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CONFERENCE

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# AGENDA

- 8 a.m. Check-in
- 9 a.m. **Welcome** – Barbara Sugg (Southwest Power Pool)  
Presenting sponsor remarks – Jeannie Diefenderfer (Windstream)
- 9:15 a.m. **Keynote: Negotiating for Success** – Linda Swindling (Author/Speaker)
- 10 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. **Interactive: Negotiation DEAL Styles** – Linda Swindling
- 11:15 a.m. Lunch
- Keynote: Survival! Essentials in Maintaining Perspective (and Sanity) in the Midst of Leadership** – Charlotte Strickland (UCA)
- 1 p.m. **Leadership Chat** with Frank Scott, Jr. (Little Rock Mayor)  
Moderator: Chanda Chacón (AR Children’s Hospital)
- 1:30 p.m. **Panel: Navigating Career Change**  
Panelist: Dr. Janina Bonwich (UAMS)  
Panelist: Jane Kim (Wright, Lindsey & Jennings)  
Panelist: Cynthia Westcott (CenterPoint Energy)  
Panelist: Kim Leverett (A Kick Above)  
Moderator: Catherine Bays (Museum of Discovery)
- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. **Keynote: Notes to Myself (at 21): On Being a Great Leader**  
Myra Davis (Texas Children’s Hospital)
- 3:30 p.m. Closing

# CAMPUS MAP



# WELCOME

*Welcome to the 2019 Leadership Foundation for Women Conference! We are excited you've joined us for an inspiring day that will equip you for success in fulfilling your potential and excelling in your career path.*

*While the percentage of women reaching middle management now tracks with our male counterparts, the number of women in the C-suite and serving on boards of directors in corporate America remains shockingly small. Since nearly 50% of managers are female, why are only 15% of C-level positions held by women? LeanIn.org and McKinsey & Company recently released a report stating women continue to be vastly underrepresented at every level in companies. The report found "progress isn't just slow — it's stalled."*

*Only by supporting one another will we succeed in reshaping the future. Support takes many shapes: from inspiring and encouraging each other to step out of our comfort zones, to all-out pushing ourselves to take chances and daring to succeed.*

*As Eleanor Roosevelt said, "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." We hope this conference — packed with amazing speakers and panelists sharing their secrets to success — will lead you to set higher goals for yourself and inspire you to accomplish the career of your dreams.*

*Please join us in thanking our 15 sponsors, all of whom are committed to advancing female talent. We especially thank Windstream for their support as our presenting sponsor in bringing today's conference to life.*

*Thank you for joining us today. We sincerely hope you will seize this opportunity to establish meaningful new connections with like-minded professionals and fill your career toolbox with essentials for success.*

*Barbara*



**BARBARA SUGG**  
LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION FOR  
WOMEN, FOUNDER AND CHAIR

With a nearly 30-year information technology career in the male-dominated electrical utility industry, Barbara has established herself as an authentic servant leader, role model and mentor, shedding stereotypes along the way with her willingness to lean in. She serves as IT vice president and chief security officer of Southwest Power Pool.

In 2018, Barbara led the formation of the Leadership Foundation for Women and serves as its board chair. She also serves on the boards of directors for Arkansas Hospice and the Museum of Discovery. Barbara is a member of the Founders Circle at the Arkansas State University Women's Business Leadership Center and is a founding member and past president of Arkansas Women in Power.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in computer science from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, attended the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School, and is a certified professional coach.



**JEANNIE DIEFENDERFER**  
WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS BOARD MEMBER

Jeannie Diefenderfer is a business leader with extensive experience as a senior executive in a Fortune 20 environment. During her 28-year career at Verizon Communications, Jeannie held a range of roles including senior vice president of global engineering and planning, chief procurement officer and senior vice president of customer care.

Jeannie initiated a consortium of Fortune 100 companies to support procurement from minority suppliers and served on the Minority Multicultural Association of NYNEX.

Jeannie's work won recognition, including Outstanding 50 Asian Americans in Business and the Asian Women in Business Corporate Leadership Award. She was listed in Crain's New York Business 40 under 40 publication and was a member of the 1999 class of the David Rockefeller Fellows Program.

Jeannie holds a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering from Tufts University and a Master of Business Administration from Babson College. A native of South Korea, she immigrated to the U.S. at 13.





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# CHAT

## LEADERSHIP CHAT WITH LITTLE ROCK MAYOR FRANK SCOTT, JR.

1 p.m.



