

2023 Women's Leadership Luncheon

March 2, 2023

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School Sisters of Notre Dame
Central Pacific Province



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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the School Sisters of Notre Dame’s (SSND) 2023 Women’s Leadership Luncheon. Today, you can expect to be inspired with a passion to bring change within yourself and others. It is a pleasure to spend this time with you. Thank you for joining us.

The theme of the 2023 Women’s Leadership Luncheon is, **Learning Today – Transforming Tomorrow**. The focus is mental health, a primary health concern that has far-reaching influence on all aspects of society. We know that by learning more about mental health, starting conversations, building relationships, and fostering a community approach to mental and behavioral health, we can transform lives and support each other as we each strive to reach our fullest potential.

Started in the late 1990s, the Women’s Leadership Luncheon is SSND’s annual event honoring women and recognizing their contributions in making this a better world. Guided by the SSND commitment to transforming the world through education, our goal today is to educate and empower others to learn how they also can make a difference.

Events like this take many generous individuals and businesses to be a success. We thank our supporters for their prayers, work and donations. Our individual and corporate sponsors listed in this book allow us to offer the Women’s Leadership Luncheon free to all guests.

Yours in peace,

Sister Debra Sciano, SSND

Sister Debra Marie Sciano, SSND
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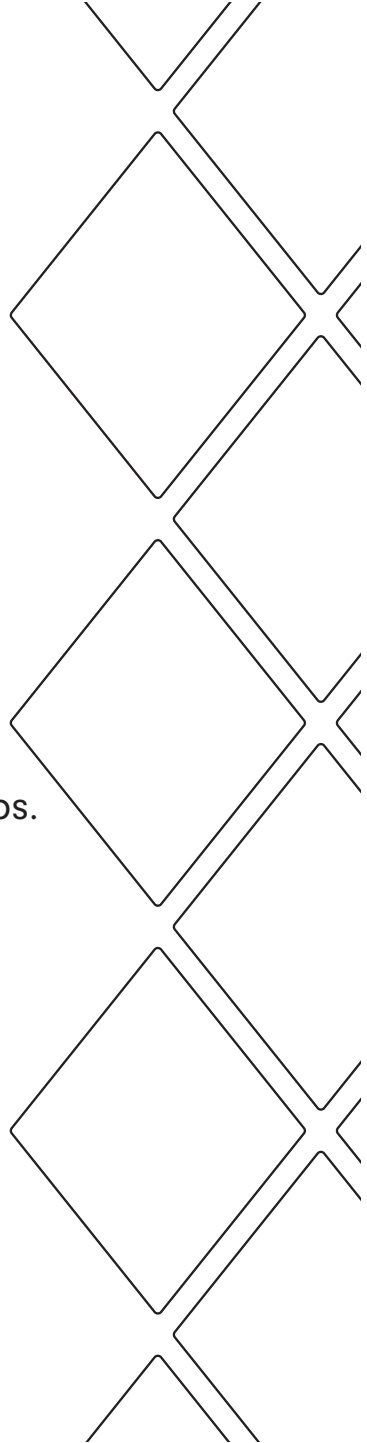
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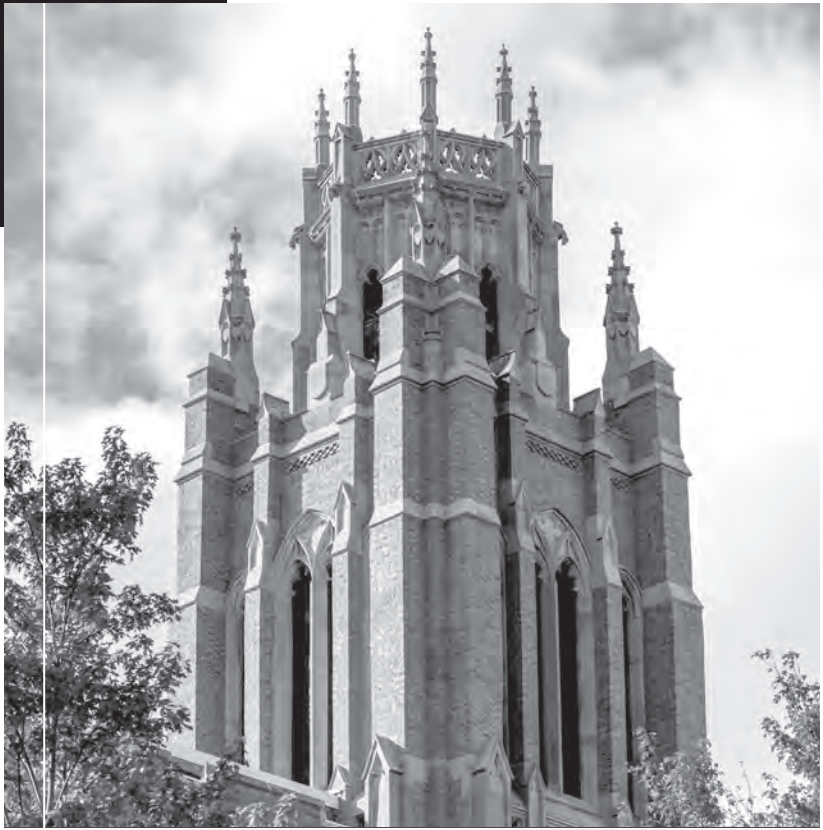
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Speaker Introduction **Annemarie Scobey-Polacheck**
2020 Women's Leadership Luncheon
Speaker and Director,
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Keynote Speaker **Amy Lovell**
Founder, REDgen and Co-Founder,
Scaling Wellness in Milwaukee
“*The Power of Faith, Health and
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Closing Remarks **Mary Kay Murray**
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Speaker

