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## Women's Legislative Briefing

**WOMEN IGNITING & ACHIEVING CHANGE**

**PROGRAM – SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019**

**THE UNIVERSITIES AT SHADY GROVE, BUILDING II**

**10:30 AM**      **Registration Open for Presidents' Networking Reception**  
*USG Cafe, Building III*

**11:00 AM –**      **Presidents' Networking Session**  
**12:15 PM**      (only open to leaders of community co-sponsoring organizations)  
*USG Cafe, Building III*

**11:30 AM**      **General Registration Opens / Refreshments**

**12:30 PM –**      **Opening Ceremony**  
**2:15 PM**      *Multipurpose Room, Building II*

- **Nicole Y. Drew**, President, Montgomery County Commission for Women
- **Angela Whitehead Quigley**, Co-Chair, 2019 Women's Legislative Briefing
- **Donna Rojas**, Co-Chair, 2019 Women's Legislative Briefing
- **Mona-Lee Belizaire**, Co-Chair, Emerging Leaders
- **Asia Parrott**, Representative from Emerging Leaders

### **Greetings from:**

- **The Honorable Kelly Schulz**, Secretary, Maryland Department of Commerce, Greetings on behalf of **The Honorable Larry Hogan**, Maryland Governor
- **The Honorable Marc Elrich**, Montgomery County Executive
- **The Honorable John Sarbanes**, U.S. House of Representatives

### **Keynote Speaker:**

**Mónica Ramírez**, Founder, Justice for Migrant Women

**2:15 PM –**      **Networking Break**  
**2:40 PM**

## A. Safety & Justice for Women

**Room 2032, Building II**

*Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence*

Speakers:

- **Laure Ruth**, Legal Director, The Women's Law Center of Maryland
- **Lisae Jordan**, Executive Director, Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- **Hyun Martin**, Author, *I Survived Childhood: A Memoir of Abandonment, Betrayal and Healing*

Moderator: **The Honorable Vanessa Atterbeary**,  
Maryland House of Delegates

## C. Health Care for Women

**Room 3032, Building II**

*Expanding Health Care, Health Care for Older Women & Reproductive Rights*

Speakers:

- **Diana Philip**, Executive Director, NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland
- **Vinny DeMarco**, President, Health Care for All
- **Tammy Bresnahan**, Associate Director of Advocacy, AARP Maryland

Moderator: **Dr. Patti Maclay**, Commissioner,  
Montgomery County Commission for Women

## B. Creating Change Through Leadership

**I-134 Auditorium, Building I**

*Leadership in Your Everyday Life*

Speakers:

- **Heather Iliff**, President & CEO, Maryland Nonprofits
- **Gigi Godwin**, President & CEO, Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce
- **Eleanor Smeal**, President, Feminist Majority Foundation

Moderator: **Dr. Arla Bentley**, Executive Assistant to  
the National Secretary-Treasurer, American  
Federation of Government Employees

## D. Justice Involved Women

**Room 3012, Building II**

*Supporting & Expanding Rights for Incarcerated & Previously Incarcerated Women*

Speakers:

- **The Honorable Will Smith**, Maryland Senate
- **Alisa Smedley**, Montgomery County Correctional Facility's American Job Center Program Coordinator
- **Alicia Sanchez Gill**, Interim Executive Director, Collective Action for Safe Spaces
- **Tammy Moore**, Advocate, Returning Citizens

Moderator: **Sheriff Melvin High**, Prince George's County



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## E. MIDDLE SCHOOL (6th–8th): Level Up: Taking a Positive Approach to Body Image and Cultivating Resiliency

**Room 3230, Building III**

Speaker: **Kelly Harper**, 2019 DC Teacher of the Year,  
District of Columbia Public Schools

## F. HIGH SCHOOL (9th–12th): Roar: Speaking Out Against Bullying In Schools

**Room 3242, Building III**

Speaker: **Robyn Holstein-Glass**, Executive Director,  
Project Change

## G. Human Trafficking – Safety & Justice For Women Part II

*I-134 Auditorium, Building I*

*Sex and Labor Trafficking*

Speakers:

- **Wendy Stickle**, Director, University of Maryland Criminology and Criminal Justice Program
- **Laurie Culkin**, Director of Anti-Human Trafficking Policy, State of Maryland
- **Amanda Rodriguez**, Chief Counsel for Policy and Legal Advocacy, University of Maryland, SAFE Center for Human Trafficking Survivors

Moderator: **Kimba Green**, Commissioner, Frederick County Commission for Women

## H. Breaking Down the Status of Women Report

*Room 3032, Building II*

*What can we learn from the 2018 MoCo Status of Women Report?*

Speakers:

- **Tiffany Boiman**, Commissioner, Montgomery County Commission for Women
- **Diana Rubin**, Commissioner, Montgomery County Commission for Women
- **Dennis Linders**, Manager, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services

Moderator: **Judith Vaughan Prather**, Executive Director, Maryland Commission for Women

## I. Economic Justice for Women

*Room 2032, Building II*

*Consumer Protection and Supporting Working Families*

Speakers:

- **Sharon Strauss**, Executive Director, Community Action Agency
- **Marceline White**, Executive Director, Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition
- **Michelle Daugherty Siri**, Executive Director, Women's Law Center of Maryland

Moderator: **Catherine Hill**, Executive Director, Women's Caucus, Maryland General Assembly

## J. Creating Healthy Work Environments

*Room 3012, Building II*

*What can we do to support and create healthy workplaces?*

Speakers:

- **Lisa Eley**, Author, *13 Geese In Flight*
- **The Honorable Pat Young**, Maryland House of Delegates
- **Evelyn Steward**, Global LifeWork & Inclusion, Discovery Channel (*invited*)
- **Tiffany Releford**, Partner, Whiteford, Taylor & Preston

Moderator: **James Stowe**,  
Director, Office of Human Rights,  
Montgomery County Government



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Project Change

## L. HIGH SCHOOL (9th–12th): Break Free: Promoting Positive Psychological, Social and Emotional Well Being in Future Leaders

*Room 3242, Building III*

Speakers:

- **Marni Ratner**, Founder, univerSOULspace; Creator, The aCHleve Project
- **Melynda Burdette Wintrol**, Co-Creator & Teaching Artist, The aCHleve Project
- **Andrea Lopes**, Founder & Therapist, Flourish Counseling and Wellness Center
- **Vicki Molokin**, Therapist, Flourish Counseling and Wellness Center; Collaborator/Teacher, The aCHleve Project

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