**MODERATOR:**  
**CHANDA CHACÓN**  
ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Chanda Chacón graduated from Vanderbilt University with degrees in biology and Spanish and from Yale University with a master's degree in public health management. She is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Chanda began her career in healthcare with Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, where she served in progressive leadership roles for over 14 years.

Chanda joined Arkansas Children's Hospital as executive vice president and system chief operating officer in 2016. She has accountability for leadership and operations of Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock, the new Arkansas Children's Northwest hospital in Springdale and clinics across the state.

Chanda is active in the community, serving as a board member for Little Rock Angels, a nonprofit organization supporting foster families. She recently served as a court-appointed child advocate serving children in child protective services' custody and as an active member of P.E.O. Sisterhood, a philanthropic organization focusing on the advancement of women through education.



**FRANK SCOTT, JR.**  
LITTLE ROCK MAYOR

Mayor Frank Scott Jr. has dedicated much of his adult life to public service, in the pulpit as an associate pastor, as a mentor to teenagers and as a public policy leader. Frank learned about hard work and public service from his father, a Little Rock firefighter. Frank worked two jobs, one at a Target distribution center and a second with the 2006 campaign of Gov. Mike Beebe. He went on to serve as the deputy policy director and intergovernmental affairs director in the governor's office.

Frank lives out the values he learned growing up. A firm believer in education and the opportunity it can provide, Frank is a former member of the Pulaski Technical College board of trustees (now UA-PTC) and serves on the UA-Little Rock Board of Visitors. He formerly served on the Little Rock Port Authority board and as an Arkansas State Highway commissioner.

Frank said he believes, "When we come together, we are more than just a series of neighborhoods and zip codes. We are the people of Little Rock, and we can change course for a better direction for our city if we have the will to do it."

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# PANEL

## NAVIGATING CAREER CHANGE

1:30 p.m.



**MODERATOR:**  
**CATHERINE BAYS**  
MUSEUM OF  
DISCOVERY

Catherine serves as chief development officer for the Museum of Discovery. Her past experiences as a professional ballet dancer, teacher and arts administrator have culminated in a rewarding career in nonprofit management supporting missions that align with her passion for children and education.

Catherine attended the University of Arkansas and volunteers with several organizations.

A native of Louisiana, she is happy to be back in central Arkansas after many rewarding years in northwest Arkansas.



**DR. JANINA BONWICH**  
UNIVERSITY OF  
ARKANSAS FOR  
MEDICAL SCIENCES

As a child, Janina wanted to be a surgeon and imagined being like Dr. Kildare or Ben Casey. While she still imagined becoming a surgeon, she majored in music, she joined the Marines and played in the U.S. Marine Corps band.

Janina earned a master's in music theory, but she eventually succumbed to her dream of becoming a surgeon. She earned her medical degree from the Temple University School of Medicine and practiced in Fort Smith, Arkansas, for many years. In 2011, she began practicing and teaching at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.



**JANE KIM**  
WRIGHT, LINDSEY &  
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Jane is a partner on the labor and employment team at Wright Lindsey Jennings. She defends employers in federal and state court involving claims under civil rights laws and in class and collective actions.

Jane chairs WLJ's Committee on Associates. She is designated as a Chambers USA Leader in Their Field and included in The Best Lawyers in America and Mid-South Super Lawyers.

Arkansas Business named Jane to its 40 Under 40 and Women to Watch lists.



**KIM LEVERETT**  
A KICK ABOVE  
PERSONAL TRAINING  
STUDIO

After graduating from the University of Arkansas and Xavier College of Pharmacy, Kim worked as a pharmacist for Walmart.

After two decades of prescribing, she felt called to attack health maladies through prevention. A certified personal trainer, Kim helps adults live strong, healthy and physically productive lives.

Kim serves on the boards of directors for the Arkansas Heart Association and Arkansas Heart Hospital. A breast cancer survivor, she is involved with the Komen Race for the Cure.



**CYNTHIA WESTCOTT**  
CENTERPOINT  
ENERGY

Cindy is vice president of natural gas distribution operations for CenterPoint Energy's Arkansas/Oklahoma region. She has been with CenterPoint for more than 15 years and has held leadership roles in engineering, operations and regulatory.

An Arkansas native, she has an engineering degree from the University of Arkansas, a Master of Business Administration from Arkansas State University, and is a licensed professional engineer.

Cindy is a member of the Red Cross board and is on the advisory board of the Arkansas Independent Colleges and Universities.

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