

# FORWARD

Women Advancing Hospitality

## Program as of November 9, 2018

*Additional Sessions to be added as confirmed.*

### Wednesday, November 14

- 1:00 pm Welcome Remarks
- Emcee
- Jane Pierotti, President, Counterpoint, Inc.
- Keynote: The Time to Wait is Over
- Reshma Saujani, Founder & CEO, Girls Who Code and Author
- When Women Succeed, Organizations Succeed
- Moderator:
- Radhika Papandreou, Managing Director, Global Head - Hospitality, Ferguson Partners
- Panelists:
- Michael Medzigian, Chairman & Managing Partner, Watermark Capital Partners, LLC
  - Mit Shah, Senior Managing Principal & CEO, Noble Investment Group
- Gen Z & the Hospitality Industry
- Stephen Jordan, Senior Innovation Consultant, BW Research Partnership
  - Shelly Weir, Senior Vice President, Career Development, AHLEF
- 3:10 – 3:30 pm Networking Break
- #MeToo, You & HR
- Tina Tchen, Partner, Buckley Sandler and Co-founder, Time's Up Legal Defense Fund
- Intro: Rosanna Maietta, Senior Vice President, Communications & Public Relations, AHLA and AHLEF President
- The Power of Women & Women in Power
- Moderator: Rosanna Maietta, Senior Vice President, Communications & Public Relations, AHLA and AHLEF President
- Panelists:
- Carole Angel, Director, Government Affairs, IHG
  - Erica Gordon, Vice President, Government Affairs, Hilton
- What Do Successful Women Leaders Do Differently?
- Kathy Burns, Managing Partner, Sea Pines Partners
- 5:00 – 6:30 pm Breaking in the Ice Networking Reception

### Thursday, November 15

- 7:15 am Breakfast
- 8:00 am Welcome Remarks
- Kimberly Miles, CAE, CMP, Senior Vice President, Operations, AHLA

- Jagruti Panwala, Vice Chairwoman, AAHOA and President & CEO, Wealth Protection Strategies

Emcee

- Jane Pierotti, President, Counterpoint, Inc.

No Shame In Wanting (And Enjoying) Success

- Desiree Rogers, Chair, Choose Chicago

Taking Control of Your Career

Moderator: Karen DiFulgo, Chief People Officer, Benchmark Hospitality and Chair, AHLA Women in Lodging Executive Committee

Panelists:

- Ann Christenson, Senior Vice President, Human Resources, Aimbridge Hospitality
- Malaika Myers, Chief Human Resources Officer, Hyatt Hotels Corporation
- Joy Rothschild, Chief Human Resources Officer, Omni Hotels & Resorts
- Gretchen Stroud, Vice President Talent, Learning & Engagement, Hilton

Breaking Through the Concrete Wall

- Jennifer Dakin, Senior Vice President, Hospitality Finance Group, Wells Fargo
- Andrea Foster, Senior Vice President, Development, Marcus Hotels & Resorts
- Krissy Gathright, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, Apple Hospitality REIT
- Allison Reid, Chief Development Officer, Kimpton Hotels & Resorts

10:20 – 11:10 am Master Classes:

1. Get on Board! (Field Room)

Moderator: Ann Fastiggi, Consultant, Spencer Stuart

Panelists:

- Kapila Anand, Kapila Anand, Retired Partner, KPMG LLP and Independent Board Director
- Louise Hang, Consultant, Spencer Stuart
- Ann Yerger, Advisor, Spencer Stuart

2. Building Your Own Board of Advisors (Rookery Ballroom)

- Facilitator: Kathy Burns, Managing Partner, Sea Pines Partners

11:30 am –  
12:20 pm

Master Classes

1. Leadership & Diversity Deep Dive (Rookery Ballroom)

Facilitated by:

- Erica Hageman, Executive Vice President & General Counsel, Interstate Hotels & Resorts
- Vail Ross, CMHS, Senior Vice President, Global Business Development & Marketing, STR

2. Step into the Spotlight (Field Room)

- Peggy Berg, Director, Castell Project and President, Analiza, LLC
- Jane Pierotti, President, Counterpoint, Inc.
- Dianna Vaughan, SVP/Global Head, Hilton All Suites Category (Embassy Suites/Homewood/Home2)

12:30 – 2:00 pm

Keynote Luncheon: Women Take to The Polls!

- Ambassador Karen Hughes, Worldwide Vice Chair, Burson Cohn & Wolfe