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California Diversity Council Hosts Inaugural Sacramento Women in Leadership Symposium

On March 10, 2016, the California Diversity Council hosted the Inaugural Women in Leadership Symposium at the Downey Brand headquarters in Sacramento, CA. Attendees of the symposium gained knowledge and advice from corporate leaders who shared insight from their personal success and leadership experience as professionals.

“We are excited to bring our Women in Leadership Symposium to Sacramento this year, Founder and Chairman of the National Diversity Council. “Expanding our reach to new markets gives us the opportunity to acknowledge exceptional women across the nation.”



The half-day event featured multiple business leaders from various organizations discussing topics such as “The Courage to Lead,” “Positioning Yourself for the Next Big Opportunity,” and “Becoming a Person of Influence.” The symposium began with a welcome from Adrienne Lawson, Director for Institutional Culture/ Climate & Community Engagement at UC Davis Health System. Following a series of speeches presented by the featured panelists, audience members were given the opportunity to ask questions and share their thoughts on the discussion topics presented.

The California Diversity Council would like to thank all the sponsors, speakers and attendees for helping to make this event a success.

Program booklets, photos, and other post events from 2015 can be viewed on the California Event [Timeline](#)

Women in Leadership Symposium Moderator:

Adrienne S. Lawson-Thompson, Ed.D
*Director for Institutional Culture/Climate & Community Engagement
U/C Davis Health Systems*

Women in Leadership Symposium Panelists:

Phyllis Baltz
*Chief Operating Officer
Methodist Hospital of Sacramento &
Mercy San Juan Medical Center*

Crystal Cooper
*VP, Global Public Sector
Unisys*

Janlynn R. Fleener
*Partner/Chair, Litigation
Practice Group
Downey Brand*

Wendy Hauteman
*Senior VP
VSP Vision Care*

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*Corporate VP
PeopleFluent*

Kathy McKim
*VP, External Affairs
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