

# Donna Brazile Highlights the 4th Annual Louisiana Women's Conference

The Louisiana Diversity Council held its 4th Annual Women's Conference on Tuesday, November 27th, at Dillard University in New Orleans. This year's conference was divided into four concurrent sessions, consisting of several topics in which the attendees chose to participate. Approximately 150 business professionals from private and corporate sectors, as well as students from the university, attended the conference to gain insight and knowledge from participants who focused on the theme "Finding Wealth, Health, and Balance in 2012."

"At this year's Women's Conference, we wanted to create an environment where the attendees could access professional development" said Dennis Kennedy, Founder and CEO of the National Diversity Council. "With her professional experience and her advocacy for various groups within our communities, we believed having Donna Brazile as the keynote speaker for this year's conference helped us bring awareness to the need for diverse leadership within the professional



*Donna Brazile addresses the attendants of the Louisiana Women's Conference*

community."

The conference began with "The Most Powerful and Influential Women's Breakfast" where 14 women were honored for their accomplishments and contributions to their field of work throughout the scope of their careers. Following the breakfast, the first concurrent panel session began with topics such as, "Men Take Charge and Women take Care"; "Work-Life Balance in the 21st Century"; "Entrepreneurship 101"; and "Managing Career Risk-Time and Sacrifice." These topics – amongst others – were chosen to promote a culture of inclusion.

Donna Brazile, Veteran Democratic Political Strategist and Vice Chair of Voter Registration, delivered the keynote speech after the first series concurrent sessions. In her speech, Brazile focused on the importance of having diversity and inclusion

in the community and the workplace. Her insight and experience perfectly accentuated the conference's theme.

One of the attendees shared, "Thank you so much for the honor and for a great conference! It was a great experience and I always enjoy participating. ..It was great to be in the company of such outstanding

women of achievement...Donna Brazile was an outstanding speaker as always. It was a great treat and I know the Dillard University students enjoyed her."

The Louisiana Diversity Council would like to thank the speakers, panelists, and attendees for helping make the Louisiana Women's Conference a success.



*2012 Most Powerful & Influential Women and Dennis Kennedy, Founder & CEO of the National Diversity Council*