

Top Female Executives Highlight the Annual Ohio Women in Leadership Symposium



The Ohio Diversity Council held its annual Women in Leadership Symposium on Tuesday, June 19, 2012, at the Sinclair Conference Center in Dayton, Ohio. The event brought together a diverse group of local female executives who shared their success stories with the women in attendance. The theme for this year's symposium was "Women in Leadership: Rising above the Ordinary".

The symposium began with a period where the attendees were able to have breakfast and network with each other. This early morning session allowed them to create connections and contacts and promote a sense of community and support amongst the several business professions that were represented. The event began immediately following the networking session.

Topics addressed by the panelists included "Dealing with Perception vs. Reality: Can Women be Leaders?", "How to be a Woman of Influence", "The Importance of Building Personal and Business Credit", "Pursuing Leadership Excellence", "Hints to Maintain your Value During Shaky Economic Times", "Success Through Mentorship", and "Overcoming Workforce Barriers". The panel discussions allowed the attendees

to gain a greater understanding of how women can be leaders in the workforce.

"This year's symposium was meant to encourage individuals to take the initiative to meet new colleagues and exchange ideas" said Dennis Kennedy, CEO and Founder of the Ohio Diversity Council. "It was my hope that this symposium would be a rewarding experience for our attendees, allowing them to gain insight of their own goals and careers in effort to catapult them to the top."

The Ohio Diversity Council would like to thank the sponsors and panelists for helping to make this year's Women in Leadership Symposium a success.

Symposium Panelists:

Diane Ewing

VP of Marketing and Communications
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Jeanne Porter

Founder
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