Amy Lovell
Founder, REDgen and
Co-Founder, Scaling Wellness
in Milwaukee



Amy Lovell is one of the founders of REDgen, a nonprofit organization in Milwaukee whose mission is to advocate for youth mental health and wellbeing. She currently serves on REDgen's Board of Directors. Amy is co-founder of Scaling Wellness in Milwaukee, a nonprofit whose mission is to drive community-based collaboration that helps to prevent and respond to trauma and create a resilient Milwaukee. She is a board member for the Harry and Rose Samson Family Jewish Community Center and The Opportunity Center.

In 2020, Amy was honored by the Milwaukee Business Journal as a Women of Influence. Amy has a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Pittsburgh and worked as a pharmacist for Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic in Pittsburgh prior to moving to Milwaukee in 2008.

Amy is passionate about mental health and resilience. This passion is strengthened by her life experiences. Amy is married to Marquette University President, Mike Lovell, has four adult children and is an active member of Holy Family Parish.



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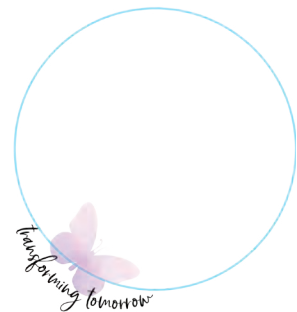
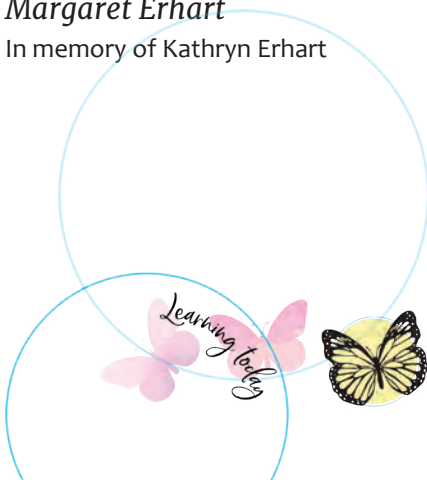
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Heather Brilliant

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Heather Brilliant is Chief Executive Officer and President of Diamond Hill, an independent active asset management firm in Columbus, Ohio.

Heather's leadership sets the tone for the firm's culture and commitment to diversity and inclusion. Heather is incredibly passionate about this topic, not only within Diamond Hill, but she's a strong advocate for creating diverse and inclusive cultures across the investment management industry.

Heather understands that changes in diversity and demographics do not happen overnight, but she remains committed, knowing that cognitive diversity is a business imperative for success. Through partnerships with Rock the Street Wall Street, SEO and Jopwell, Heather is ensuring the firm is considering diverse candidates at all levels, starting with industry education in high school.

At the community level, Heather has made an initial pledge of \$1 million over the next five years to organizations that support anti-racism efforts, diversity and inclusion. She is committed to a future where Diamond Hill is reflective of the communities they serve.

Heather has received numerous awards, including "CEO of the Year" by WealthManagement.com and the Markets Media Women in Finance Award in 2022.



Women Honorees



Amy Lovell

Founder

Marrquette University

For her tireless,
compassionate work in the greater

Milwaukee community around mental health

and addressing the growing issue of trauma, please consider this an enthusiastic nomination of Amy Lovell for recognition at the School Sisters of Notre Dame Women's Leadership Luncheon.



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Amy is the founder and a current founding board member of REDgen, a nonprofit organization consisting of school and university educators, parents, community members, interfaith leaders and health professionals who are committed to working together across systems to promote balance and resiliency in the lives of our youth and families. The group's hope is to develop a new generation of resilient young people with a healthy understanding of what success means.

