

Elite Businesswomen Gather for the Toledo Women and Leadership Symposium

The Ohio Diversity Council held their Toledo Women in Leadership Symposium at Toledo University on Thursday, October 13, 2012. The event brought together a diverse group of local female executives who shared their personal and professional success stories with the women in attendance. This year's symposium presented the theme, "Women in Leadership: Rising above the Ordinary."

"This year's symposium created an opportunity for the attendees to gain valuable insight and a wealth of knowledge from some of the most prominent female leaders in the Toledo area," said Dennis Kennedy, Founder and CEO of National Diversity Council. "We wanted to create a rewarding and fulfilling environment allowing the attendees to observe, learn, network, and hear different perspectives from the event panelists who have made their climb up the corporate ladder."

The half-day event opened with breakfast and a networking session. Organizations and businesses were given the opportunity to set up booths where they could share information about their work with the attendees. This opening session of meet-and-greet was held in effort to create connections and contacts, establish a network of fellow business leaders, and foster a sense of community and support amongst the various professions that were represented.

Following the networking session, the symposium began. An array of successful and influential women from some of the top companies in Toledo composed a panel to discuss topics related to women leaders' success in the workforce today. Topics included, "Perceptions of Assertive Women", "Dealing with Perception vs. Reality: Can Women be Leaders?", and "How Women Can Leverage Power in the Workplace?"

At the end of the event, the attendees were given an opportunity to interact with the panelists during the question and answers session.

The Ohio Diversity Council would like to thank all of the panelists, sponsors, and attendees for helping make the Toledo Women in Leadership Symposium a success.

Symposium Panelists



Dr. Judy Didion
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Patricia Wise
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Dr. Lillian Schumacher
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