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The Junior League of New Orleans Announces the 2023 Women's Leadership Summit Presented by Ochsner Baptist

NEW ORLEANS, LA -- The Junior League of New Orleans (JLNO) is proud to announce its upcoming Women's Leadership Summit presented by Ochsner Baptist. This one-day in-person experience - which will take place Friday, January 20, 2023 at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel - is curated for all women striving to grow personally and professionally while impacting the communities they serve.

As presenting sponsor, Ochsner Baptist will partner with the Junior League of New Orleans to offer an event that empowers local women through a diverse lineup of speakers. Sessions will include a luncheon with inspirational keynote speaker Karen Swensen, an engaging opening plenary by Dr. Michelle Johnston, and interactive breakout sessions focusing on professional development, personal growth, and community engagement.

Now in its third year, the 2023 Women's Leadership Summit will be the first time this event will be held in-person. Determined not to cancel, JLNO presented the first two events virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021 and Hurricane Ida in 2022. JLNO and Ochsner Baptist are excited to offer this experience for local women of all ages, backgrounds, and cultures. As a nonprofit organization, every dollar raised through the Women's Leadership Summit goes to support the legacy of the Junior League of New Orleans and its mission to fulfill the needs of those in the surrounding communities.

"We are thrilled to finally be presenting this event in the format it was always intended for," says the Junior League of New Orleans President, Holly Paczak. "This opportunity for women to network with one another face-to-face and learn from such a remarkable slate of presenters is the vision we have always had for the Women's Leadership Summit. We hope everyone who attends will leave feeling empowered, inspired, and motivated to make their impact in the world."

Date: Friday, January 20, 2023

Location: Sheraton New Orleans Hotel – 500 Canal Street, New Orleans

Time: 8:00AM - 6:30PM

The impressive lineup of speakers includes:

- Melissa Beese – Founder and Chief Playtime Officer, *Little Pnuts*
- Kim Boyle – Partner, *Phelps Dunbar, LLP*
- Brenda Breaux – Executive Direct, *New Orleans Redevelopment Authority*
- Hattie Collins – Owner and Lead Creative, *Hattie Sparks Interiors*

- Capt. Kelly Denning – Captain, Sector New Orleans, *U.S. Coast Guard*
- Marielle Dupré – Co-Founder, *Windowsill Pies, 2015-2016 JLNO Women’s Entrepreneur Fellowship Winner*
- Micole Eiden – Co-Founder, *Windowsill Pies, 2015-2016 JLNO Women’s Entrepreneur Fellowship Winner*
- Amanda Hamilton – Area President, *Gallagher Benefit Services*
- Natalie Jayroe – President and CEO, *Second Harvest Food Bank*
- Dr. Michelle Johnston – Gaston Chair of Business, Loyola University New Orleans College of Business
- Lauren Myerscough – Founder, *Cocktail & Sons, 2018-2019 JLNO Women’s Entrepreneur Fellowship Winner*
- Lindsey Navarro – Executive Director, *El Centro Inc.*
- Lori Jackson – Executive Director, *MSC Financial Services*
- Mayra Pineda – President and CEO, *Hispanic Chamber of Commerce*
- Sydni Raymond – Founder and CEO, *Bomb Ass Fro, 2021-2022 JLNO Women’s Entrepreneur Fellowship Winner*
- Dr. Sara Reardon – Owner, *NOLA Pelvic Health, “The Vagina Whisperer”*
- Karen Swensen – *Life’s About Change*
- Kristi Trail – Executive Director, *Pontchartrain Conservancy*
- Kristen VanCourt – Co-Owner, *Essential Living Realty*
- Mary Jane Walsh – Life and Business Coach, *Mary Jane Walsh THRIVE*
- Kemberley Washington – Co-Founder, *Washington CPA Services, LLC, “KemCents”*

Health and wellness breaks will be also featured during the program. A Meditation Moment will be led by Donna Accardo at Inner Design, while a Fitness Break will be offered courtesy of Mayweather Boxing + Fitness.

Further information about JLNO’s Women’s Leadership Summit presented by Ochsner Baptist, can be found at www.jlno.org/wls including sponsorships, vendor opportunities, and registration.

The Junior League of New Orleans would like to thank Ochsner Baptist for partnering with them to present the 2023 Women’s Leadership Summit.

ABOUT THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF NEW ORLEANS

The Junior League of New Orleans is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. More information on the organization can be found at www.jlno.org.

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