “This type of event gives women in Dayton the perfect platform to share great 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: Inner Dimensions of Self,” “Stop Networking and Start Making Connections,” and “Becoming a Person of Influence.” The symposium began with a welcome from Barbara Johnson, Chairman of the Board, System Vice President & Chief Human Resources Officer at Premier Health. 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:

[Timeline](#)  
[Program](#)

### Women in Leadership Symposium Panelists:

**Lisa Walker**

*Director, Women and Gender Studies  
University of Southern Maine*

**Asha Echeverria**

*Shareholder  
Bernstein Shur*

**Heather Paquette**

*VP, Retail Operations  
Hannaford Supermarkets*

**Lily Lu**

*VP, Deputy General Counsel  
INDEXX Laboratories, Inc.*

**Breege Farrell**

*Executive VP, Chief Investment Office  
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**Melissa Skahan**

*VP, Mission Integration  
Mercy Hospital*