



The Virginia Network

American Council on Education
Office of Women in Higher Education

2005 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Women's Leadership: No Boundaries, No Barriers

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Conference Program – Thursday, June 2, 2005

8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
Ground Floor of Johnson Center

9:30 a.m. Opening Session:
Welcome: Connie Gores, State Coordinator, Virginia Network and Vice President for Enrollment, Randolph Macon Women's College
Remarks: Alan G. Merten, President, George Mason University

10:00 a.m. Virginia Secretary of Education Belle Wheelan: *Status of Higher Education in Virginia*

10:30-11:30 a.m. Keynote Panel of Women Presidents
Moderator: Toni Cleveland, former Vice Chancellor for Academic Services and Research, Virginia Community College System.

Panelists:

- Sabine O'Hara, President, Roanoke College
- Anne Alexander, President, Wytheville Community College
- Belle Wheelan, Virginia Secretary of Education

11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Lunch

12:45-1:45 p.m. Concurrent Workshops

1. Moving Careers: Into and Within Administration

Session covers how to plan and manage career changes, the concept of intentional risk, building an administrative portfolio, and mentoring.

Moderator: Maxine Singleton, Vice President of Instruction and Student Development, Paul D. Camp Community College

- Valdrie Walker, Vice President for Student Affairs, Sweet Briar College
- Linda Harber, Assistant Vice President, Human Resources/Payroll, George Mason University

- Kimberly Saunders, Associate Director for African American/Black Student Affairs, George Mason University

2. Developing Power in an Indifferent Environment

Session focuses on women legislators, the issues they face in getting their voices heard in the legislature, and how they work for higher education.

Moderator: Fran Bradford, Director of Government Relations, College of William and Mary

Speakers:

- Vivian Watts, Delegate, Virginia General Assembly
- Mary Margaret Whipple, Senator, Virginia General Assembly

3. Conflict Resolution: Managing Difficult People, from Supervisors to Colleagues

Session focuses on the most effective way to deal with difficult people, those you work for, those you work with, and those who work for you.

Moderator: Teresa Gonzalez, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, James Madison University

Speakers:

- Susan Barr, Chief Information Officer/Training and Investigations Officer, Virginia Military Institute
- Virginia Bianco Mathis, Professor of Human Resources, Marymount University
- Camille Hazeur, Director, Equity and Diversity Services, George Mason University

4. Building Your Sphere of Influence: How to Work the University

You don't necessarily need to have a title to have a significant sphere of influence and be able to get things done. Session covers how to build contacts and be recognized as a leader whatever your position.

Moderator: Norrine Bailey Spencer, Associate Provost and Director of Undergraduate Admissions, Virginia Tech

Speakers:

- Hortense Hinton, Provost, Northern Virginia Community College, Manassas
- Janine DeWitt Hefner, Associate Professor for Sociology and Criminal Justice, Marymount University
- Ellen Plummer, Director of the Women's Center, Virginia Tech

5. How to Find Meaning in a Busy Life

Sometimes we seem to just rush from one thing to the next at home and work. Session focuses on how to live our lives more consciously, rather than having our lives live us!

Moderator: Delores Scott, Vice President for Student Affairs, Virginia Union University

Speakers:

- Barbara Howard, Dean, Business and Public Services Division, Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale

- Janette Muir, Associate Dean, New Century College, George Mason University
- Janice Sutera, Associate Director, University Career Services, George Mason University
- Mary Young, Associate Dean, Virginia Union University

6. *Sistah to Sister: Building Productive Partnerships in the Workplace between Majority and Minority Women*

This session is a conversation about how to overcome the sometimes invisible communications barriers that can exist between colleagues of different races and how to build closer ties through learning more about each other.

Moderator: Marilyn McKenzie, Associate Provost, Educational Programs, George Mason University

Speakers:

- Linda Nelson, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Richard Stockton College
- Rose Pascarell, Associate Dean, Vice President for University Life, George Mason University
- Behnaz Quigley, Professor of Accounting, Marymount University

7. *Sharing Perspectives and Challenges for Women Executives (WEVHE only)*

Deans, vice presidents, presidents, and board members are invited to a special "open space" session designed to promote dialogue on a variety of topics to be identified by participants. This is an ideal time to meet and connect with peers, and share perspectives on common concerns. Please consider proposing a discussion topic when the session begins.

2 - 3 p.m. Keynote speaker: Caryn McTighe Musil,
Senior Vice President, American Association
of Colleges and Universities

3 p.m. Adjourn

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