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PROGRAM – SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018

THE UNIVERSITIES AT SHADY GROVE, BUILDING II

10:30 AM Registration Opens for Presidents' Networking Reception

Multipurpose Room Lobby, Building II

11:00 AM – Presidents' Networking Session

(Open only to leaders of community co-sponsoring organizations)

Room 2062, Building II

11:30 AM General Registration Opens / Refreshments

12:30 PM – Opening Ceremony

Multipurpose Room, Building II

■ **Lorna Forde**, Chair, President, Montgomery County Commission for Women

■ **Nicole Y. Drew**, Co-Chair, 2018 Women's Legislative Briefing

■ **Vernisha Greene**, Co-Chair, 2018 Women's Legislative Briefing

■ **Lalah C. Williams**, Representative from Emerging Leaders

Greetings from:

■ **The Honorable Rona E. Kramer**, Secretary, Maryland Department of Aging,

Greetings on behalf of **The Honorable Larry Hogan**, Maryland Governor

■ **The Honorable Isiah Leggett**, Montgomery County Executive

■ **The Honorable Rushern Baker III**, Prince George's County Executive

Keynote Speaker:

Rosie Rios, 43rd Treasurer of the United States

**2:15 PM –
2:30 PM**

Break

2:30 – 3:45 PM Seminar Series I

A. Advocating for Change

Room 3032, Building II

Nuts & Bolts of advocating for change in your community

Speakers:

- **Ashlie Bagwell**, Senior Government Affairs Associate, Harris Jones & Malone, LLC
- **Natasha Marquez**, Digital Media Director
- **Vimala Phongsavanh**, Policy Director, National Asian Pacific Women's Forum

Moderator: **Jennifer Jones**, Chair, Prince George's County Commission for Women

B. Economic Justice

Room 2032, Building II

Consumer Protections, Paid Family Leave, Economic Impact of Redistricting and Census Data

Speakers:

- **Marceline White**, Executive Director, Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition
- **Kate Bahn**, Economist, Center for American Progress
- **Erin Hustings**, Legislative Counsel, National Association of Latino Elected Officials
- **Holli Holliday**, Chief Strategist, Holliday Advisors

Moderator: **The Honorable Ariana Kelly**, Maryland House of Delegates

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C. Safety & Justice for Women

I-134 Auditorium, Building I

Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence

Speakers:

- **The Honorable Kathleen Dumais**, Maryland House of Delegates
- **Lisae Jordan**, Executive Director, Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- **Laura Dunn**, Executive Director & Founder, SurvJustice
- **Cynthia Lifson**, Legislative Counsel, Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence

Moderator: **Michelle Jawando**, Vice President, Legal Progress, Center for American Progress

D. Pre-K to Post Grad – All Things Education

Room 3012, Building II

Title IX, Affordable Childcare, Student Debt

Speakers:

- **The Honorable Nancy Navarro**, Montgomery County Council
- **Anne Hedgepeth**, Interim Vice President, Public Policy and Government Relations, American Association of University Women
- **The Honorable Anne Kaiser**, Maryland House of Delegates
- **The Honorable Vanessa Atterbeary**, Maryland House of Delegates
- **Dr. DeRionne Pollard**, President, Montgomery College

Moderator: **The Honorable Jheanelle Wilkins**, Maryland House of Delegates

2:30 – 3:45 PM Emerging Leaders Seminar Series I

E. MIDDLE SCHOOL (6th–8th): Real News vs Fake News: How Media Frames Our View

Room 3230, Building III

F. HIGH SCHOOL (9th–12th): Real News vs Fake News: How Media Frames Our View

Room 3242, Building III

- Speakers:
- **Leonitha Francis**, Advocate for Youth
 - **Davinia James-Stewart**, Global Citizen and Founder of Pennies4Girls Project

Moderator: **Mona-lee Belizaire**, M.S.W.

3:45 - 4:00 PM Break

4:00 – 5:15 PM Seminar Series II

G. Health Care for Women

Room 2032, Building II

Health Care for Older Women and Reproductive Rights

Speakers:

- **Tammy Bresnahan**, Associate Director of Advocacy, AARP Maryland
- **Karen Nelson**, President, Planned Parenthood of Maryland
- **Diana Philip**, Executive Director, NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland

Moderator: **Dr. Homayara Haque Azia**, OB/GYN & Commissioner, Maryland Commission for Women

H. Ready to Run

Room 3012, Building II

How to Decide to Run for Office & Where to Start

Speakers:

- **The Honorable Susan Lee**, Maryland Senate
- **Emily Liner**, Co-Vice Chair, She Should Run
- **Melissa Richmond**, Vice President, Running Start
- **Liz Matory**, Former Candidate

Moderator: **The Honorable Laurie-Anne Sayles**, Gaithersburg City Council



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I. Justice Reform & Emerging Issues

Room 3032, Building II

Criminal Justice Reform & Immigration in Maryland

Speakers:

- **The Honorable Will Smith**, Maryland Senate
- **Wendy Young**, President, Kids in Need of Defense
- **Sakira Cook, Esq.**, Senior Counsel, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights

Moderator: **The Honorable Pamela Queen**, Maryland House of Delegates

J. Human Trafficking – Safety & Justice for Women Part II

I-134 Auditorium, Building I

Sex and Labor Trafficking

Speakers:

- **Mike Lyles**, Executive Director, The Prince George's County Human Relations Commission
- **Nina Carr**, Volunteer Coordinator, Heartly House
- **Wendy Stickle**, Montgomery County Human Trafficking Task Force
- **Amanda Rodriguez**, Chief Program Officer, TurnAround, Inc.
- **The Honorable Dana M. Middleton**, Associate Judge, Baltimore City Circuit Court

Moderator: **The Honorable Maricé I. Morales**, Maryland House of Delegates

4:00 – 5:15 PM Emerging Leaders Seminar Series II

K. MIDDLE SCHOOL (6th–8th): Fact or Fiction? Crafting Your Fake News Combat Plan

Room 3230, Building III

- Speaker:
- **Lindsey Turnbull**, Founder, MissHeardMedia

L. HIGH SCHOOL (9th–12th): Teens Tackling Sexual Harassment: Everyone Has a Part to Play

Room 3242, Building III

- Speakers:
- **Jacqui Brown**, Counselor
 - **Felicia Meadows**, Counselor

Moderator: **Denise M. Joseph**, Education Consultant & Youth Advocate

5:15 - 6:00 PM Reception

**Meet and Greet with Speakers, Elected Officials, and Attendees
Presentation of the Commission for Women Hall of Fame Awards**

Multipurpose Room, Building II