



WOMEN FOR ECONOMIC AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



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MEDIA RELEASE

WELD Unveils the 2016 *Women WELDing the Way* Honorees

(July 2, 2015 Columbus, OH)—Each year, Women for Economic and Leadership Development (WELD) recognizes a diverse group of twelve women in the central Ohio community who are high impact leaders within their organizations, support the leadership development of other women, give time, talent and resources to their community, and invest in the growth of women-owned businesses. In conjunction with its national expansion launch, WELD is pleased to announce the new brand of its premier annual calendar: ***Women WELDing the Way***, previously marketed as ***Women You Should Know***[™]. WELD Board Chair Tracy Maxwell Heard shares "WELD is delighted to announce the names of the amazing women leaders who make up the Columbus Chapter 2016 calendar honorees. These women truly are WELDing the way for others to follow and exemplify our mission of developing and advancing women's leadership to strengthen the economic prosperity of the communities we serve." The 2016 calendar will be launched at the November 5, 2015 reception hosted at the Ohio Statehouse Atrium.

Cardinal Health will be the production sponsor for the calendar. "On behalf of Cardinal Health, we are delighted to be a sponsor of the WELD ***Women WELDing the Way*** calendar, and are proud of the extraordinary women who lead by example in their organizations and in our community," said George Barrett, Chairman and CEO of Cardinal Health.

Style support for the honorees will be provided by **Thirty-One Gifts**. "At Thirty-One we're passionate about our mission to support women and give back to our community," said Thirty-One Founder, President & CEO Cindy Monroe. "We're excited to be a sponsor for WELD's ***Women WELDing the Way*** calendar, helping honor these amazing women for their leadership, community involvement and support of other women in business."

WELD honors the achievements of these notable women in our annual ***Women WELDing the Way*** calendar. Join WELD in recognizing the 2016 class of amazing women:

- **Jeanette Armbrust**, CEO/Owner, Skyline Exhibits of Central Ohio
- **Lisa M. Barton**, EVP Transmission, AEP
- **Judge Laurel A. Beatty**, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, General Division
- **Nichole E. Dunn**, President and CEO, The Women's Fund of Central Ohio
- **Margaret D. Finley**, Chief Visionary, The Women and Girls Mentoring Society
- **Theresa Harris**, President and CEO, TMH Solutions
- **Elizabeth Blount McCormick**, President, Uniglobe Travel Designers
- **Natasha Pongonis**, Co-Owner at Nativa and CEO at OYE! Business Intelligence
- **Carol L. Sabourin**, Senior Research Leader, Battelle
- **Elizabeth O'Connor Seely**, Executive Director and CEO, University Hospital East, OSU Wexner Medical Center
- **Stephanie Union**, Director, Kegler, Brown, Hill + Ritter Co., L.P.A.
- **Julie Wilkes**, North American Wellness Lead, Accenture; Owner, Seven Studios & Julie Wilkes, Inc.

WELD was founded with the mission to develop and advance women's leadership to strengthen the economic prosperity of the communities it serves. The reception will be on November 5, 2015, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM at the Ohio Statehouse Atrium. For more information on WELD, visit www.weldoh.org

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