Amy and Mike Lovell set the vision for and launched SWIM — Scaling Wellness in Milwaukee — which was formed to increase strategic partnerships between local service providers addressing generational trauma in Milwaukee. Through a collaborative, multidisciplinary model, its mission is to build a trauma-responsive community that heals trauma and promotes resilience.

Strong in her Catholic faith, Amy is generous and kind, and her warmth is genuine and magnetic. Perhaps more importantly, she isn't afraid to be vulnerable as she lives her life in the service of others.



Women Honorees



Cheryl Brosig, Ph.D.

Pediatric psychologist, Children's Wisconsin, Section chief of Pediatric Psychology and Developmental Medicine, the Medical College of Wisconsin
Children's Wisconsin



Cheryl Brosig Soto, PhD, has been with Children's Wisconsin since 1997. At heart, she's a licensed clinical psychologist, with extensive experience working with children affected by chronic illness, particularly congenital heart disease. Across her 26-year career, her influence and leadership have grown. In addition to serving as a pediatric psychologist at Children's, she is also section chief of Pediatric Psychology and Developmental Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Dr. Brosig was the driving force behind the Herma Heart Institute Developmental Follow-up Program, which is the first program of its kind in the country that routinely follows children with congenital heart disease to ensure they are meeting key milestones. She also plays a critical role in Children's efforts to improve access to mental health care, specifically working to integrate psychologists into all medical specialty clinics.

As an educator, Dr. Brosig was honored with an Excellence in Professionalism Award. More importantly, she is a tremendous teacher because she has never let go of her passion to continue learning. She is constantly challenging her students and herself to provide patients with the best care possible.

Dr. Brosig received her undergraduate degree at Marquette University, Milwaukee, and her doctorate in clinical psychology at Loyola University of Chicago.



Women Honorees



Gina Spang

Founder & Principal
Spang Strategies, LLC

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In memory of Joseph J. Spang
In honor of Gina Spang

Gina Spang has 25+ years of experience in the construction industry. Her solid background in both public and private sector provides a unique perspective and approach to her work.

Early in her career, Gina was usually the only female on the construction site or woman in the room. Spang was the first, and to date only, female to serve in the position of Director of Facilities and Maintenance Services for Milwaukee Public Schools. During her tenure, she prioritized projects and directed resources focused on sustainability, green infrastructure, energy conservation, facility modernization and projects that fostered public and private partnerships.

Gina recently launched Spang Strategies, LLC to represent owners as an objective third party to provide guidance on construction projects that they are contemplating or assistance on projects that are currently underway.

Gina is a 2021 Women in Construction Honoree, a 2018 Milwaukee Business Journal's Women of Influence, a past recipient of the YWCA Outstanding Woman of Achievement Award and the Milwaukee Business Journal's 40 Under 40 Award. Gina currently serves on the following boards: Alverno Board of Trustees, Wisconsin Policy Forum, Historic Third Ward Association and the Waukesha YMCA.

Gina credits her parents for her ability to succeed in engineering and construction. "The fact that I was a female, never came up in the conversation when we discussed college or careers. They focused on what I enjoyed (math and science) and said – ok - that sounds great."

Spang earned her master of business administration from Alverno College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin and a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



Women Honorees



Lauren Hess

Vice President

Wintrust Commercial Banking



Lauren is a loyal employee of the bank having started her career at Wintrust out of college and earning her way to become the head of Treasury Management for the state of Wisconsin territory at the bank. Lauren is a passionate board member of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) having a close family member affected by the disease. She also dedicates her time as a Committee Member of the Waukesha County Business Alliance. Lauren's glowing personality, positive energy and drive to do good for others are just a few reasons that make her an invaluable asset to our community.

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Sister Honorees



Sister Benilda Dix

Honored by Betty Mutza

I met Sister Benilda through my husband, Jerry. Sister was Jerry's high school English teacher back in the 1950's. She and I developed a mutual friendship over the years. We never accomplished any great achievements or won any awards, but she taught me about kindness and compassion. She always had time to listen. She cared! I thank her for the gifts she shared with me.



Sister Mary Gilda Sturino

Honored by David Barnes

Throughout my life, Aunt Mary (Sister Gilda) has been a role model of devotion, caring and understanding while being a constant source of inspiration and good humor!



Sister John Ann Zettlemaier

**Honored by The Family of Sisters Ara Coeli,
Melmarie, and Gabriel**

Sister John Ann has been a wonderful, caring, humble friend to the Stoll family for countless years. Sister has the happiest disposition of anyone I know. She can always find the positive in any situation she faces. Her contagious laugh goes hand in hand with her wonderful sense of humor. She prefers to not be in the limelight but still be right in the mix of all that is going on in life. Sister John Ann is truly a humble servant of God and a model for all women. Our family LOVES her and feel she is the 4th aunt of our family. I am blessed to have known her most of my life and honored to have her as my close friend.





