



New Beginnings

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WOMEN IN BUSINESS CONFERENCE

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ELEMENTS | NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS | 8:30 am to 1:20 pm



Elaine Hand, President, InnerView LLC

Innerview Inc. owned and operated by Elaine Hand, has been in business since 1995. She works within organizations on Human Resource Management as well as Leadership and Management Development. Her seminars have proven over and over again the philosophy that all companies have two major concerns: Systems and People. No matter how much money an organization spends on top of the line, high quality systems, the organization is only as good as the people who own, operate, manage, and work for them. Elaine has facilitated workshops and conducted seminars on basic management, strategic planning, generational diversity, internal and external customer service, time management, team building, leadership, motivation and employment assessment strategies. She has spoken at national, regional and local conferences.



Jynnifer Cotharn

Partner, Inman & Fitzgibbons, Ltd.

Jynnifer Cotharn has been with the firm since 2007 and practices in the areas of workers' compensation defense and general liability. Her practice includes client consultation on reporting and investigating claims as well as advising on strategic measures to reduce risk and liability for employers and insurance carriers. She represents clients at the arbitration, Commission and Circuit Court levels. Jynnifer received her Juris Doctor from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.



Melissa Woessner

Chief Accounting Officer, Wahl Clipper Corporation

Melissa is an Illinois State University graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and a Minor in Business Administration and is a CPA. She interned at AE Staley in Decatur, IL. After graduation she worked there for a year as a Staff Accountant in the Commodities Division, responsible for their four southern grain elevators. She and her husband Ray and son David then moved back to Milledgeville, IL. Melissa then joined the public accounting firm of Lindgren, Callihan, Van Osdol. One of her clients was Wahl Clipper. She spent five years with the Firm before joining Wahl Clipper as Controller. Through her career at Wahl, Melissa was promoted to Corporate Controller and then to Chief Accounting Officer. Melissa has been with Wahl Clipper for 25 years.



Chelsea Allison

Vice President of Human Resources for the Central Plains District, UPS

Allison has been with UPS for over 22 years and has held numerous positions during that time. She is currently HR Business Partner for Central Plains District (Illinois, Missouri, Kansas), responsible for over 25,000 employees. Chelsea leads programs for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, both internally and externally with UPS Employees, Suppliers and Customers. A native of Kalamazoo, Michigan, Chelsea received a bachelor's degree in Social Sciences and Human Resources from Michigan State University. She began her career with UPS in 1999 while attending Michigan State University, as a package handler. In addition to her UPS responsibilities, Chelsea has served as an Executive Board Member for the American Heart Association's, Go Red for Women, United Way, and NAWBO. She also has served on the advisory board for Western Michigan University, a non-profit helping business students develop interpersonal and professional skills as well as leadership attributes and professional competencies through co-curricular programming. She enjoys volunteering and spending time traveling with her active family. Chelsea and her husband, Damon, have been married for 19 years. They have four children, daughter Taja, son DJ, and twin boys Jayden and Kalen.



Meghan Clune Woltman

Chief Government Affairs Officer, Advocate Aurora Health

Meghan is a health policy and industry expert working to improve the nation's health care delivery system by advancing Advocate Aurora Health's legislative and regulatory agenda in Washington, Chicago, Springfield, IL, and Madison, WI.

A leader at Advocate Aurora and Advocate Health Care since 2006, she has 20 years of experience in public affairs, advocacy and civic engagement.

Meghan is the immediate past Chair of the Board of Directors for the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and serves on the Board of Directors for the Civic Federation of Chicago and the Board of the Chicago and Cook County Flexible Housing Pool. She is a 2020 Leadership Greater Chicago Fellow and a member of the Illinois Government Affairs Group.

Meghan completed her master's degree at Saint Louis University through a research fellowship focused on political rhetoric and journalism and earned her bachelor's degree from Saint Louis University in communication and marketing.



Kathy Brady

Founder, CMB Health Inc.

Kathy Brady, founder of CMB Health, Inc., has more than 25 years of extensive experience dynamically interfacing with cross-disciplinary teams and key stakeholders, including hospital systems, health plan carriers, brokers, and third-party administrators, to provide internal and external services and resources to employers.

