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**NATIONAL CONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON WOMEN'S EQUALITY
ISSUES**

***Gov. Barbara Roberts and Award-Winning Director Jennifer Siebel Newsom
to be Honored***

PHILADELPHIA, PA/PORTLAND, OR – Nov 3, 2012 – – Vision 2020, a national initiative advancing women's economic and social equality, will hold its 3rd Annual Congress "Collaborating for Change," on **Nov. 14-16 in Portland, OR** at the Hilton Portland.

National Delegates and Allies from across the country will meet to review successes and develop strategies to reach Vision 2020 goals to achieve Pay Equity, to increase Women in Senior Leadership positions, and to promote Family-Friendly Workplace policies, Voter Mobilization and Civic Engagement. Vision 2020 aims to achieve success by the year 2020, which marks the centennial celebration of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote.

"I am proud to bring the leaders of Vision 2020 to Portland, where we have a long history of working for women's equality," said Gale Castillo, a Vision 2020 delegate and chair of the Portland Host Committee, and president of the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber. "Across the country, we see areas of progress. The Congress allows us to share these successes as we work across professions, across parties, and across state borders to advance women's equality."

The event includes a *free* reception and awards ceremony, [**She Flies With Her Own Wings**](#), open to the public on Nov. 15, 5:30- 7:45 p.m., honoring:

Gov. Barbara Roberts, the first and only woman governor of Oregon and the only woman to serve as majority leader in the Oregon House of Representatives. She won two terms as Oregon Secretary of State and has

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served in local and county government. Roberts is also a Visionary Delegate for Vision 2020; and

Jennifer Siebel Newsom, writer, director and producer of 2011 Sundance documentary, [*Miss Representation*](#), part of a call-to-action campaign to educate, engage and empower women and girls and eradicate sexism in the media. Her documentary first aired nationally on Oprah's network, OWN, and continues to be shown in public forums around the country. Siebel Newsom is an executive producer of [*The Invisible War*](#), winner of the 2012 Sundance Audience Award, examines sexual abuse and rape in the U.S. military. Newsom is also the founder and CEO of Girls Club Entertainment, LLC, which develops and produces independent films that empower women.

“We are pleased to recognize two courageous American women who have used their unique talents and positions to advance equality for women and girls,” said Lynn H. Yeakel, Vision 2020 founder and co-chair. “Jennifer and Barbara serve as an inspiration for us today and tomorrow.”

The evening also will feature a panel discussion [After the Election: Women and the National Conversation](#) focused on the impact of national and state election results, moderated by KGW-TV anchor **Brenda Braxton**, and including panelists: **Leslie Bennetts**, author and former *Newsweek* and Daily Beast journalist; **Tomoko Hosaka**, news and politics manager at Ustream, and **Melody Rose**, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor for Academic Strategies at Oregon University System.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED for [“She Flies With Her Own Wings.”](#) For more information and to register, please visit: www.drexel.edu/vision2020/annual_congress/2012.

About Vision 2020

[Vision 2020](#) is a national initiative advancing women's economic and social equality through collaborations with affiliated organizations and members in 50 states. Its goal is to move America toward equality by 2020, the centennial celebration of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote. Vision 2020 is a project of Drexel Univ. College of Medicine [Institute for Women's Health and Leadership](#).

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