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NEXT MONTH'S PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN TO FEATURE JACINDA ARDERN, JOSÉ ANDRÉS, AND TINA FEY

Sold-Out Event Will Be Held Oct. 19th in Celebration of Its 20th Anniversary

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 14, 2023 – For the past two decades, the Pennsylvania Conference for Women has attracted some of the best-known women leaders in the world. Among them are Madeleine Albright, Michelle Obama, Sandra Day O'Connor, Gloria Steinem, Serena Williams, and Malala Yousafzai.

Next month, thousands of women will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the largest conference for women in the state with Dame Jacinda Ardern, the former prime minister of New Zealand; José Andrés, founder of the World Central Kitchen; and Philadelphia's own Tina Fey, writer, comedian, actress, producer and author.

Dedicated to advancing women in the workplace and beyond, the Pennsylvania Conference for Women will focus on leadership, career advancement, and personal development issues.

"Women are always stronger together and doubly so when they have a longstanding history of connecting around advancing women in the workplace," said Leslie Stiles, president and founding member of the board of the Pennsylvania Conference for Women.

"I am very proud that the Pennsylvania Conference for Women has offered this kind of community to women for the past twenty years," Stiles added. "And I'm excited to celebrate with the thousands of women joining us this October." An A-list of corporations are sponsoring the event, including the presenting sponsor, Bristol Myers Squibb.

"At Bristol Myers Squibb, we are committed to fostering an inclusive culture where all employees feel a genuine sense of belonging," said Greg Meyers, Chief Digital & Technology Officer, Bristol Myers Squibb. "This includes advancing women in the workplace. Not only does gender equity drive business performance, it results in a workforce that mirrors the communities and patients we serve."

"We are excited to continue supporting the Pennsylvania Conference for Women and their work to increase opportunities for women through networking, professional development, and personal growth," Meyers added.

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