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**Junior League of New Orleans Announces Programming for Inaugural Women's Leadership Summit Presented by Ochsner Baptist**

*Over Forty Local and National Female Leaders to Contribute to Nine Sessions*

New Orleans, Louisiana (September 18, 2020) – The [Junior League of New Orleans](#) (JLNO) announced today the programming and speakers for its inaugural [Women's Leadership Summit](#), a one-day training opportunity designed for all women interested in fostering their personal growth and professional development, as well as improving the communities they serve. Presented by [Ochsner Baptist](#) – home to the state-of-the-art Women's Pavilion – the summit will take place as a virtual event on Oct. 20, 2020.

As a new public training event for JLNO, the Women's Leadership Summit will empower local women through a diverse line-up of speakers and sessions. This virtual Summit will feature an opening plenary followed by three core programming tracks with nine dynamic breakout sessions and one entrepreneurial track.

**Opening Plenary:**

- The Opening Plenary provides a high-level preview of the day with speakers setting the stage for the three core programming tracks with personal stories and professional accomplishments.
  - Investing in Your Career: Sandra Lindquist - Executive Vice President and COO, New Orleans Chamber of Commerce
  - Investing in Your Community: Jennifer Hale - Founder, Sideline Pass and FOX Sports Sideline Reporter
  - Investing in You: April Dupre - Founder, Footprints to Fitness and WWL-TV Traffic Anchor

## Core Programming Tracks:

- **Investing in Your Career**
  - Develop Your Presence: How to gain credibility and get a seat at the table
  - Crisis Leadership: How to lead in uncertainty
  - Leadership Perspectives: Hear from a diverse group of women on their unique experience with leadership
- **Investing in Your Community**
  - Make NOLA Last: How to impact sustainably and build resilience
  - Pay It Forward: How to make the most impact with your time, talent, and treasures
  - Get Your Voice Heard: How to engage and activate others for positive impact
- **Investing in You**
  - Equip yourself with financial knowledge to build wealth
  - Women's Health: Taking charge of your health in light of Covid-19
  - Prioritizing You: How to take care of your whole self

## Entrepreneurial Session:

- Business Start-up 101: Resources for Women

A full list of speakers for these sessions is available at <https://www.jlno.org/wlsspeakers/>. In addition to these breakout sessions, JLNO is pleased to welcome Phyllis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer of Endeavor Enterprises L.L.C. as well as Chairperson and President of the [Patrick F. Taylor Foundation](#) as the summit's keynote speaker.

Registration for the Women's Leadership Summit is now open to the public on the [JLNO website](#). Virtual tickets are available for \$50. Local attendees will have the opportunity to receive or pick up a conference gift bag. Additionally, individuals can request a virtual scholarship ticket on the registration site.

In addition to the presenting sponsor, Ochsner Baptist, corporate and individual sponsors for the Women's Leadership Summit include the following: Fidelity Bank, The New Orleans Advocate, Biz New Orleans, Cheryl Ellsworth and Alvin Richards III, Krispy Krunchy Foods LLC, IberiaBank, Kristin Moore, Evie Sanders, Emily Liuzza, Domino's, NOLA Scout Guide, Baker Donelson, Jaimee Boyd, Jacqueline Landry and The Sazerac House.

For more information regarding sponsorship opportunities, leadership tracks, and event registration, visit <https://www.jlno.org/wls/>.

*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](http://www.jlno.org).*