2023 Attendee Survey Evaluation



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## 20 Years of Community, Connection & Leadership

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- **8,285** Total Conference registrations
- **43,133** Total digital program views
  - **225** Total Coaches Corner appointments
  - **246** Total Resume Review appointments
    - 51 % of 2023 attendees had never attended a Pennsylvania Conference for Women event before
    - **79** % of 2023 attendees said they felt better able to meet current professional challenges because they participated in the Conference
    - **75** % of attendees are more likely to consider working for a sponsor because of their support
    - 70 % of attendees are more likely to consider products or services from a Conference sponsor



WHAT WERE YOUR MAIN REASONS FOR

**ATTENDING? (CLICK ALL THAT APPLY)** 

### HOW FAR DID YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND **THE CONFERENCE?**

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## 40% Less than 20 miles 37% 20-49 miles 19% 50-200 miles 5% More than 200 miles **TOP 5 INDUSTRIES REPRESENTED\*** ATTENDEE JOB TITLES 1. Healthcare/Life Sci/Biotech – 28% • VP or <u>C-Suite - 13%</u> 2. Fin Svcs/Bank/Insurance – 15% • Manager or Director – 52% 3. Technology /Infra/Data Svcs – 8% Administrator/Specialist – 16% 4. Education – 6%

 Professional (Doctor, Lawyer, Teacher) – 11%

Hearing from speakers Inspiration Connecting with peers Networking Skill development



### TOP FUNCTIONAL AREAS OF BIZ

- 1. Information Technol. 9%
- 2. Strategy/R&D-9%
- 3. Operations 9%
- 4. HR/Talent 8%
- 5. Project Management 8%
- 6. Marketing 7%
- 7. Administration 7%

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\* The top three industries in 2022 were (in order)

Healthcare/Life Sciences/Biotech, Finance / Bank / Insurance, and Technology/Infrastructure.

5. Non-profit – 6%



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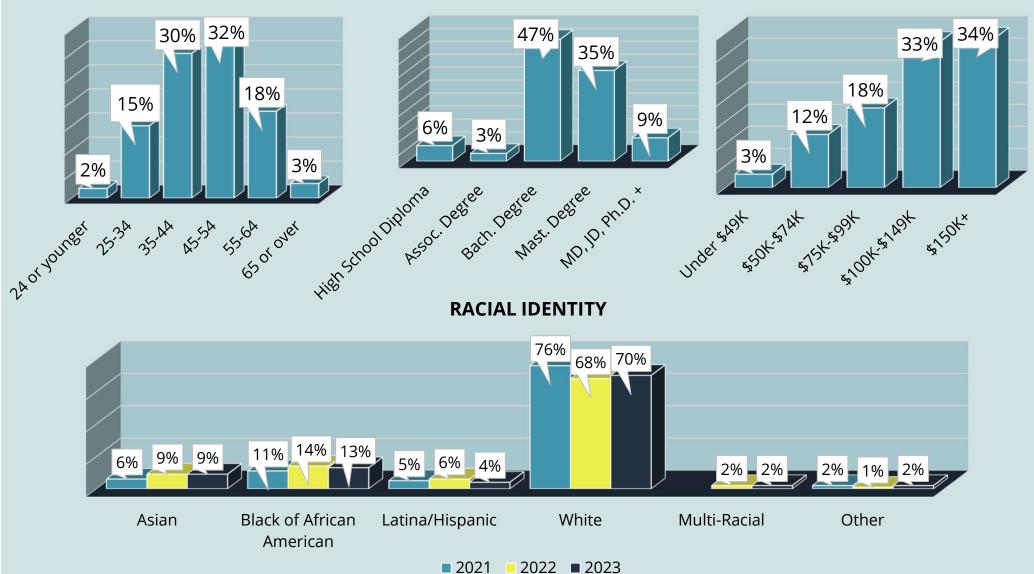
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#### **INDIVIDUAL INCOME**



