

WOMEN & LEADERSHIP

FIRST CONFERENCE OF U.S. WOMEN GOVERNORS

September 8-9, 2017



Nellie Tayloe Ross
First U.S. Woman Governor

Friday | September 8 | 7pm | L.V. Eberhard Center *

- 6:30 pm - Doors Open to Public
- 7:00 pm - Keynote Conversation: Leading Change and Forging Common Ground with Christine Todd Whitman, President of The Whitman Strategy Group, former Cabinet Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and former Governor of New Jersey (R-NJ; 1994-2001) & Janet Napolitano, President of the University of California, former U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security, and former Governor of Arizona (D-AZ; 2003-2009) with moderator Mary Kramer, Vice Chair, GVSU Board of Trustees, and Group Publisher, Crain Communications
- 8:30 pm - Public Reception: Desserts and refreshments provided

Saturday | September 9 | 9am-7pm | Richard M. DeVos Center *

- 8:15 am - Registration and Check in
- 9:00 am - Welcome Address: Jennifer Granholm (D-MI; 2003-2011)
- 9:30 am - Pioneer Panel: Kathleen Babineaux Blanco (D-LA; 2004-2008), Madeleine Kunin (D-VT; 1985-1991), and Barbara Roberts (D-OR; 1991-1995)
- 11:00 am - Breakout Sessions (tentative)
- 12:00 pm - Lunch: Provided thanks to the generosity of our donors
- 1:00 pm - Keynote with Deborah Rhode, author of *Women and Leadership*
- 2:00 pm - Break: Refreshments provided
- 2:15 pm - Panel Response to Keynote
- 3:15 pm - Break
- 4:00 pm - Wheelhouse Talk: Women Leaders of West Michigan including Maria Cimitile, Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at GVSU; Birgit Klohs, President and CEO of The Right Place; Lisa Posthumus Lyons, Kent County Clerk; and one other guest to be determined.
- 5:00 pm - Public Reception: Appetizers and refreshments provided

* Conference events will be held in two different locations: Friday at the Eberhard Center and Saturday at the DeVos Center (both on GVSU's Pew Campus in Grand Rapids)

Please note that this is a tentative schedule and is subject to change.