Western Carolina University Women’s Leadership Conference 2016

The 2nd annual Women’s Leadership Conference at Western Carolina University will take place on the weekend of Friday, March 5th – Saturday, March 6th, 2016 in the A.K. Hinds University Center. Students, staff, faculty, alumni, and community members of all genders and backgrounds are invited to attend.

About the Conference
The theme for this year’s conference will be “Agents of Change”, through which we will explore how women can transform oppressive experiences into opportunities for empowerment and positive change. Target populations for the weekend event include, but are not limited to:

- Undergraduate and graduate students (specifically those involved in leadership positions, such as fraternity/sorority members, student athletes, members of student organizations, etc.)
- Community members with a vested interest in advancing women’s rights and connecting with student populations
- Faculty and staff who are inspired to learn more about leadership development or are passionate about sharing knowledge from their discipline and/or experiences in the workforce
- Alumni seeking networking and professional development opportunities

Participants of the 2016 Women’s Leadership Conference can expect the following experience at Western Carolina University:

- To build a strong community of women in Western North Carolina and develop leadership skills that will allow this community to thrive in the face of adversity
- To engage around women’s issues and the intersections of other social and personal identities, such as: race, socioeconomic status, religion, sexual orientation, nationality, ability status, etc.
- To challenge gender roles and identify ways that individuals can support women in leadership
- To form professional networks, interact with peers and mentors, prepare for career growth, and reflect on individual experiences

Conference Format
The Women’s Leadership Conference at Western Carolina University will include breakout sessions, panels, mealtime activities, and networking sessions. Registration will include full conference participation and meals.

Conference Attire
The attire for this conference is business casual.

Coordinated by the Department of Intercultural Affairs
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2016 Women’s Leadership Conference Proposal

Please complete all required fields of this form so we can best understand the type of presentation you are submitting for consideration. All presentation proposals must be submitted by Friday, February 12th, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Unfortunately, at this time we are unable to provide compensation for breakout session presenters. If you have any additional questions regarding this form, please contact the Department of Intercultural Affairs at ndpaganelli@email.wcu.edu or call 828.227.2617.

Personal Information

Full Name: _______________________________ Phone Number: __________________________
University/Organization: __________________________ Email: ______________________________
Title (if applicable): ______________________________

Please select all that apply:
☐ Undergraduate Student
☐ Graduate Student
☐ University Faculty or Staff Member
☐ WCU Alumni
☐ Community Member

Presentation Proposal
Please complete all fields below in a Microsoft Word or PDF Format and email to Niki Paganelli at ndpaganelli@email.wcu.edu. This information will be used during the review process to select presentations for the conference. Presentations will be selected based on relevance to conference mission and the needs of participants.

Note: By submitting a program proposal, you are indicating you are available to present at the conference on Saturday, March 6th, 2016 if selected.

1. Presentation Title
2. Type of Presentation
   a. Research/Paper
   b. Workshop
3. Presentation Abstract (150 words)
   This abstract will be the blurb used to describe your presentation to conference attendees. This can be changed after submission
4. Learning Outcomes
   Please list your top three intended learning outcomes for this presentation. What do you hope participants will gain from attending this session?
5. Presentation Outline
   Please attach an outline of your presentation or copy of your paper. Be as detailed as possible. Be aware that presentations will last a total of 75 minutes, which will include session evaluations and audience question and answers. As a note, if you selected “Research/Paper” above, you will have 10 minutes and will be paired with similar papers in one session.
6. Additional Information
   Please provide us with any additional information that you think is needed to help us best understand your presentation proposal during the selection process.