



*"Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you." - Ruth Bader Ginsburg*



## Early 2019 Advocacy Win!

The WNY Women's Foundation's Advocacy Agenda promotes gender equity and women's economic empowerment by convening stakeholders, sharing stories and collective knowledge, and utilizing research and influence to affect policy and funding for the benefit of women and girls in Western New York. We aim to be a leading voice for our community's women and girls through direct and grassroots advocacy in collaboration with local, state-wide, and national partners.

We work to drive policy decisions and funding for our region to maximize opportunities, leading to economic empowerment and family sustainability.

Earlier this month, the 116th Congress was sworn in - a historic event for women's representation in the U.S. government. Women now make up nearly a quarter of its voting membership – the highest percentage in U.S. history!

Then, this week, the New York State Senate [passed historic election reforms](#):

- Early voting
- Same-day voter registration
- No-excuse absentee voting by mail

This is a huge victory and gets us one step closer to making it easier for women to get to the ballot box and have their voices heard.

We look forward to sharing more advocacy news with you in the coming months.

**Review the full WNY Women's Foundation 2019 Advocacy Agenda today.**

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Join the **Buffalo Women's March on Sunday, January 20th**. This is a time when we can come together to move towards a community where all women and girls can succeed.

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## 2019 Pathways to Progress Speaker Series

Since 2008, the **Pathways to Progress Speaker Series** has provided an informative platform for conversations with aspiring women leaders and change agents to inspire and motivate all women to take action. Each event serves as a forum to discuss and develop action around timely issues for girls and women in WNY.

This year's theme is "**Take Care of Yourself While you Conquer the World**" and will feature four events under two categories: **Personal Self** & **Business Self**.

Save the date for the following events:

1. **Mind, Body & Nutrition** - Friday, February 22nd, 8:30 - 10:00 AM
2. **Know & Grow Your Worth** - Friday, April 12th, 8:30 - 10:00 AM
3. **Get Your Sh\*t Together** - Friday, July 19th, 8:30 - 10:00 AM
4. **The Power of Negotiating** - Friday, November 22nd, 8:30 - 10:00 AM

More details on each event, including speakers, location and registration, to follow.

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