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National Caregiving Summit Recap

[VIEW A RECORDING OF THE SUMMIT!](#)

The fully virtual National Caregiving Summit took place on March 4, 2022 featuring keynote speaker U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and panelists from the National Women's Law Center, the Center for WorkLife Law at the University of California, Hastings and Family Values @ Work.

Experts and allies alike discussed the challenges facing caregivers, the professional and financial penalties involved with caregiving, and the need for such structural changes as universal paid family leave.



Lynn Yeakel, founder, Vision 2020 and VisionForward

The event commenced with a touching tribute to Vision 2020 and VisionForward Founder Lynn Yeakel, who passed away on January 13, 2022. Voiced by Deborah Brittain, the video featured an overview of Lynn's passions, achievements and legacy.

A main theme was the unintended consequences of pandemic-era changes in the workplace for caregivers.

"I work with law firms, and the pandemic increased the visibility of the burden of caregiving on women lawyers," said one attendee. "There were a lot of changes...more employee resource groups focused on parenting and caregiving, more flexibility, a wholesale shift to more hybrid workplaces."

Moving forward, VisionForward remains committed to the goal of ending the

caregiving penalty. We will continue to advocate for improved caregiver accommodations as we work to create a future with full gender equity for all.

VisionForward News

Lynn Yeakel Will Be Honored With the 2022 Woman One Award

The Institute for Women's Health and Leadership, home of VisionForward, will honor Lynn Yeakel with the 2022 Woman One Award on Monday, April 25 at The Rittenhouse in Philadelphia.

In the fall of 2021, Lynn was unanimously chosen by the Woman One Selection Committee as this year's honoree for her longtime leadership and contributions to the Philadelphia region, as well as for her role, as director of the Institute and the Betty A. Cohen Chair in Women's Health, in founding the Woman One Award and Scholarship Fund program almost two decades ago.

The ceremony and reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. on April 25 at The Rittenhouse. The event will celebrate Lynn's legacy as an inspiring leader and an unrelenting voice for women's equality.

The [**Woman One Award and Scholarship Fund**](#) annually honors a person of exceptional leadership and raises tuition funds for talented underrepresented students at Drexel University. Thirty-six Scholars have received tuition support of almost \$3 million since the program began in 2003. Many are currently practicing medicine in underserved communities.

Visit the [**Woman One website**](#) for details about attending the event or the [**donation portal**](#) to support the Woman One Scholarship Fund.



Lynn Yeakel with the current Woman One and D. Walter Cohen Shared Leadership Scholars in a photo taken last summer.



Moderator Elizabeth Moro, *founder, Civil Graces Project*

A Conversation About Women in Government:

A Seat at the Table

On March 31, VisionForward will bring together a mix of contemporary leaders for an interactive discussion at the Kimmel Cultural Campus. This event coincides with the end of Women's History Month and the last day of the award-winning "Seat at the Table" multimedia exhibit currently housed in the lobby of the Kimmel Cultural Campus.

A Conversation About Women in Government will address the current state of women in the political realm, as well as next steps to be taken toward the ongoing goal of gender equity. This event aims to further VisionForward's work to help women secure a seat "at the table" wherever decisions are made.

The conversation will take place on-site at the



Debbie Walsh, director,
Center for American
Women and Politics



Kendra Brooks,
*Philadelphia
councilmember at-large*



Representative Joanna
McClinton, PA House
democratic leader

Kimmel Cultural Campus on March 31 from 3:30 - 4:45 p.m. ET. This event is **free and open to the public.**

It will be moderated by Elizabeth Moro, VisionForward Advocate and founder of the Civil Graces Project, and includes Kendra Brooks, Philadelphia councilmember-at-large, Representative Joanna McClinton, PA House democratic leader, and Debbie Walsh, director of the Center for American Women and Politics.

And while at the Kimmel Cultural Campus, don't miss your LAST CHANCE to see "Seat at the Table"! This exhibition honors the women of yesterday and today who have furthered the cause of gender equity in order to give women an equal voice in every sphere.



*Seat at the Table:
Kimmel Cultural Campus*

**REGISTER FOR THE
CONVERSATION!**

National Coalition News



VisionForward Advocate and Strategic Leader Receives "Woman of Achievement" Award

VisionForward Advocate and strategic leader [Nicole Stephenson](#) was

honored by the Delaware County Women's Commission with their "[**Woman of Achievement Award**](#)" on March 12, 2022. This award goes to local women who have had a profound influence on women in girls in Delaware County, Pa. Congratulations, Nicole!

National Coalition Programs

Pay Equity Roundtable with the Forum of Executive Women

March 24, 2022
8:30 - 9:30 a.m. ET
Virtual

Please join [**The Forum**](#) and their pathfinding Pay Equity Committee for the inaugural Pay Equity Roundtable, featuring a panel of regional experts discussing best practices their organizations have implemented to help close the pay gap for their employees.



This roundtable aims to inspire and offer actionable steps to accelerate bold cultural and organizational change.

Students will be admitted for free, and guest registration is \$15.

[Details and Registration](#)

Elsie Hillman Chair in Women and Politics: A Conversation With Congresswoman Liz Cheyney

March 24, 2022
6 - 7:30 p.m. ET
Virtual

Hosted by Allied Organization [**Pennsylvania Center for Women and Politics at Chatham University**](#), Congresswoman Cheney will discuss her experiences in elected office, current events, and her work on the January 6 Committee.

The Elsie Hillman Chair in Women and Politics was established by the Hillman Foundation Inc. in 1997 to honor the Pittsburgh, Pa native and longtime political leader.



Credit: Liz Cheyney Official Headshot

The Elsie Hillman Chair serves as an inspiration and role model for the university community and citizens of Pennsylvania.

[Details and Registration](#)

Resilience and Healing: A Celebration of

Women in Song

March 27, 2022
3 - 4:30 p.m. ET
FREE

Join VisionForward Proud Partner **[Opera Philadelphia Chorus](#)** and the Faith Ensemble of Wharton-Wesley United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 27 at 3 p.m. for a free choral concert in honor of Women's History Month.

Resilience and Healing will uplift the strength and spirit of women, celebrating their accomplishments and contributions.



The program pairs jubilant anthems by Doris Akers and Gale Jones Murphy alongside fervent musical settings by Melissa Dunphy, Abbie Betinis and more.

All are welcome to join in the sweet spirit of music and community.

[**Details and Registration**](#)

2022 Leadership Symposium with the Forum of Executive Women

April 7, 2022
4 - 7 p.m. ET
In-person and Virtual

Please join the **[Forum of Executive Women](#)**, a premiere network for influential women in the Greater Philadelphia Region, at their 2022 Leadership Symposium.

This annual signature event features Vernā Myers, VP of inclusion strategy at Netflix, as the keynote speaker.



The Need for Courage With an Inclusive Lens is \$150 in-person and \$50 for virtual attendance.

140 S. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19102

[**Details and Registration**](#)

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