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STATEMENT

To work with and for our members, to lift and elevate women as they grow professionally through leadership, education, business relationships, and networking. We inspire women into greater leadership roles within their organizations and community.

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PROGRAM

7:15 a.m. Registration/Exhibitor Tables/
Networking/Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. **WELCOME/REMARKS**

Mary Woodard
Women in Business Committee Chair
Mayor Karen Lang
West Valley City

8:15 a.m. **OPENING SESSION**

“Discover the Leader Within”
PRESENTER: Sophia DiCaro
Executive Director of the Governor’s Office
of Planning and Budget

9:15 a.m. **ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL FUNDRAISER**

9:20 a.m. **NETWORKING BREAK**

9:45 a.m. **BREAKOUT SESSION #1**

“Overcoming at Any Stage of Life”
“Powerhouse Women Shaping Change”
“Mindset Reset: Turning Awareness into Action”

10:40 a.m. **NETWORKING BREAK**

11:10 a.m. **BREAKOUT SESSION #2**

“Improve Your Leadership by Avoiding Drama in the Workplace”
“Utah’s Immigration Landscape: Legal Shifts and Real-Life Stories”
“Strictly Networking”

12:15 p.m. **LUNCH/REMARKS**

Mayor Kristie Overson
City of Taylorsville

12:30 p.m. **“She Leads: The Realities of Business Ownership”**

PANELISTS:
Anna Barbieri, CEO & Co-Founder, White Elegance
Sharon Anderson, Owner, HOTWORX
Jessica Lemieux, Owner, Enrico’s Deli & Pizzeria
Christine Mason, President, Good Day Catering

1:30 p.m. **CLOSING SESSION**

“The Power of Ownership: Elevate Your Mindset, Leadership, & Success”
PRESENTER: Lavanya Mahate
Entrepreneur, Speaker, Business & Leadership Mentor

2:30 p.m. **CLOSING REMARKS & RAFFLE WINNER ANNOUNCEMENTS**





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Discover the Leader Within

In this keynote, Sophia DiCaro invites you to discover the leader within. Sharing lessons from her experiences as a former lawmaker, executive director, and mother, she shares how to own your leadership by embracing the evolution of life and honoring who and where you are.

SOPHIA M. DICARO is the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and a Senior Advisor to Gov. Spencer J. Cox. Previously, she was the chief compliance officer for The Cynosure Group and has a long history in public service, beginning in 2001 with roles in the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and the Governor's Office of Economic Development. She has also served as a Utah State Representative, an adjunct instructor at the University of Utah, and a commissioner for the Utah Alcoholic Beverage Services Commission. DiCaro currently chairs the board of trustees for Primary Children's Hospital and serves on multiple advisory boards, including the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute,UCAIR, and the Utah Women's Leadership Institute.

OPENING SESSION



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**BREAKOUT
SESSION #1**

**Overcoming at
Any Stage of Life**

As women in the workplace, we are often wearing multiple hats at any given stage of life. We do this while maintaining a high level of empathy and compassion. We will discuss how we continue to perform at a high level, while staying true to who we are.



Connie Washington
VP People and DEI
Progressive Leasing

CONNIE WASHINGTON's current role is Vice President of People, Engagement & Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Connie prides herself in ensuring that regardless of what occurs in the workplace, every employee deserves to be treated with compassion, empathy, dignity and respect. Connie holds a Master's Degree in Management and Leadership, a Master's Degree in Business Administration, and Senior HR certifications through SHRM and HRCI.

Powerhouse Women Shaping Change

Join us for an inspiring conversation with two influential women in the Utah State Legislature who are at the forefront of advocating for families, women, and children. These legislative powerhouses will share their experiences in pushing for impactful policies, the challenges they've faced, and the victories they've secured for the communities they represent. Attending this session will empower you with the knowledge and tools to make a meaningful impact in your community, and inspire you to become a catalyst for change.



Representative Angela Romero
House Minority Leader

REPRESENTATIVE ANGELA ROMERO represents House District 25 in the Utah State Legislature and is currently the House Minority Leader. She heads the first all-female House minority leadership team in the Utah State Legislature. Representative Romero has been a champion for women and children. Representative Romero works on legislation for victim's rights, human trafficking, and sexual assault and domestic violence prevention.



Senator Luz Escamilla
Senate Minority Leader

On Nov. 4, 2008, **SENATOR LUZ ESCAMILLA**, District 10, was elected to the Utah State Senate, becoming the first Latina elected in the Utah State Senate and the first immigrant elected in the Utah State Legislature. Now in her fourth term, Senator Escamilla holds the position of Minority Leader, driving impactful change in legislative initiatives. Senator Escamilla's policy focus has been the well-being of Utah's families, aiming to address the social determinants of health and uplift healthcare outcomes and quality of life.

