

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | MARCH 2017

Insights on Equality for Women

TURNING PASSION INTO ACTION

Although Women's History Month has been celebrated for more than 30 years, this year feels a little different, in a good way. There is an awakened passion for equality that can be tapped and turned into action to bring about real progress for women.

[Click here to read more](#)



*Vision 2020 Founder
and President Lynn
Yeakel*

Vision 2020 In The News



NPR SOUTHWEST FLORIDA: GETTING THE (FEMALE) VOTE OUT VIA 'VISION 2020'

Prior to a speaking event on March 4 at the League of Women Voters of Lee County, Lynn Yeakel was interviewed by Southwest Florida's NPR affiliate about the current state of female leadership in business and government, and how Vision 2020 is connecting and mobilizing women across the country to achieve economic, political and social equality.

[Click here to read more](#)



FLORIDA WEEKLY: A WOMEN'S EQUALITY ADVOCATE LOOKS TOWARD THE 2020 ELECTION

"If you don't believe that it's possible to change things, they won't change." Vision 2020 Founder and President Lynn Yeakel recently spoke with *Florida Weekly* about her political past, what drove her to start Vision 2020, and what our organization is working toward over the next several years.

[Click here to read more](#)

People in the News

WOMEN 100 CHAIR PROFILED IN PHILADELPHIA BUSINESS JOURNAL

Dianne Semingson, Chair of Vision 2020's [Women 100](#) program, was recently profiled in the *Philadelphia Business Journal* for her involvement in many non-profit and for-profit boards, as well as her legacy and why she believes the most important job that anyone has is to be a citizen.

[Click here to read more](#)



VISION 2020 FLORIDA DELEGATE TO RECEIVE LEADERSHIP AWARD

[Dr. Farzanna Haffizulla](#), a Vision 2020 National Delegate from Florida, will be honored by the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) next month for her exceptional leadership and service to women physicians and students. Farzanna is the 2017 recipient of AMWA's Bertha Van Hoosen Award, which celebrates those who have made an impact on the lives and careers of women physicians and their patients. AMWA is an Allied organization of Vision 2020.

[Click here to read more](#)



VISION 2020 IOWA DELEGATE TRANSITIONS TO NEW ROLE AT IOWA WOMEN LEAD CHANGE

Diane Ramsey, a Vision 2020 National Delegate from Iowa, is stepping down as the CEO of Iowa Women Lead Change (IWLC) but will remain involved with the organization. Diane's new role will focus on strategic initiatives, such as [EPIC Corporate Challenge](#), which invites Iowa companies to formally commit to growing and retaining women at all levels. IWLC COO Tiffany O'Donnell will replace Diane as CEO.

[Click here to read more](#)



VISION 2020 CONNECTICUT DELEGATE ORGANIZES EVENT PROMOTING STEM CAREER OPTIONS FOR GIRLS

[Donna Haghghat](#), a Vision 2020 National Delegate from Connecticut, reported that the American Association of University Women's Connecticut Chapter (AAUW CT) successfully hosted its fourth Tech Savvy Conference. The annual event, which took place on March 4, is for sixth-to-ninth grade girls who want to learn about careers in science, technology, math and engineering; it also is open to parents and educators who want to encourage girls to realize their potential in these fields. This year's event had more than 100 girls and 30 adults in attendance.

[Click here to read more](#)



VISION 2020 RHODE ISLAND DELEGATE MAKES PROGRESS ON SHARED LEADERSHIP

[Renee Aloisio](#), a Vision 2020 National Delegate from Rhode Island, shared an exciting update related to our Shared Leadership Campaign. Renee recently met with Governor Gina Raimondo, and she plans to also meet with two universities in Rhode Island, to continue the Vision 2020 initiative of getting more women in leadership roles in business and government.



INTRODUCING THE NEWEST MEMBER OF OUR NATIONAL OFFICE TEAM

Vision 2020 is pleased to announce the addition of [Kathleen McFadden](#) to the National Office Team. Serving as Communications Manager for Vision 2020, Kathleen will lead public relations, social media and digital communications initiatives and work closely with our Communications Committee, Delegates and Allied organizations.

Outside of Vision 2020, Kathleen can be found in a yoga class, running through Philadelphia's Fairmount Park, or volunteering with Forgotten Cats, an animal rescue organization.



Ally News

AJLI: 50/50 in 2020



The Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI), an Allied organization of Vision 2020, asked community leaders to share their thoughts on Women's History Month and the work that still needs to be done. Vision 2020 President Lynn Yeakel was one of AJLI's featured contributors.

[Click here to read more](#)

VISION 2020 ALLY TO HONOR TRAILBLAZING WOMEN

The National Women's History Project (NWHP), a Vision 2020 Allied organization, will honor 13 women whose work and influence span three centuries of American history. This year's honorees for the 2017 NWHP Women's History Month Award Luncheon have challenged the roles of working women and paved the way for generations of women labor and business leaders to follow.

Saturday, March 25, 2017

11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Location: The Hamilton (600 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20005)

[Click here to learn more](#)

Empowering Photos of the Month

Have an empowering photo to share? Submit it to vision2020@drexelmed.edu to be included in one of our future newsletters.



THE FEARLESS GIRL

Wall Street's famous "Charging Bull" statue received some competition this month. Calling for companies to add more women to their boards, State Street Global Advisors unveiled "[The Fearless Girl](#)," a statue of a young girl defiantly staring down the bull. It became an overnight sensation on the eve of International Women's Day. At the base of the statue, a plaque reads "**Know the power of women in leadership. She makes a difference.**" We couldn't agree more.

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO

ADVOCATE FOR GENDER EQUALITY



Drexel's Institute for Women's Health and Leadership, the home of Vision 2020, recently presented a university-wide [Sex and Gender Research Forum](#). Dr. Alexa Bonacquisti, who organized the program, was unable to attend for good reason: she was at home with her 10-day-old daughter, Marina. But that didn't stop her from joining virtually. Pictured here, little Marina tunes in from Dr. Bonacquisti's lap to hear keynote speaker Harper Jean Tobin of the National Center for Transgender Equality.

Founding Sponsor:



DREXEL UNIVERSITY

College of

Medicine

Institute for Women's Health and Leadership

[Donate to Vision 2020](#)

