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SESSION ITINERARY

Session One ***Leading from Within: Harnessing Self-Awareness for Effective Leadership***

Session Two ***Thriving Through Adversity: Cultivating a Resilient Mindset***

Session Three ***From Insight to Impact: Women of Wisdom Share Key Career Acceleration Strategies***

Session Host



Anne Joynt, Esq.

Anne E. Joynt is a partner at Lipsitz, Ponterio & Comerford, LLC. Ms. Joynt represents people who have suffered injuries as a result of exposure to asbestos, as well as those injured by childhood lead poisoning, motor vehicle accidents, construction accidents, medical malpractice and defective products, as well as those who suffered childhood sexual abuse. Ms. Joynt graduated magna cum laude from the State University of New York College at Geneseo with her Bachelor of Arts in English and Spanish, and she received her Juris Doctor from the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School. She is very active in the community having served as President of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York. She is a Past President of the UB Law School Alumni Association Board of Directors, and serves as Vice-Chair of the WNY Women's Foundation.

SESSION ONE

Leading from Within: Harnessing Self-Awareness for Effective Leadership

During Leading from Within: Harnessing Self-Awareness for Effective Leadership participants will embark on a transformative journey of self-discovery and leadership development. This session is designed to equip participants with the tools and insights necessary to deepen their understanding of themselves, their strengths, weaknesses, values, and motivations. By cultivating a heightened sense of self-awareness, participants will learn how to leverage their unique attributes to become more authentic, empathetic, and influential leaders. During Leading from Within: Harnessing Self-Awareness for Effective Leadership participants will embark on a transformative journey of self-discovery and leadership development. This session is designed to equip participants with the tools and insights necessary to deepen their understanding of themselves, their strengths, weaknesses, values, and motivations. By cultivating a heightened sense of self-awareness, participants will learn how to leverage their unique attributes to become more authentic, empathetic, and influential leaders.

Moderator



Esther Annan

Esther is an active and influential changemaker, working alongside community-based organizations and government agencies to improve the lives of Western New Yorkers. A graduate of the UB School of Social Work, Esther is a program officer with the John R. Oishei Foundation, a private, comprehensive foundation serving Western New York, where she develops, manages, and evaluates a portfolio of grants and initiatives, with a focus on health and human services.

Christina Lesh's passion as an executive leadership coach is fueled by a commitment to fostering leader empowerment and effectiveness. She is a certified leadership coach through the SUNY at Buffalo Center for Leadership and Organizational Effectiveness. She believes that transformational and sustainable leadership development requires empathy and actions.

Speaker



Christina Lesh

SESSION TWO

Thriving Through Adversity: Cultivating a Resilient Mindset

Moderator



Christina Lesh

In the face of challenges and setbacks, resilience is the key that unlocks our ability not just to survive, but to thrive. Join us for an insightful panel discussion on Thriving Through Adversity: Cultivating a Resilient Mindset, where experts and thought leaders will share their insights, strategies, and personal experiences on how to cultivate resilience in both professional and personal spheres. Drawing from their own journeys and expertise, they will offer practical tips and techniques for building resilience, including positive reframing and self-care strategies.

Panelist



Kirsti Hunt

Executive Vice President
NOCO

Panelist



Juweria Davis

Director of Innovation and
Entrepreneurship
Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus

Panelist



Latricia Davis

Director of Inclusion
Equity, and Diversity
West Herr

Panelist



Rosa Gonzalez

President & Principal Engineer
RGonzalez Consulting
Erie Community College

SESSION THREE

From Insight to Impact: Women of Wisdom Share Key Career Acceleration Strategies

Join us for an enriching panel discussion titled *From Insight to Impact: Women of Wisdom Share Key Career Acceleration Strategies*. In this empowering session, esteemed women leaders from diverse industries will come together to share insights, strategies, and personal anecdotes aimed at accelerating career growth. Our panelists will draw upon their wealth of experience and expertise to provide actionable advice for navigating the complexities of career advancement in the areas of compensation, community building, values/personal branding, and self-care with practical tips and proven strategies for achieving success in their careers.

Moderator



Sujata Yalamanchili

Leader of Real Estate
Leasing and Retail Practices
Hodgson Russ

Panelist



Zeneta Everhart

Common Council Woman
City of Buffalo

Panelist



Julia Culkin-Jacobia

Compensation Consulting
Practice Leader
Catapult

Panelist



Therese Fuerst

Chief Marketing and
Development Officer
BestSelf Behavioral Health

Panelist



Abigail Skinner

Psychotherapist
NYC Affirmative Psychotherapy