**BREAKOUT
SESSION #1**

**Mindset Reset: Turning
Awareness into Action**

Life's toughest challenges can either define us or drive us to rise above them. In this powerful talk, learn how Julianne transformed awareness into action, overcoming several life hardships and proving that resilience begins with a mindset reset.



Julianne Nagle
Owner & Founder
Garden O'Veaten

JULIANNE NAGLE spent 35 years leading thousands in a multi-billion-dollar sales company before a plant-based diet helped her heal from Multiple Sclerosis. Soon after, she survived a near-fatal horse accident, reinforcing her passion for health transformation. In 2018, she launched Utah's first 100% plant-based, non-GMO, gluten-free food truck and now empowers others through live, online cooking courses. Her journey proves that with the right mindset and awareness, true healing is possible.

**Improve Your Leadership by
Avoiding Drama in the Workplace**

In this session, we will learn to recognize the signs of reactivity, and understand roles arise under stressful conditions. We'll also practice tools to shift out of drama and cultivate collaboration instead.

**BREAKOUT
SESSION #2**

JULIANNA CHRISTIE is a leadership coach, facilitator, and founding partner of Crafted Leadership. She has spent over 30 years in corporate settings, facilitating breakthroughs in teams and with individuals, and offering key insights that take global leaders to the next level. Her expertise in leadership development and in bringing about rapid and lasting individual and team growth has yielded her a reputation as an inspiring, fun facilitator and trusted coach.



Julianna Christie
Chief Training Officer
Crafted Leadership

Strictly Networking

Join us for a dynamic networking breakout session designed to help you build meaningful connections. The session will kick off with a quick 15-minute overview on effective networking strategies, offering key tips and insights to enhance your approach. After the brief introduction, you'll dive into a real-life simulation where you'll practice various types of networking in a supportive environment, gaining confidence and honing your skills to engage with others professionally. Whether you're new to networking or looking to refine your approach, this session will give you the tools and experience to make lasting connections in your career.



Sherry Taylor
Co-Owner
Keep It Marketing

SHERRY TAYLOR, Owner of Keep It Marketing and professional networker, will facilitate this event. With her expertise in marketing and relationship-building, Sherry will guide the session, ensuring a valuable and engaging experience for all participants.

**BREAKOUT
SESSION #2**

**Utah's Immigration Landscape:
Legal Shifts and Real-Life Stories**

Join Liliana Bolanos and Gloria Cardenas as they share firsthand insights into how recent policy changes are affecting individuals, families, and businesses across Utah. Liliana will cover the latest legislative developments, offering a clear understanding of the legal shifts at play. Drawing from real cases and her boots-on-the-ground experience, Gloria will shed light on the challenges immigrants face. The last portion of the session will be dedicated to an engaging Q&A, where the two will share personal stories and real-life experiences.



Gloria Cardenas
Founder
Familia America, LLC

GLORIA CARDENAS is the founder of Familia America, LLC, a Utah based immigration law firm specializing in family-based immigration and naturalization in all 50 states and numerous countries. She has successfully represented hundreds of immigrants before the immigration court and negotiated bonds and other relief with Immigration and Customs Enforcement saving many from imminent deportation and family separation.



Liliana Bolanos
Immigrant Family Policy
Analyst
Voices for Utah Children

LILIANA BOLANOS, a proud Mexican American from Michoacan, Mexico, brings over four years of professional experience in the immigration law and policy fields. Currently, she is an Immigrant Family Policy Analyst at Voices for Utah Children and an Immigration Advisor to Mormon Women for Ethical Government. As a DACA recipient and daughter of immigrants, Liliana intimately understands the urgent need for essential immigration reform.

**She Leads:
The Realities of Business Ownership**

Hear from a powerful panel of female business owners as they share their journeys of entrepreneurship, highlighting the unique challenges and rewards of building and running a business. Through candid conversations, they'll explore the advantages, obstacles, and lessons learned along the way, offering valuable insights into achieving sustainable success.

ANNA BARBIERI is a versatile leader and entrepreneur, with a passion for business, and public service. In 1993, Anna saw a need for beautiful white clothing for members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to wear in their temples around the world and started White Elegance, a design and manufacturing company, with her sister, Tamera Perkins. The venture soon grew to include a distinguished line of custom choir attire and historical costumes. Beyond her professional accomplishments, Anna became a Taylorsville City Council Member in 2020 and she serves on the Board of Directors of ChamberWest.



