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Insights on Equality for Women

TAKING ACTION TOGETHER FOR POSITIVE CHANGE - THAT'S 'COLLECTIVE IMPACT'

If we can't wait another 100 years to see women holding half of the top positions in government, now is the time for women to **act like the majority we are**. As the largest demographic group in America, women can have **serious political clout** - if more of us register, vote and run for office. In an ambitious effort to achieve political parity for women, Vision 2020 and key Allied Organizations have decided to augment the impact of our separate actions to take action together.

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*Vision 2020 Founder
and President Lynn
Yeakel*

The Latest News



During a strategy session with leaders from two dozen national organizations, Vision 2020 Founder and President Lynn Yeakel held a press conference to announce a major initiative.

VISION 2020 SETS GOAL: 100% TURNOUT OF WOMEN VOTERS IN 2020 NATIONAL ELECTION

TV cameras rolled as Vision 2020 announced a monumental goal in its campaign for gender equality: **100% turnout of eligible women voters** in the November 2020 national election. The announcement capped a day-long strategy session involving leaders of two dozen national organizations allied with Vision 2020 in the **effort to bring about political parity for women**. Participants met at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia to identify priority policies and actions needed at the federal and state level, the challenges and barriers ahead, and the short-term milestones that can be achieved over the next 12 months.

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Meeting in Florida were, from left, Sarah Owen, Dawn-Marie Driscoll, Lynn Yeakel, Samira Beckwith and Deborah Brittain.

FOUR FLORIDA POWER WOMEN LEND EXPERTISE TO VISION 2020 EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

The decision to hold a Vision 2020 **National Congress in Florida** in 2018-19 gained a champion to start the planning process. And a recent convening of Vision 2020 and key Allies to **increase the participation of women in politics** gained an experienced facilitator. Both commitments came out of a recent meeting in Florida. Vision 2020 Founder and President Lynn Yeakel met with two National Delegates, Sarah Owen and Samira Beckwith, Leadership Circle member Deborah Brittain and Speakers Bureau member Dawn-Marie Driscoll.

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PLAY LIKE A GIRL EVENT FEATURES OLYMPIANS AND A VISION 2020 NATIONAL DELEGATE

Vision 2020 National Delegate Pat Pierce was among the speakers when the United State of Women and Play Like a Girl celebrated **National Girls & Women in Sports Day** with an Empowerment Forum in Nashville, Tenn. on February 1. Several Olympic athletes participated, as did Mary O'Connor, president and CEO of the WMBA Dallas Wings. Pierce received an award from Play Like a Girl for her volunteer work.

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PLAY like a GIRL!



Panelists Janet Haas, MD, left, and Patrice Banks, right, talked after the event with attendee Stan Silverman, vice chair of the Drexel University Board of Directors.

'WOMEN CHANGING THE CITY' INCLUDE PROMINENT VISION 2020 SUPPORTERS

Vision 2020 supporters were **at the podium and on the dais** at the recent "Women Changing the City" event in Philadelphia. Billed as a panel discussion among women leaders about **creating and inspiring change**, the event was moderated by Susan Buehler, chief communications officer at PJM Interconnection and a member of the Vision 2020 communications team. On the panel of four women were two who serve Vision 2020 on committees planning Women 100 - the National 19th Amendment Centennial Celebration. They were Siobhan Reardon, president and director of the Free Library; and Janet Haas, MD, board chair of the William Penn Foundation.

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LIEBENBERG HONORED FOR EXCELLENCE AND COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

Roberta Liebenberg, vice chair of the Vision 2020 Leadership Circle, has been honored by the American Bar Association. Liebenberg is a senior partner at Fine, Kaplan and Black in Philadelphia. Her practice focuses on class actions, antitrust and complex commercial litigation, and white-collar criminal defense. She received the Martha Fay Africa Golden Hammer Award from the ABA's Law Practice Division at the ABA Mid-Year Meeting in Miami. The award honors individuals who have achieved professional excellence and demonstrated a commitment to diversity.



Upcoming Events

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION BY LYNN YEAKEL TO THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Lynn Yeakel will address women's voting trends through her presentation "Let's Act Like the Majority We Are."

Saturday, March 4, 2017

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Location: The Helm Club at the Landings, 4420 Flagship Drive (main entrance off McGregor Blvd. just south of College Parkway), Ft. Myers

SEX AND GENDER RESEARCH FORUM

The Institute for Women's Health and Leadership presents the Helen I. Moorehead-Laurencin, MD, Sex and Gender Research Forum, a university-wide, interactive program that highlights Drexel's multidisciplinary research focused on sex and gender in a local, national and global context.

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

8:45 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: Drexel University; Gerri C. LeBow Hall, 3220 Market Street, 2nd floor, Grand Meeting Room (Room 220)

Please [visit the website](#) for more details about speakers, agenda, sponsors and the steering committee.

Empowering Photo of the Month



GIRL POWER FOR TODDLERS

February's empowering photo was sent to us by Vision 2020 supporter and proud grandmother Barbara Schindler, MD, vice dean emerita of Educational and Academic Affairs at Drexel University College of Medicine. It shows her two-year-old granddaughter engrossed in *My First Book of Girl Power*.

Have an empowering photo to share?
Email it to vision2020@drexelmed.edu.
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