

Leadership Symposium and Grants Showcase

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

University of Memphis University Center Ballroom

8:30 – 10 a.m.

REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST AND GRANTS SHOWCASE

10 – 10:45 a.m.

The Power of Philanthropy

Discover the transformative impact of giving and how women's philanthropy is shaping stronger communities. Explore the power of generosity, the ripple effect of collective giving, and how you can align your passions with purpose to make a difference.

Panelists

Rosie Phillips Davis, Ph.D., Professor of Counseling Psychology, University of Memphis
Anita Vaughn, Retired CEO, Baptist Women and Children's Hospital
Becky Jones West, President and CEO, WestRogers Communications

Moderator | Cassandra Webster, Executive Director, The Memphis Challenge



Rosie Phillips Davis



Anita Vaughn



Becky Jones West



Cassandra Webster

10:45 – 11:15 a.m.

GRANTS SHOWCASE

11:15 a.m. – Noon

The Power of Leadership

Leadership isn't just about titles—it's about influence, vision, and action. This conversation will explore how emerging and established leaders are shaping the future of Memphis through innovation, inclusivity, and bold decision-making.

Panelists

Kayla Rodriguez Graff, Co-founder and CEO, Sweetbio
Ruby Hancock, Managing Partner, KPMG
Bridget Sisney, Director of Leadership Programs, New Memphis

Moderator | Allison Bosse, CEO, Baptist Memorial Hospital for Women



Kayla Rodriguez Graff



Ruby Hancock



Bridget Sisney



Allison Bosse

Noon – 12:30 p.m.

GRANTS SHOWCASE

12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

The Power of Collaboration

Hear from WFGM's Grantee Partners about how partnerships between nonprofits, businesses, and community leaders are creating opportunities and strengthening Memphis from the ground up.

Panelists

Stephanie Ivey, Ph.D., Director, Southeast Transportation Workforce Center and Professor, University of Memphis
Ephie Ballard Johnson, President and CEO, Neighborhood Christian Center
Katie Smythe, Chief Strategy Officer, New Ballet Ensemble & School

Moderator | Beverly Cross, Ph.D., Lillian Moss Chair of Excellence in Urban Education in the College of Education, University of Memphis



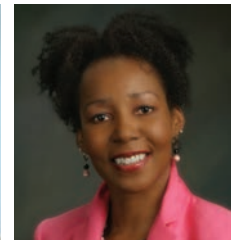
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