

2020 ILLINOIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WOMEN IN BUSINESS CONFERENCE

“What’s your Dream?”

Friday, May 8, 2020

Elements, Naperville, IL

8:00am - 8:30am	REGISTRATION & NETWORKING
8:30am - 8:35am	WELCOMING REMARKS Meghan Woltman , Chairwoman, <i>Illinois Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors</i>
8:35am - 9:30am	Elaine Hand , <i>COMMUNICATING AMONG GENERATIONS – Morning Keynote</i> Elaine will kick off our conference with an uplifting, energetic presentation to discuss communicating between generations. What are the differences between generations? How does each communicate? This presentation will offer interactive activities to get the conference attendees ready for the day as well as provide takeaways to help when you return to work.
9:30am – 10:15 am	WHAT YOU DON’T KNOW CAN HURT YOU – Panel Discussion This panel will discuss how women can advance and market themselves for new employment, advancing in their careers and navigating the ever-changing work world through emerging technologies and education. Panelist: Kathleen Caldwell , CEO, Business Strategist - <i>Caldwell Consulting Group and ThoughtLeader Women Institute</i>
10:15am – 10:35am	NETWORKING BREAK
10:35am – 11:20am	BEING A WOMAN AND AN ENTREPRENEUR– Panel Discussion Owning a business can be a daunting experience for anyone. This panel discussion with successful woman entrepreneurs will center on the rewards and the risks, personal catalysts and inspirations, and the trials and tribulations of day-to-day life, both personal and business. Panelist - Ericka Perkins , Asst. State Director, SBDC Network – <i>Illinois Department of Commerce</i> Panelist – Donna Stevenson , <i>President, Stevenson Crane</i>
11:20am – 11:40pm	Cheryl McKinney , VP, Strategy and Portfolio, <i>BP Fuels, North America</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What you need to get ahead• Understanding corporate structures and molding it to your advantage• Positioning your ideas in a favorable light, knowing what to say, how to say it, and when to say it
11:40pm – 12:00pm	NETWORKING BREAK
12:00pm -1:00pm	REMARKS & LUNCH Meghan Woltman , Chairwoman, <i>Illinois Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors</i>
12:30pm – 1:00pm	Featured Speaker
1:00pm – 1:30pm	Kim Brown , Speaker, Author and Consultant, <i>Centrally Human – TRANSLATING DREAMS INTO REALITY WITH INNOVATOR MINDSET</i> In this interactive and engaging program, attendees will discover how to see themselves as innovators, regardless of background or skill set get actionable skills (including worksheets to take back to the office) to turn any dream or ambition into an actionable plan.
1:30pm – 2:15pm	HOW TO MAKE WORK LIFE BALANCE A REALITY – Panel Discussion The panel will discuss how women manage the demand of being a working professional in the modern world including balancing family / personal time, maternity leave, caring for older parents and being constantly connected with today’s technology. Moderator TBD Jennifer Hammer , President, <i>JW Hammer, LLC</i>
2:15 pm -	Drawings for door prizes, closing remarks – Laurie Silvey, President, Center for Business Management
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