

# 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 of the GVSU Board of Trustees and Group Publisher of 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)
- 9:45 am - Pioneer Panel: **Kathleen Babineaux Blanco** (D-LA; 2004-2008), **Madeleine Kunin** (D-VT; 1985-1991), **Beverly Perdue** (D-NC; 2009-2013), and **Barbara Roberts** (D-OR; 1991-1995) with moderator **Deb Havens**.
- 11:00 am - Break
- 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: **Jennifer Granholm** (D-MI; 2003-2011); First Gentleman **Dan Mulhern**; **Jane Swift** (R-MA; 2001-2003); and moderator **Mary L. Engelman**, Executive Director of the Michigan Women's Commission, Michigan Department of Civil Rights
- 3:15 pm - Break
- 4:00 pm - Wheelhouse Talk: Women Leaders of West Michigan including **Maria Cimitile**, Provost and Executive 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 moderator **Megan Sall**, member of the GVSU Board of Trustees and Assistant City Manager of Wyoming
- 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)