Powerhouse of Local, National Women Leaders Headline UWM Conference

Milwaukee sets the scene, March 30, for an inspirational day with influential women from across the nation.

MILWAUKEE, March 5, 2012 – Women leaders throughout the area are gearing up for a day of eye-opening education, camaraderie and inspiration during the third annual UWM Women Leaders Conference – March 30, 7am-5pm, at the Pfister Hotel.

“There is a lot of excitement surrounding this year’s event,” says Patricia Arredondo, Dean of the UWM School of Continuing Education. “We are honored to welcome such an amazing group of influential women.”

This year’s lineup of keynote speakers includes leading feminist activist, Gloria Steinem, The Pampered Chef Founder and Chairman Emeritus, Doris Christopher, and President of Purdue University, Dr. France Córdova.

They will cover critical topics including women’s progress in the workplace, empowering women, self reinvention, parenting and work, and mentorship.

Additional presenters include Pat Nazemetz (Xerox Corporation), Betty Cortina (NBC) and local leaders including Brenda Bowers (Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare), Tami Garrison (MillerCoors), Lora Hyler (Hyler Communications) and Sarah Jelencic (Foley & Lardner).

“These accomplished women will reveal their secrets for success and what kept them inspired along the way,” Arredondo explains. “Conference attendees can harness that energy to empower themselves. Everyone walks away with ideas to implement both professionally and personally.

Hosted by the UWM School of Continuing Education, the conference unites women that have pioneered their fields with those who are currently striving to succeed.

The day concludes with a new World Café session, 4-5pm, that provides a chance to speak one-on-one with Steinem and other presenters as well as small-group networking. For more information, visit sce-womenleaders.uwm.edu.

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