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and we honor **Linda Barnes** for her faithful service
to Capuchin Community Services and the House of Peace.



The Senior Team of Capuchin Community Services
pictured, left to right, Linda Barnes, Fr. Mike Bertram, Kenny Howard

Linda Barnes has served as Site Coordinator and social worker for the House of Peace for over 30 years, beginning service until the leadership of Br. Booker Ashe, OFM Capuchin, founder of the House of Peace. Linda has ministered faithfully in serving the poor and building relationships with the needy and the poor of the central city of Milwaukee. She is very much the heart and soul of Capuchin Community Services, advocating on behalf of the poorest of the poor as children of God. She has provided the most basic human needs to the poor: food, clothing, medical care, and legal counsel, not to mention the special needs of holidays and children's education.

We salute you, Linda,
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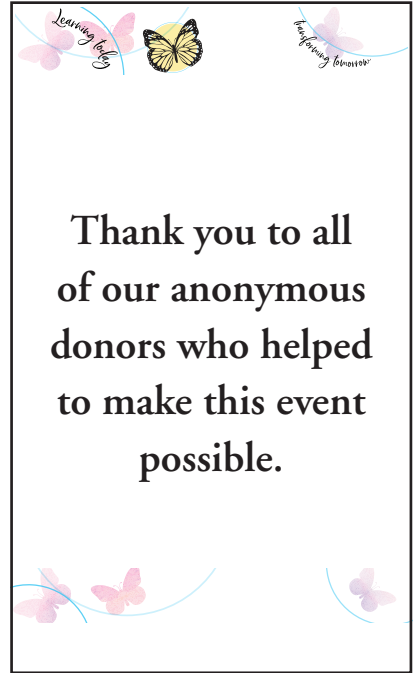


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March 7, 2024



Past Speakers

- 2022 Eve M. Hall, Ph.D., President and CEO,
Greater Milwaukee Urban League
- 2021 Dr. Marissa Jablonski, Ph.D., Executive Director of the
Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin
- 2020 Annemarie Scobey-Polacheck, Director of Corporate
Philanthropy at Johnson Controls
- 2019 Rachel Monaco-Wilcox, Founder and CEO,
LOTUS Legal Clinic, Inc.
- 2018 Peggy Troy, CEO of Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
- 2017 Cecelia Gore, Executive Director of the
Brewers Community Foundation, Inc.
- 2016 Rhonda M. Ware, Founder and President of UR Aware, LLC
- 2015 Susan Dreyfus, President and CEO of Alliance for
Strong Families and Communities
- 2014 Tracy Loken Weber, Executive Director,
Milwaukee Literacy Services
- 2013 Danae Davis, Chief Executive Officer,
PEARLS for Teen Girls, Inc.
- 2012 Eileen Schwalbach, President, Mount Mary College
- 2011 Wendy Baumann, President/CVO, The Wisconsin Women's
Business Initiative Corporation
- 2010 Sherrie Tussler, Executive Director, Hunger Task Force
- 2009 Juliette Martin-Thomas, Ph.D., Associate Professor,
Alverno College and Clinical Psychologist
- 2008 Terri Mitchell, Head Coach, Marquette University
Women's Basketball



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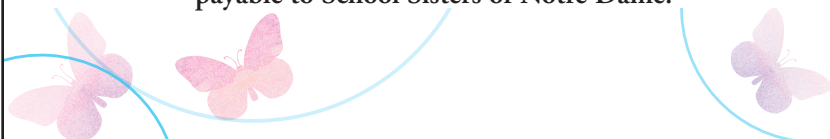
- 2007 Yvonne Lumsden-Dill, Executive Director, Women's Leadership Institute of Mount Mary College
- 2006 Celia Jackson, Secretary of Regulation and Licensing, State of Wisconsin
- 2005 Janine Geske, Distinguished Professor of Law, Marquette University
- 2004 Patricia O'Donoghue, Ph.D., President, Mount Mary College
- 2003 Geneva B. Johnson, Executive Director, Women's Leadership Institute of Mount Mary College
- 2002 Sue Ann Thompson, former First Lady of Wisconsin
- 2001 Diane S. Sykes, Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice
- 1999 Margaret Farrow, Wisconsin State Senator

Thank You!

We wish to thank our committee members for their support and friendship: Mary Conarchy, Laura Harvancik, Barb Muth, Mary Ellen Luxem, La Donna Borth, Sister Betty Uchtyl, Sister Joanne Armatowski.

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