



LEAD WITH Courage & Agility

The 2022 Advancing Women in Leadership Conference at the CCCU International Forum was a success! We're so encouraged to see another fully attended conference. The reflections and comments following the event exuded enthusiasm, inspiration, and excitement for new relationships that were formed.

If you attended the afternoon event, we pray you continue to carry the encouragement and empowerment we were charged with from AWIL's session!



CCCU President, Shirley Hoogstra, gave joyful encouragement and provided us the right affirmation needed to keep pressing forward. We hope you will consider adding something to your campus in recognition of women's history month. Maybe you can ignite an idea this March!



MaryKate Morse slowed our pace and centered our intentions to trust God, no matter what obstacles or challenges we face. We serve a God who sees us and cares deeply for what we go through.



Irene Neller shared her story of personal leadership development and the origins of Advancing Women in Leadership. She contextualized our efforts to join across our institutions, discover our leadership influence, create mentoring opportunities, and discover our hidden *SHE*roes on our campuses.



We were compelled into action by the research of Karen Longman and Carrie Stockton. They defined leadership as "the ability to make a difference by influencing others," and showed us how to anchor our purposes and direct our energies as leaders. While there has been notable progress and movement in women leading in our CCCU schools, let's continue to forge ahead to make a difference.



Three impressive leaders, April Harris Akinloye (Assistant Vice President for Community Belonging, Pepperdine University), Gillian Stewart-Wells (Provost and Chief Academic Officer at Judson University), and Jeannie Trudel (President of Christian Heritage College), shared testimonials about their own development as leaders and what motivates them to continue leading well!



Sara Young Jackson moderated an inspiring panel- Linda Livingstone, President of Baylor University; and Dee Anna Smith, CEO of Sarah Cannon Cancer Research Institute, and Chair of the Board of Regents at Pepperdine University- women who made history at their universities by being the first woman to serve in their role. They shared practical and strategic ideas and stories of how they lead, shape change, and inspire other women to lead.



Finally, we got a glimpse of AWIL 2023, when Gillian Stewart-Wells from Judson University announced the next host of Advancing Women in Leadership.



What a moment to gather around women making history! On behalf of the AWIL Committee, it was our honor to serve, see, and send you off to continue leading with courage and agility!



We hope to see you at Judson next year! Happy National Women's History Month!

Save the date: March 6, 2023!

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