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**DMV Diversity Council Hosts Annual DC Women in Leadership Symposium**

Washington, DC - - On September 22, the DMV Diversity Council will host the 2016 Washington D.C. Women in Leadership Symposium at the University of Phoenix. This event will bring together a diverse mix of successful women who, through the discussion of topics relevant to today's issues, will educate, inspire and encourage their peers to reflect on their own goals as they strive to advance within their organizations. The theme of this year's symposium is "Secure Your Place at the Table."

"The Women in Leadership Symposium is an excellent forum for local female executives to discuss both the challenges and successes they have experienced while climbing the corporate ladder," said Dennis Kennedy, Founder & Chair of the National Diversity Council.

This half-day event will offer a panel discussion that will delve into a variety of topics, such as "Becoming a Person of Influence," "Finding and Owning Your Voice," and "Positioning Yourself for the Next Big Opportunity." Participants include business professionals, entrepreneurs, non-profit organization representatives, and scholars. Following the discussions, participants will have the opportunity to share their thoughts in an open question and answer session. Panelists include:

Jeniffer De Jesus Roberts  
*Partner*  
*Dentons*

Ruchi Jalla  
*Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer*  
*BAE Systems*

Deborah Hall Greene, PhD  
*Vice President, HR*  
*ENSCO, Inc.*

Audra Ryan-Jones  
*Vice President, U.S. Public*  
*Sector Civilian Market Segment*  
*Hewlett Packard Enterprise*

Tracey Walker  
*Vice President & National*  
*Director of Government Affairs,*  
*Diversity & Inclusion*  
*RSM LLP*

Constance St. Germain  
*Executive Dean, Colleges of*  
*Humanities, Sciences, & Social Sciences*  
*University of Phoenix*

Registration, breakfast, and networking will begin at 8:00 a.m., with the symposium beginning at 8:30 a.m. Individual ticket cost is \$79.00. Registration is currently ongoing and can be completed at <http://wilsymposium.com/2016-symposiums/2016-washingtondc/>.

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### **About the DMV Diversity Council**

A non-profit organization committed to fostering a learning environment for organizations to grow in their knowledge of diversity. The council affords opportunities for organizations to share best practices and learn from top corporate leaders in the areas of diversity and inclusion. For more information about the DMV Diversity Council visit [www.dmvdiversitycouncil.org](http://www.dmvdiversitycouncil.org).

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