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**Serena Williams and Amal Clooney Address Women and Today's Workplace Culture**  
10,000 Attend Event at Time of Heightened National Conversation

**PHILADELPHIA, PA** – During a time of heightened national focus on women and the workplace culture, more than 10,000 women gathered for the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Pennsylvania Conference for Women, headlined by Serena Williams and Amal Clooney.

World-renowned athlete and philanthropist Serena Williams spoke about her career, her family and the philanthropic causes she cares so much about, including child and maternal health and financial abuse against women.

Human rights attorney Amal Clooney spoke about the need for more accountability through our legal systems so that perpetrators of abuse against women know their crimes will not be tolerated and that they will face justice in a court of law.

The nonpartisan, nonprofit conference is part of the largest network of women's conferences in the country, attracting an estimated 40,000 women a year in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Texas and California. In recent years, it has become one of the nation's top forums for women focused on professional and personal development.

"I am honored to speak to the thousands gathered in Philadelphia for the PA Conference for Women," Governor Pennsylvania Tom Wolf said. "It is an incredibly important time to amplify the influence of women in the workplace and beyond. Thank you for continuing to make this a nonprofit, nonpartisan event that draws women of all ages, backgrounds, and affiliations."

Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney also addressed the Conference, saying, "Philadelphia is proud to be the home of the Pennsylvania Conference for Women, one of the largest,

most dynamic gatherings of women in America. Empowering and inspiring women from across the nation has become a cherished tradition for our city, and we are honored to welcome the conference back for its 15th year."

Other speakers included [Maysoon Zayid](#), comedian and ambassador for the Cerebral Palsy Foundation; [Samantha Barry](#), editor-in-chief of *Glamour*; [Ellen McGirt](#), award-winning writer on race, culture, and leadership; and [Amanda Southworth](#), a 16-year-old iOS developer, and a mental health and human rights activist.

Themed "The Power of Us: Amplify Your Voice," the annual nonpartisan, nonprofit Conference, brings together thousands of professionals to connect, renew, and find inspiration in community. Throughout the day, more than 100 experts shared practical skills and strategies related to leadership, personal finance, work-life balance and communication skills.

"We are proud that this event continues to be Pennsylvania's pre-eminent women's conference," said **Leslie Stiles**, President of the Pennsylvania Conference for Women Board. "It is a privilege to support this dynamic community of women through this annual conference and all our year-round resources."

The Pennsylvania Conference for Women is presented by [Beneficial Bank](#) and [Beneficial Foundation](#) and co-sponsored by [Bristol-Myers Squibb](#) and [QVC Inc.](#); the Official Lifestyle Sponsor is [Target](#) and the Official Networking Partner is [Cisco](#); along with generous support from [Bentley Systems](#), [Comcast NBCUniversal](#), [DLA Piper LLP \(US\)](#), [Drexel University LeBow College of Business](#), [DuPont](#), [Fine Wine & Good Spirits](#), [GlaxoSmithKline](#), [Johnson & Johnson](#), [JPMorgan Chase](#), [Macquarie Investment Management](#), [Mastercard](#), [Merck](#), [PECO](#), [Pepper Hamilton LLP](#), [Pfizer](#), [The Philadelphia Foundation](#), [PNC Bank](#), [Prudential](#), [Shriners Hospital for Children](#), and, [Villanova School of Business](#). Media Partners include [WPVI-TV ABC](#), [iHeartMedia](#), [Philadelphia magazine](#), and [Philadelphia Media Network](#).

"We are honored to continue to support this uplifting event that provides women guidance and inspiration on the topics most impactful to their lives," said Joanne Ryder, Executive Vice President and Chief Administration Officer, Beneficial Bank. "The Pennsylvania Conference for Women's mission is to equip women with the tools and resources to thrive at work and beyond, and we support that very strongly at Beneficial Bank."

To learn more about the Pennsylvania Conference for Women, visit our website at [www.paconferenceforwomen.org](http://www.paconferenceforwomen.org). Photos of the event are available from [Getty Images](#).

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