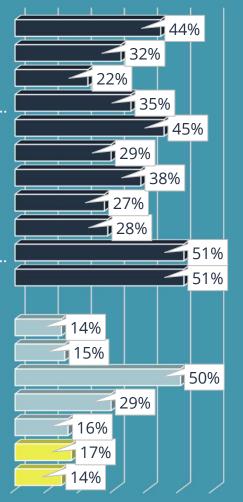
# **Interactive Hall**



## WHICH AREAS DID YOU VISIT IN THE INTERACTIVE HALL (Check all that apply\*)?

BMS EmpowHER Wall Comcast NBCU Comm. Village Drexel's Build a Network Holman Automotive Photo... IBX Inspiration Wall J & J Connect and Play Area Learning Stage spon. by BMS State Street's Fearless Girl Villanova Headshots Water Stations spon. by... WOB Village spon. by BOA

Author Book Signings Bookstore Author Chats Bookstore & Lounge 20th Anniv. Party in the Hall Career Connections Meet-up Coaches Corner Resume Reviews



\*NOTE: This chart simply reveals the percentage of attendees who visited a certain area within the Interactive Hall. It does not necessarily reflect popularity as some of these activities are limited by space or capacity and available on a first-come, first-served basis. This should be kept in mind when reviewing.

### WHAT OTHER ELEMENTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE INCOPORATED IN FUTURE EVENTS?

- More content for mid-level career women
- Handouts from Learning Stage speakers
- More career development/business-related content technology, leadership, wardrobe, etc. tips
- Hiring employers, mock interviews
- Quieter spaces for mini-sessions and meet ups; more ways to connect with other attendees
- More Resume Review, Coaches Corner, & headshot slots
- Additional wellness/relaxation offerings
- A richer variety of volunteer/donation opportunities
- More coffee, more water, more afternoon treats
- Additional charging stations
- More time to explore!





# **Interactive Hall**

#### WHICH AREAS WERE MOST ENJOYED BY ATTENDEES IN THE INTERACTIVE HALL? (Based on ratings of "Great" or "Excellent")

### MOST POPULAR DESTINATIONS (80-90% RATING)

- BMS EmpowHER Wall
- Career Connections Meet-up
- Coaches Corner
- Community Village sponsored by Comcast
- Drexel's Build a Network
- Holman Automotive Photo Opportunity
- Independence Blue Cross Inspiration Wall
- Resume Reviews
- State Street's Fearless Girl
- Villanova Headshots
- Water Stations sponsored by Axalta
- WOB Village sponsored by Bank of America

## 2<sup>ND</sup> MOST POPULAR DESTINATIONS (70-79% RATING)

- Author Book Signings
- Bookstore Author Chats
- Bookstore & Lounge
- Johnson & Johnson Connect and Play Area
- Learning Stage sponsored by BMS





# Networking & Connections Meetups

#### OVERALL FEEDBACK ON NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

- Attendees would like to have more opportunities to network outside of Breakout Sessions and other overlapping programming
- Those who did not take the time to explore the digital program, or to walk the Interactive Hall, may not have been aware of various networking opportunities
- Some attendees would have liked to see a more structured way for finding networking opportunities within their own industries/career stage
- Those who attended solo found it more difficult to initiate networking conversations with those who attended in groups, and suggested additional snack/seating areas as a means for inviting more connection
- Ice breakers would have been a welcome additional during lunch, especially for those seated with attendees that they did not know

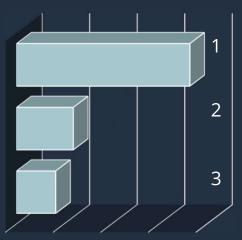


#### NETWORKING (Listed in Order of Value by Attendees)

Informal Conversations with Other Attendees

Small Group Networking Meetup

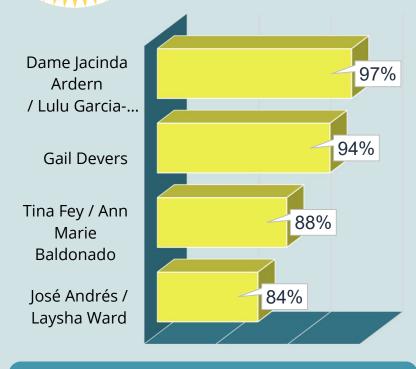
Career Connections Meet-up



# Speaker Feedback

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## **KEYNOTE SESSIONS** (Excellent or Great by Rating)



## **PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK**

- "Excellent very actionable information was shared!"
- "Real world advice that I really connected with."
- "I was thrilled to see the diversity."

