

# Women's Legislative Briefing

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024**

## From Proposal to Passage: Collaborating for Justice and Equality

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - THE UNIVERSITIES AT SHADY GROVE

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM** - **Chair's Networking Breakfast: Invitation Only**  
*BUILDING IV - 2nd Floor*

**11:30 AM** - **General Registration & Resource Fair Opens**  
*BUILDING II (General Registration) & BUILDING IV (Resource Fair)*

**12:30 PM - 1:00 PM** - **Welcome and Introductions**  
*BUILDING II - Multipurpose Room*

- **Titanes Salseros:** Albert Einstein High School Latin Dance Team
- **Arlinda J. Clark, Esq.:** Chair, Montgomery County Commission for Women
- **Dr. Anne Khademian:** Executive Director, The Universities at Shady Grove
- **Isabel Argoti:** First Vice Chair, Montgomery County Commission for Women & Women's Legislative Briefing Co-Chair
- **Jodi Danis, Esq.:** Commissioner, Montgomery County Commission for Women & Women's Legislative Briefing Co-Chair
- **Patricia Prather:** Chair, WLB Emerging Leaders Committee
- **Sami Saeed:** Student Member, Board of Education & Emerging Leaders Speaker
- **The Honorable Brooke Lierman:** Comptroller, State of Maryland
- **The Honorable Marc Elrich:** Montgomery County Executive
- **The Honorable Andrew Friedson:** Montgomery County Council President

*Welcomes letters from members of our congressional delegation are available to view on our website.*

**1:00 PM - 1:55 PM** - **Keynote Panel: "Fireside" Chat**

- **The Honorable Angela Alsobrooks:** Prince George's County Executive
- **The Honorable Jessica Fitzwater:** Frederick County Executive

*Moderator: The Honorable Kate Stewart: Montgomery County Council Vice President*

**2:00 PM - 2:30 PM** - **Break: Resource Fair & Refreshments**  
*BUILDING IV - First Floor Lobby*



# 2:30 – 3:30 PM • BREAKOUT SESSION 1

All breakout sessions will be held in Building IV.

## Encoding Justice: Understanding Technology for Women's Equality

Room 4335

- **The Honorable Anne Kaiser**, Maryland House of Delegates (D-14)
- **Marcy Jacobs**, Chief Digital Experience Officer, State of Maryland
- **Carolyn Seaman, Ph.D.**, Director, Center for Women in Technology, UMBC

Moderator: **Gail Roper**, Director, Montgomery County Technology, Enterprise and Business Solutions

## Passage to Protection: Ensuring Women's Safety

Room G201

- **Lisae C. Jordan, Esq.**, Executive Director & Counsel, Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- **Amanda K. Rodriguez, Esq.**, Executive Director, TurnAround, Inc.
- **Melanie Shapiro**, Public Policy Director, Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence

Moderator: **The Honorable Charlotte Crutchfield**, Delegate, District 19

## Collaborative Care: Navigating a Women's Well-Being

Room 1201

- **Erin Bradley**, Vice President of Public Affairs, Planned Parenthood of Maryland
- **Tammy Bresnahan**, Senior Associate State Director of Advocacy, AARP Maryland
- **Dr. Althea Green**, Command Sergeant Major, US Army (Ret)

Moderator: **The Honorable Ariana Kelly**, Maryland Senate (D-16)

## Advocacy 101: Become an AdvocatHER

Room 5332

- **The Honorable Monique Ashton**, Mayor, City of Rockville
- **Ashlie Bagwell**, Senior Government Relations Associate, Harris Jones & Malone
- **The Honorable Laurie-Anne Sayles**, Councilmember, Montgomery County Council (At-Large)
- **The Honorable Kate Stewart**, Vice President, Montgomery County Council (D-4)

Moderator: **Michelle Siri, Esq.**, Executive Director, Maryland Legal Services Corporation

# 2:30 – 3:20 PM • EMERGING LEADERS SESSION 1

## Middle School (6th-8th Grade): Be Engaged: Your Community Toolkit

Room 3335

- **Diana Carillo**, Fellow, Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus
- **Ezra Pine**, Legislative Aide, Office of Councilmember Laurie-Anne Sayles
- **Brittany Stephens**, Recruitment Lead, Maryland Department of Service and Civic Innovation

Moderator: **Samantha Ross**, Student, Montgomery Blair High School

## High School (9th-12th Grade): Next Steps: Planning for Your Future

Room 3321

- **Heather Carias**, Supervisor, Thomas Edison High School of Technology
- **Maria Jimenez**, Nonprofit Finance Specialist, Your Part-Time Controller, LLC
- **Katie Young**, Career Services Manager, Future Link, Inc.

Moderator: **Kaniya Harris**, Student, American University

# 3:30 – 4:00 PM • BREAK

Resource Fair and Refreshments - First Floor Lobby

# 4:00–5:00 PM • BREAKOUT SESSION 2

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## Proposals at the Desk: Shaping the Future of Women in the Workplace

Room 4335

- **Traci Anderson**, Director, Montgomery County Human Resources
- **Georgette “Gigi” Godwin**, CEO, Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce
- **Portia Wu, Esq.**, Secretary, Maryland Department of Labor

Moderator: **The Honorable Marilyn Balcombe**, Councilmember, Montgomery County Council (D-2)

## Building Wealth: Money Matters to Women

Room G201

- **Rianna Matthews-Brown**, Chief of Staff, Office Comptroller Brooke Lierman
- **Danette Nguyen**, Managing Director, Maryland Women’s Business Center
- **Kali Schumitz**, Vice President for External Relations, Maryland Center on Economic Policy

Moderator: **The Honorable Natali Fani-González**, Councilmember, Montgomery County Council (D-6)

## Educating for Equality: Empowering Women through Education

Room 1201

- **Dr. Anne Khademian**, Executive Director, The Universities at Shady Grove
- **Dr. Monifa McKnight**, Superintendent, Montgomery County Public Schools
- **Dr. Yolanda Stanislaus**, Director of Professional Growth Systems, Montgomery County Public Schools
- **Kathy Stevens**, Executive Director, MCAEL

Moderator: **Iris Schauerma**n, Managing Director, Latin American Youth Center Prince George’s County

## Advocacy 102: Advocacy in ACTION

Room 5332

- **Vinny DeMarco**, Executive Director, Maryland Health Care for All
- **Andrea Johnson**, Director of State Policy and Strategy, National Women’s Law Center
- **Erica Teti-Zilinskas**, Director of Communications, She Should Run
- **The Honorable Jheanelle Wilkins**, Maryland House of Delegates (D-20)

Moderator: **Ludeen McCartney-Green, Esq.**, Legislative Attorney, Montgomery County Council

# 3:50–4:40 PM • EMERGING LEADERS SESSION 2

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Need To Know**

Feb. 7 • Mar. 6 • Apr. 3 • May 1 • Jun. 5

**2024 Girl Power Contest**

March 1 - March 31

More details to come

**A Virtual Career Exploration for Her**

March 21, 2024

7:00-8:30 PM

**5 Part Career Series**

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