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## **Integrating Women Leaders (IWL) Celebrates 10 Years**

*Organization behind acclaimed annual women's conference celebrates a decade of accelerating the advancement of women while looking ahead*

(INDIANAPOLIS – June 3, 2019) – [Integrating Women Leaders \(IWL\) Foundation](#) is celebrating 10 years of supporting, mentoring and advancing women in the workplace. IWL will mark this milestone with the [10th Annual IWL Indianapolis Women's Leadership Conference](#) taking place on September 16.

The first conference of its kind for women in Indiana, the IWL Annual Women's Leadership Conference has reached over 7,000 women and men throughout the last decade, and this year's event is expected to bring 1,500 female leaders and male allies in attendance. Since unveiling an expanded strategic vision at last year's annual conference, IWL is fulfilling its promise to be a resource and partner throughout the year.

"IWL was founded out of a passion for mentoring and supporting women," said Kim Graham Lee, IWL Foundation CEO. "To drive real change, which has been slow across the entire business and societal landscape, IWL has boldly invited men into the conversation to improve the female talent pipeline and create cultures of respect. We've made enormous strides, but recognize that there is still more work to be done together to truly move the needle on gender equity in the workplace.

This year's conference theme is "Uniting Our Power" and the event will include an interactive discussion from the mainstage on gender bias in the workplace, eighteen breakout sessions facilitated by speakers and leadership experts, dedicated networking time, and other fun surprises for attendees encouraging them to reflect on their last decade and look forward to the next. Featured mainstage speakers include:

- Michelle Gielan, former CBS News anchor, positive psychology researcher and author of *Broadcasting Happiness: The Science of Igniting and Sustaining Positive Change*
- Jennifer Zinn, SVP of Physician Office Laboratory and Specialty Diagnostics at Roche Diagnostics
- Darleen Santore, also known as "Coach Dar," Founder and CEO of Performance Meets Purpose

"IWL has always been a place where leaders from different companies, backgrounds, races, genders and perspectives come together to focus on our individual development, but also on our shared challenges and opportunities in pursuit of better, more sustainable solutions," explained Sarah Mahaffa, Senior Wealth Advisor at Bedel Financial Consulting and this year's conference planning committee chair. "This year's IWL conference is focused on how we can unite the power of the many who show up, speak up and stand tall to advance the inclusion conversation."

Tickets go on sale today, June 3, for the [10th Annual Indianapolis Women's Leadership Conference taking place](#) September 16 at the JW Marriott. To learn more about the conference and to reserve your spot, visit [www.IWLConference.com](http://www.IWLConference.com).

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### **About Integrating Women Leaders (IWL) Foundation**

Integrating Women Leaders (IWL) Foundation is a 501c3 nonprofit organization accelerating the advancement of women to drive individual and organizational growth and impact. IWL is a resource for individuals who want to invest in themselves and organizations who want to invest in women's leadership, tackling real gender issues with optimism and proven strategies that work. As partners in talent development, IWL unleashes the highest level of performance for both women and men and their organizations. They do this through perspective-changing experiences, including conferences, workshops, consulting, and individualized programs. Founded in 2010, IWL is headquartered in Indianapolis, IN and hosts its highly-acclaimed annual women's leadership conferences in both Indianapolis, IN and Louisville, KY.

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