



2019 ILLINOIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WOMEN IN BUSINESS CONFERENCE

Friday, March 15, 2019
Pinstripes, Oak Brook, IL

8:00am - 8:30am

REGISTRATION & NETWORKING

8:30am - 8:45am

WELCOMING REMARKS

Meghan Woltman, Chairwoman, *Illinois Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors*
Candace Gerritsen, Chief Operating Officer, *Illinois Chamber of Commerce*

8:45am - 9:15am

AMANDA YOUNG, *Clean Up Your Energy* – **Morning Keynote**

Amanda will kick off our conference with a talk to inspire all of us to find what makes us our best selves. Her talk, “*Learn to Identify and Release What’s Holding You Back from Being Your Best Self*”, will include tips for changing your beliefs, shifting your energy, and ways to shine more brightly (like a diamond!).

9:15am -10:00am

IT MATTERS: INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY – **Panel Discussion**

Beverly Alfon, Partner, *SmithAmundsen* (Moderator)

Leslie Drish, Manager Diversity and Inclusion, *Tyson Foods*

Chipo Nyambuya, Founder, *Virgil CSR*

Alexis Robertson, North American Manager Diversity, *Baker & McKenzie*

- The benefits of having a diverse workforce
- Learn practical guidance to help develop an inclusive corporate environment
- Pick up hiring practices, grow talent pipelines, and how best to recruit, train, and mentor to create a diverse workforce

10:00am -10:15am

NETWORKING BREAK

10:15am -11:00am

STRENGTH IN LEADERSHIP – **Panel Discussion**

Colonel Patricia Klop, Reserve Assistant Chief of Staff, *U.S. Marine Forces Pacific*

Dr. Brian Caputo, Interim President, *College of Dupage*

Michael Holub, Vice-Chair, *Illinois Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve* (Moderator)

- How to send a message of power and confidence, and what it means to be a leader in today’s climate

11:00am -11:45am

MY JOURNEY TO HERE – **Panel Discussion**

Michelle Larson, President and CEO, *Adler Planetarium*

Monica Mueller, Senior Director Government Affairs, *Motorola Solutions*

Susana Meza, Vice President, *Wintrust, Community Impact*

- 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

11:45am -12:00pm

NETWORKING BREAK

12:00pm -12:30pm

Alicia Tate-Nadeau, (Brigadier General, Ret.) Acting Director, *Illinois Emergency Management Agency, Illinois Homeland Security Advisor* - **KEYNOTE**

12:30pm -1:00pm

REMARKS & LUNCH

Meghan Woltman, Chairwoman, *Illinois Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors*

1:00pm - 2:00pm

NETWORKING EVENT – START MAKING CONNECTIONS

Elaine Hand, President, *InnerView LLC*

- Face to Face communication and networking
- Tips for engaging with new contacts
- Fun meeting new people