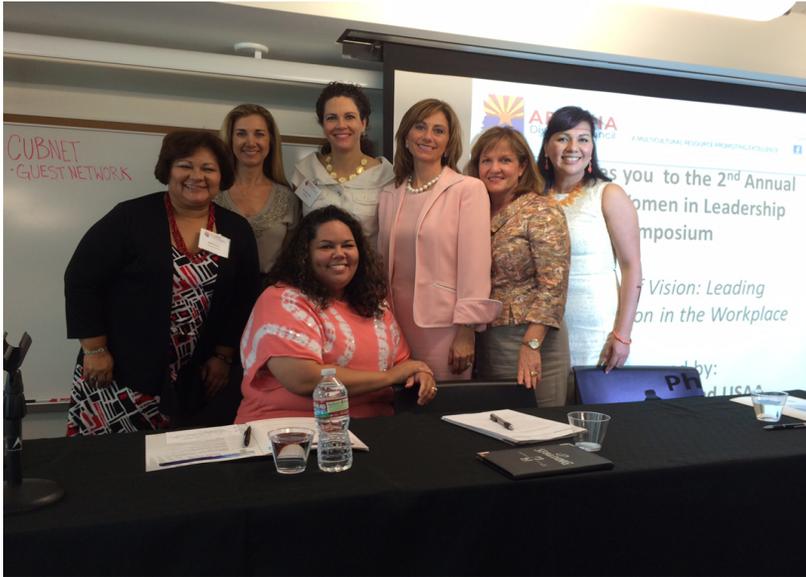


The Arizona Diversity Council Hosts its Women in Leadership Symposium



Panelist from right to left: Matilda Chavez, Allison Brown, Cheyenne Ross, Rachel Mushahwar, Deeann Palin, Tammy McLeod, Angeles Valenciano (Moderator)

On Tuesday, June 24th, The Arizona Diversity Council hosted its Annual Women in Leadership Symposium. This year's theme was "Women of Vision: Leading Transformation in the Workplace". The event took place at Phoenix College of Nursing Excellence, and was moderated by Angeles Valenciano, President & EVP of the National Diversity Council.

"This year's symposium was designed to help young professional women develop the skills necessary to advance with their organizations," said

Dennis Kennedy, Founder and CEO of the National Diversity Council.

The event consisted of a panel of five female executives who shared their knowledge and experiences to help inspire and motivate the attendees.

Panelists included Matilda Chavez, PC Chair of Nursing, Director of Phoenix College of Nursing Excellence; DeeAnn Palin, Corporate Executive, Palin Group; Cheyenne Ross, Vice President, Compliance & Regulatory Affairs, Bridgeway Health Solutions a Centene Corp. Company; Tammy

McLeod, Vice President, Energy Resource Management, Arizona Public Service; and Rachel Mushahwar, Vice President, IT Global Enterprise Applications, PetSmart.

The lively topics that were discussed included, but were not limited to: "Women of Color: Striving for Excellence", "It's Chess, not Checkers. Thriving as an Executive Woman in a Corporate World", "Leadership Lessons Learned" and "Smart Women take Smart Risks". Throughout the symposium enthusiastic attendees asked thought-provoking questions, had lively discussions and listened intently while the panelist relayed unique experiences and advice as female leaders in their fields.

A wealth of knowledge was gained as these leaders shared not only stories of their success, but challenges they experienced and overcame, as they successfully rose to the top of their professional organizations.

The Arizona Diversity Council would like to thank all the sponsors, speakers and attendees for helping to make this year's Women in Leadership Symposium a success.