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Welcome to the 2012 Women's Summit®

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We invite you to attend the 15th Women's Summit® at Bryant University on Thursday, March 15, 2012. As reflected in our theme, **"Fifteen Years of Empowering Women,"** we will celebrate an important milestone on that day.

Women are projected to account for 51 percent of the increase in total labor force growth between 2008 and 2018, according to statistics from the Department of Labor. The largest percentage (40.6 percent) will work in management, professional, and related occupations.

Many are where they are today because of their tenacity and the support of others. This is certainly the case with the Women's Summit. Women and men have championed this conference from its inception in 1997 when my husband, Bryant President Ron Machtley, encouraged its creation. The co-chairs and committee worked long and hard, aided by Bryant faculty, staff, and students, and the conference flourished over the years.

Hundreds of workshop speakers have shared their knowledge with others – and expected no payment in return. Our generous sponsors have underwritten the cost of dynamic keynote speakers and provided the opportunity for their employees to attend the Women's Summit, along with thousands of others throughout the region. Scholarship donors have helped those who could not have otherwise attended.

Last year, keynote speaker Linda Alvarado, president and CEO of Alvarado Construction, Inc. and part owner of the Colorado Rockies Baseball team, said, "It is hard to change history, but women can make history by stepping up to the plate and taking a swing. It is important for us not to be the one and only [woman] to make it to the top, but it is important for us to open doors for other women to do the same."

We hope that the Women's Summit inspires and empowers you to open your own doors – both personally and professionally. See you on March 15th as we celebrate **"Fifteen Years of Empowering Women."**

Sincerely,

Kati Machtley

Director, Women's Summit®, Bryant University

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Keynote Speakers

Carla Harris is a Managing Director and head of the Emerging Manager Platform at Morgan Stanley Investment Management, where she also provides investment advice to corporations, public pension plans, foundations, and endowments. For more than a decade, she was a senior member of the equity syndicate desk, executing transactions such as initial public offerings for UPS and Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia. She is the author of *Expect to Win: Proven Strategies for Success from a Wall Street Vet*. Recipient of numerous awards and accolades, she was recently named to *FORTUNE Magazine's* list of "The 50 Most Powerful Black Executives in Corporate America" and *American Banker's* list of "The Top 25 Women in Finance." She chairs the board of the Morgan Stanley Foundation and sits on the boards of the Food Bank for NYC and The Apollo Theatre Foundation, among others. An accomplished singer, she released her latest CD, *Unceasing Praise*, in 2011. For more information about Ms. Harris, go to www.carlaspearls.com.



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Mika Brzezinski is the co-host of MSNBC's *Morning Joe*. Her memoir, *All Things At Once*, became a *New York Times* best-seller in January 2010. Her second book, *Knowing Your Value*, examines the role of women in the workplace – specifically the fight to gain recognition and a fair salary. It was published in May 2011 and reached number one on *The New York Times* list of best-selling business books. Prior to joining MSNBC in January 2007, Ms. Brzezinski was an anchor of the *CBS Evening News Weekend Edition* and a CBS News correspondent who frequently contributed to *CBS Sunday Morning* and *60 Minutes*. She reported live from Lower Manhattan for CBS News during the September 11 attacks, becoming their principal "Ground Zero" reporter. A native of New York City, she is the daughter of foreign policy expert and former National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski. For more on Ms. Brzezinski, visit www.morningmika.com.



MIKA BRZEZINSKI

Joe Scarborough is the host of MSNBC's *Morning Joe*, a program that has been called "revolutionary" by *Time Magazine* and "the thinking viewer's choice" by *USA Weekend*. In April 2001, he was named to the prestigious "Time 100" list of the world's most influential people. Previously, he hosted MSNBC's primetime news show *Scarborough Country*. In addition to his career in television, he is the author of the *New York Times* best-seller *The Last Best Hope: Restoring Conservatism and America's Promise*, a book that draws on the forgotten genius of conservatism to offer a road map for the movement and the country. Prior to his television career, he was publisher and editor of the award-winning newspaper *The Florida Sun*. A Congressman (R-Fla.) from 1994-2001, he was a member of the Judiciary, Armed Services, Oversight, and National Security committees. For more information about Mr. Scarborough, go to www.joescarborough.com.



JOE SCARBOROUGH

Marlee Matlin, who has been deaf since the age of 18 months, won an Academy Award for Best Actress for her motion picture debut in *Children of a Lesser God*. She has since starred in many feature films and on television, appearing in programs such as *The West Wing*, *The L Word*, and her own series, *Reasonable Doubts*. She continues to break barriers, recently appearing on *Dancing with the Stars* and *The Celebrity Apprentice*. She has been a director and producer, and has authored three children's novels. Her autobiography, *I'll Scream Later*, is a touching journey of her life, including battles with addiction and the challenges of being thrust into the spotlight as an emissary for the deaf community. Ms. Matlin is National Celebrity Spokesperson for the American Red Cross and works tirelessly for other charitable organizations. She has worked on behalf of closed captioning and was instrumental in getting Congress to pass federal legislation requiring that all televisions manufactured in the United States be equipped with closed captioning technology. For more information about Ms. Matlin, go to www.marleematlinsite.com.



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