Kathy is an obesity national speaker and consultant for Novo Nordisk. Kathy strongly believes that a target, methodical, and collaborate approach to obesity management is key to reducing the prevalence of obesity. Kathy's philosophy is to address the employer and patient health life cycle through a single approach using cutting-edge technology, marrying real-time encounter and historical data for care collaboration and connectivity, and incorporating the latest technology that is nimble in its capacity to engage and educate all risk levels to advocate for, assist, provide clinical care to, and motivate each member.



Miranda Johns-Cummings, J.D.

Assistant Vice President, Private Client Advisor, Commerce Bank

Miranda is a private client advisor for the Commerce Trust Company. She serves as a consultant and relationship manager providing clients with personalized objective advice and oversight across all of their services, including trust administration, financial advisory services, private banking, and investment management. Miranda facilitates all aspects of relationship management for the client team, including administering complex trusts, maintaining client communication, and coordinating with internal and external partners to deliver a superior client experience. Miranda has more than 10 years experience in trust and estate administration and legal representation. Miranda earned her Bachelor of Arts in psychology and criminal justice from Indiana University Bloomington in 2001 and her Juris Doctor from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 2017. She is a member of the Indiana State Bar and a member of the Bar of the US District Court for the Southern District of Indiana.



Danielle Marshall

Financial Advisor, Edward Jones

Danielle Marshall has been assisting clients in their higher income and savings years for over 13 years. She followed her father into her passion, beginning her career with Edward Jones in 2004. She graduated from DePaul University with a degree in finance. She has also earned the AAMS® designation from the College for Financial Planning. Danielle is Series 7 and Series 66 registered in 22 states. Outside of serving 325 client families, she has served in numerous volunteer leadership positions to assist new financial advisors during her tenure with Edward Jones. She became a limited partner with the firm in 2015. Danielle lives in Winfield with her husband, Ryan, and her two sons, Caiden and Julian. She has served on the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and also as an advocate for foster children (CASA of DuPage).



Lori Healey

Senior Vice President and Operations and Implementation Lead for the Obama Presidential Center (OPC), Obama Foundation

In December 2020, Lori Healey joined the Obama Foundation as Senior Vice President and Operations and Implementation Lead for the Obama Presidential Center (OPC). She is leading work to build and operate the OPC, a 19.3-acre campus within Jackson Park, that includes a Presidential Museum, Auditorium, Restaurant, retail store, Fruit & Vegetable Garden, playground, lush parkland and greenspace, and a new branch of the Chicago Public Library.

She previously served as President of Clayco's Chicago Business Unit. In that role, she led enterprise activity for development, design, and construction related activities in the greater Chicago area and surrounding region. Prior to joining Clayco, she was the Chief Executive Officer of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (MPEA), owner of McCormick Place and the 1,258 room Hyatt Regency McCormick Place. During her tenure, Ms. Healey oversaw the development of the 10,000 seat Wintrust Arena and the 1,205-room Marriott Marquis Chicago.

Ms. Healey served as the Chief Executive Officer of Tur Partners LLC ("Tur"), a firm founded by Chicago's former Mayor Richard M. Daley, which partnered with leaders and innovators to drive growth within global urban markets. She also served as Principal in the Development Group for the John Buck Company, focused on growing the firm's private real estate and infrastructure-related transactions.

Ms. Healey coordinated the organizational and planning activities for the 2012 NATO Summit in Chicago, acting as Director of the NATO Host Committee. Additionally, in 2009, Ms. Healey was appointed as President of Chicago 2016, where she was responsible for co-leading Chicago's bid for the 2016 Summer Olympics and Paralympics Games.

Ms. Healey held several senior leadership positions for the City of Chicago under the administration of Mayor Richard M. Daley, most recently acting as Mayor Daley's Chief of Staff. She earlier served as Commissioner of the City's Department of Planning and Development. Her previous experiences also included time as a principal at Perkins + Will, and as Deputy Director for Business Development of the (then) Illinois Department of Commerce & Community Affairs. She began her career as a policy aide to former Governor John Carlin of Kansas in 1983. Ms. Healey holds a B.A. in Economics and M.S. in Public Administration from Kansas State.



Alana Banks

Board Member, Decatur Public School Board

Alana Giselle Banks, 26, is a serial entrepreneur, LGBTQ+ activist, Independent Paralegal, and Court Appointed Special Advocate for Children. Banks currently sits on the Decatur Public Schools, District 61 Board of Education and the Decatur Public Library, Board of Trustees. Banks volunteers her time coaching youth on the importance of financial literacy and civic engagement. Banks is passionate about reaching, educating, and cultivating future leaders.