#### BREAKOUT SESSION SPEAKERS (Excellent or Great by Rating)

Fixed Flexibility: Negotiate - Meg Myers Morgan, PhD

Connection Through Community with Dr. Joy Harden Bradford

Getting From Here to There - Erica Williams Simon

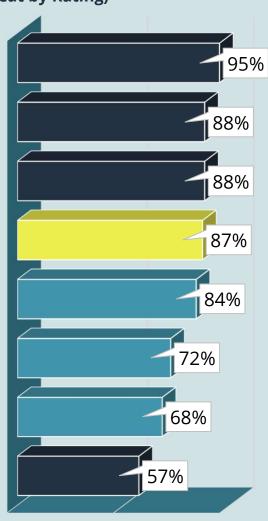
Advocate Without Risking Career -Cabral, Kumar, Papush, Sundberg

TAGQ: STEM Workplace - Desphy, Akunuru, Carter, Lyles-Williams

TAGQ: Board Dynamics - Morrill, Dailerian, Slawson, White

TAGQ: Career Goals - Hauser, Ahmad, Chung, Quigley

Cohesive Culture: Creating a Team - Sally Helgesen



Panel [ "That's A Good Question" (TAGQ)

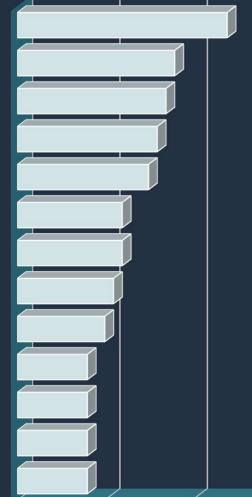
<sup>GQ)</sup> Workshop

# Future Speaker Suggestions

### TOP REQUESTED SPEAKERS FOR 2024

Oprah **Taylor Swift** Mel Robbins Brené Brown Simone Biles Melinda French Gates Glennon Doyle Mindy Kaling Pink Greta Gerwig Quinta Brunson Meghan Markle Meryl Streep

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### **NOTEWORTHY RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Interest in hearing from more CEOs/heads of corporations as well as heads of local hospitals, universities and non-profits.
- Bring past speakers back for a discussion centered on now vs. then.
- Speaker diversity in both age and race.
- Several attendees named *Shark Tank* sharks.

# **Overall Feedback**

### **PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK**

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- "The speakers were amazing. The event was beautiful. The sheer JOY of being together will be with me for a very long time."
- "It was very empowering and I'm taking back some ideas to incorporate within my leadership role."
- "Seeing the high level of speakers and diversity with consistent messaging and relevant topics was uplifting"
- "I am a steering committee member for one of my organizations ERGs (women). I learned additional ways that we can work with leadership to provide more benefits to females in the workplace, along with ways to empower women in our organization. I also learned ways to advocate for myself, and other women in the workplace."
- "Inspirational and motivational talks have energized me; networking discussion were valuable for development"
- "I was so glad to see sessions on negotiating, goal-setting and career transitions such important messaging for me personally at this season of my career."
- "I enjoyed being out of the office for a day and spending time with my colleagues in a different environment."
- "I have a renewed energy to volunteer more, and to lead a life with more passion for things I actually enjoy doing."
- "I felt incredibly connected to my fellow female professionals just by being in each other's presence. I feel re-energized to keep blazing my own path."

### **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

- Attendees were uplifted, energized, inspired, and empowered by their Conference experience.
- "More" was a resounding request for future events! More time, more space, more to eat and drink, more varieties of content!
- Audio/sound proved a challenge during several sessions throughout the Convention Center.
- Many basked in the energy and excitement of such a large gathering, but others found it overwhelming and wished for some quiet places, and more opportunities to connect 1:1.
- Some attendees would have liked to see more career/career services-centric content in the Interactive Hall, and others were pleasantly surprised by the many wellness and retail offerings.
- Additional content for senior professionals.
- Attendees would like handouts for Breakout and Learning Burst sessions.
- A portion of attendees felt that session titles did not appropriately set expectations for actual session content.
- Attendees enjoyed having keynote speakers present a speech followed by a moderated conversations.

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