Anna Barbieri
CEO/Owner
White Elegance



Christine Mason
President & Owner
Good Day Catering,
Sego Lily Events, Rise
by Good Day

CHRISTINE MASON is an accomplished entrepreneur and the driving force behind Good Day Catering, Inc., Sego Lily Events, and Rise by Good Day. With a passion for food and hospitality, Christine founded Good Day Catering in 2000 as a bakery and sandwich shop, quickly establishing herself as a trusted name in the industry. Christine's deep connection to her Polish heritage led her to launch Rise by Good Day in 2019. In November 2024, Christine continued to grow the Good Day Catering brand with the unveiling of Sego Lily Events, a stunning new event space located in West Jordan, UT.

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JESSICA LEMIEUX From a young age, Jessica immersed herself in the world of restaurants, starting at 15 working alongside her dad at his pizza place. Jessica's dad trusted her to figure things out, and that trust allowed her to gain invaluable experience in all aspects of the business. Today, Jessica is proud to say that Enrico's Deli and Pizzeria is her very first restaurant. Jessica is committed to empowering herself and others through her journey and is honored to share her story as a testament to resilience, love for family, and the power of believing in your dreams.



Jessica Lemieux
Owner
Enrico's Deli & Pizzeria



Sharon Anderson
Owner
HOTWORX

SHARON ANDERSON is the proud owner of HOTWORX Taylorsville and HOTWORX West Jordan. She is passionate about bringing innovative infrared fitness training to the community and loves helping members achieve their health and wellness goals in a supportive and motivating environment. Owning these studios has been an incredible journey, and Sharon is grateful to be part of a business that empowers people to prioritize their well-being.

CLOSING SESSION

The Power of Ownership: Elevate Your Mindset, Leadership & Success

Success isn't given—it's owned. In this transformational keynote, Lavanya Mahate reveals how taking radical ownership of your mindset, career, and financial future can unlock new levels of success and fulfillment. Drawing from her journey as an entrepreneur, leadership mentor, and advocate for empowerment, Lavanya shares actionable strategies to overcome self-doubt, build resilience, and lead with confidence.

LAVANYA MAHATE is an entrepreneur, business strategist, and transformational coach dedicated to empowering individuals to take ownership of their lives, careers, and financial success. As the founder of Saffron Valley and SV Café, she has made a lasting impact in the hospitality industry while mentoring aspiring entrepreneurs. She also leads RISE Culinary Institute, a nonprofit that provides free culinary training to immigrant and refugee women. A passionate advocate for business growth and financial independence, Lavanya's Power of Ownership framework equips individuals with strategies to overcome self-doubt, build thriving businesses, and create lasting legacies.



Lavanya Mahate

Entrepreneur, Speaker, Business & Leadership Mentor



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UPCOMING EVENTS

WOMEN IN BUSINESS EVENTS

Wednesday, May 21

6th ANNUAL WOMEN IN BUSINESS GOLF CLINIC

@ The Ridge Golf Club

Morning Event: 8:15am-12:30pm

Afternoon Event: 11:15am-3:15pm

Tuesday, June 10 11:30am-1:00pm

WIB PROFESSIONAL GROWTH SERIES LUNCHEON

Tuesday, August 12 11:30am-1:00pm

WIB PROFESSIONAL GROWTH SERIES LUNCHEON

Wednesday, September 24

WOMEN IN BUSINESS NINE & DINE GOLF EVENT

Tuesday, October 14 11:30am-1:00pm

WIB PROFESSIONAL GROWTH SERIES LUNCHEON

Tuesday, December 9 11:00am-1:00pm

WOMEN IN BUSINESS HOLIDAY EVENT

CHAMBERWEST MAJOR EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Wednesday, June 11

ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC @ Stonebridge Golf Club

Wednesday, September 10

ANNUAL AWARDS GALA

September – June

2025/2026 LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE PROGRAM

Thursday, November 13

ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE

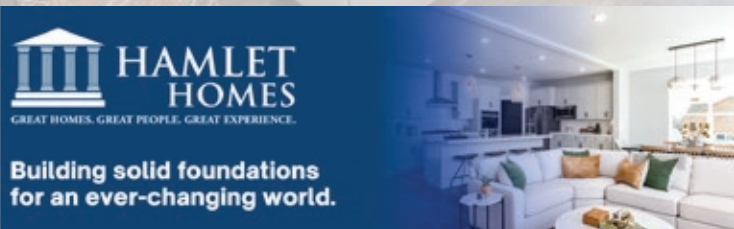
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