

## Press Release

# The Women's Center to Honor Noted DC Metro Female Leaders at 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Leadership Conference

*Award honorees represent the Arts, STEM, Business and Government.*

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The Women's Center will hold its [31<sup>st</sup> Annual Leadership Conference](#) on April 22, 2017 at the McLean Hilton in McLean, VA. The Conference is the DC Metropolitan Region's premier leadership and professional development event for women.

This year's Conference, themed Connect-Inspire-Act, will honor an impressive list of women leaders from across the DC Metro region. These accomplished executives will share experiences and insights from their professional journeys with the 750+ attendees the Conference attracts annually. Award speakers include:

[Doreen Gentzler, NBC4 News Anchor](#)

[Deborah Rutter, President, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts](#)

[Kimberly Crider, Major General, United States Air Force Reserve and Partner, velocityHUB](#)

[Janet Hill, Principal, Hill Family Advisors](#)

[Dr. Arati Prabhakar, Former Head of DARPA, The United States Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency](#)

[Ann Ratner, Co-Founder, Stylist and President of Upscale Brands, Ratner Companies](#)

[Brittany Perkins, Executive, AshBritt Environmental](#)

[Krista Woods, Inventor, GloveStix](#)

The Conference will also highlight women's changing role in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields with a new feature called the World Café, an interactive workshop to drive discussion among senior-level Conference attendees on advancing young women in STEM leadership. Additional workshops will focus on professional and personal skills development for all attendees.

Shirley Clark, CEO and Executive Director of The Women's Center, "We are humbled and honored to host this impressive slate of women leaders who have made their unique, indelible mark on the DC Metro community and the country. Their accomplishments attest to the impact that women can have, on the arts, science, business, the military and government. Their contributions serve to inspire our Conference attendees and The Women's Center clients to see what is possible in their own lives."

Leading area organizations including Cisco, CGI, Attain, Criterion Systems, AT&T and others are major sponsors of this year's Conference. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available for organizations wishing to align with this prestigious, high visibility event. Beyond the many sponsorship benefits, sponsors will also be able to meet leadership development, marketing and corporate responsibility goals. Full sponsorship details are available [here](#).

A celebrated annual event, The Women's Center Leadership Conference honors senior female leaders from the business, government/defense, media and philanthropic sectors.

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**About The Women's Center:**

The Women's Center is celebrating its 42nd year of providing mental health counseling, support and education to the metropolitan area to help people live healthy, stable and productive lives.

Over the past forty years, we have grown to include service to women, men, families, young adults and children. We now serve 4,000 people annually at our two locations in Virginia and Washington, DC. Functioning as a teaching institution for mental health professionals, we provide one of the largest, and most prestigious and competitive training programs in the region.

A nonprofit organization, The Women's Center relies on philanthropic support to offer subsidized and free care and support to people in need in the community.

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