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Texas Conference for Women Appoints Prominent Local Leaders to Advisory Council

Austin, TX, July 2, 2012 – Some of the most prominent female leaders from across the state are bringing a wealth of experience to the 13th annual Texas Conference for Women through their appointment to its charter Advisory Council. Under the direction of a volunteer Board of Directors, these women will work together to create an empowering and inspirational day for attendees year after year.

The nonpartisan, nonprofit Conference is Texas' premier event for women, featuring dozens of renowned speakers sharing inspirational stories and leading seminars on the issues that matter most to women. Topics include health, personal finance, executive leadership, small business and entrepreneurship, work/life balance, branding and social media marketing, and more. Themed 'Imagine,' the Conference will host over 5,000 women from across the state for a full day of networking, professional development and personal growth opportunities.

The Council is comprised of women who understand the importance of personal and professional growth and who are committed to dropping the ladder down for the next generation of aspiring female leaders:

- Cecilia Abbott, Managing Director of Community Relations, Harden Healthcare
- Donna Baker, President, Clear Channel Outdoor – Houston
- Nelda Luce Blair, President/Attorney – The Blair Law Firm, P.C.
- Gina Lynn Bridwell, Community Volunteer
- Alejandra Bueno
- Stephanie Cavender, Business Manager, Monteris Medical
- Julie B. Crosswell, Vice President, Osborn Heirs Oil and Gas Co.
- Susan M. Davenport, Senior Vice President - Global Technology Strategies, The Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce
- Diana D. Denman, Volunteer
- Patricia Dewhurst
- Lauren M. Fincher, Attorney, Locke Lord LLP
- Janice Flores
- Amanda Beck Foster
- Melinda Garvey, Co-Founder and Publisher, AW Media, Inc.
- Cris Graham, Owner and President, Hondo's on Main
- Lesley G. Guthrie, Executive Director, Texas Governor's Commission for Women
- Susie Hance
- Melissa Jackson, Executive Director of Community and Donor Relations, The University of Texas System

- Cynthia Tyson Jenkins
- Katherine Jones, Principal and Founder, Milkshake Media
- Milla Perry Jones, Vice President, Government Relations, United Surgical Partners International, Inc.
- Glenda Kane, Chairman, Texas Department of State Health Services Council
- Jamy Kazanoff, Assistant Director, City of Austin Aviation Department
- Marsha Kelliher, J.D., LL.M., Dean, School of Management and Business, St. Edward's University
- Shelby E. Krause
- Sheri S. Krause, Past Chairman, Texas Historical Commission
- Claudia Kreisle, Director of Development, Programs and Events, Baylor College of Medicine
- Rita Kreisle
- Christie McAdams Leedy, DDS, Owner, Abilene Dental
- Lisa Lucero, Texas Oil & Gas Association
- Patsy Woods Martin, Founder & Executive Director, I Live Here, I Give Here
- Carla McDonald, Founder & CEO, Dynabrand
- Carol McGarah, CEO, Blackridge
- Becky Deyhle McKinley, Owner, Dining by Design Catering Co.
- Melinda Cook McMichael, M.D., FACP, Internal Medicine, University Health Services, The University of Texas at Austin
- Kay McNutt, Chief Financial Officer & Board Member, Martin Automotive Group, Inc.
- Alison L. Meador, Fund Development Specialist, House of Friends
- Sonceria Messiah-Jiles
- Mica McCutchen Mosbacher, Honorary Consul General, Iceland, Mica Mosbacher Interests, LLC
- Louri O'Leary
- Harriet O'Neill, Law Office of Harriet O'Neill
- Amy McMichael Paddock, Senior Vice President and General Manager, Hill+Knowlton Strategies
- Julie Parsley, Partner, Parsley Coffin Renner LLP
- Ivy Pate, Regional Vice President, CHRISTUS Health Southeast Texas
- Lisa Perini, Perini Ranch Steakhouse
- MariBen Ramsey, Vice President and COO, General Counsel, Austin Community Foundation
- Karen Kenney Reagan, Principal, Texas Star Alliance
- Jennifer Ransom Rice, Director of Development, Texas Cultural Trust
- Mamie Salazar-Harper, Owner, M Rentals, Inc. DBA Fiesta Rentals
- Julie Shannan, Deputy Director, Girlstart
- Patricia Shipton, Government Affairs Consultant
- Teresa J. Spears
- Neissa Brown Springmann, Founder and CEO, iGnite Your Life
- Kate Stoker, President, Young Women's Alliance, Global Strategy & Campaign Manager, Dell
- Julie B. Straus
- Wendy Taylor, Writer, Communications Consultant
- Leslie Ward, Vice President, External Affairs, AT&T
- Brenda Weber
- Jimmy Elizabeth Westcott
- Daisy Sloan White, Special Events Consultant, The Events Company

The Conference is presented by Dell and is also supported by dozens of corporations including AAA Texas, AT&T, Cancer Treatment Centers of America, ConocoPhillips, ExxonMobil, Phillips 66, Shell Oil Company, *The Texas Tribune*, and The University of Texas at Austin.

To learn more about the Advisory Council for the 13th Annual Texas Conference for Women, visit <http://www.txconferenceforwomen.org/about/advisory-council/>. Keep up-to-date with all Conference happenings by visiting us at TXConferenceForWomen.org, following us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/#!/TexasWomen> or liking our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/texasconferenceforwomen>.

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