

Women in Leadership 2019 Seminar Series

7:30 – 10:00 a.m. / The Commerce Club / 191 Peachtree Street / 49th Floor



January 25 “Leading Atlanta Forward: A Coalition That Works” featuring **Duriya Farooqui, former Executive Director of Atlanta Committee for Progress (ACP)** Duriya is also Director of Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) and Advisor to Engage Ventures. Prior to ACP, she was a principal at Bain & C. After her consulting roles, Duriya served as the COO for the City of ATL where she managed a budget of over \$2B and 7000+ employees. She holds an M.P.A. in International Development from Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government, and a B.A. in Economics and Mathematics from Hampshire College. Highly respected for her civic engagement, Duriya is a Trustee of the Woodruff Arts Center, and of Agnes Scott College and serves on the board of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta.

February 28: “An Inside Story of Corporate Culture with Leadership Insights from Two Leaders Working Together” featuring **Alex Gregory, immediate past Chairman & CEO, YKK Corporation of America and Jessica Cork, VP of Public Relations & Communications, YKK Corp. of America.** In 2004, Alex became the first non-Japanese group officer of the YKK Corp. With numerous awards and recognition, he’s a leadership icon, e.g., 2018 TLG’s Leadership Character CEO Award; 2018 Autumn Imperial Decorations; Georgia Tech’s Engineering Hall of Fame; Life Member of the Carter Center’s BD of Councilors; and one of only 28 Americans awarded the foreign minister of Japan’s Commendation. Jessica was recruited by Alex to YKK 6 years ago, is a Japanese-English bilingual professional, passionate about cultural impact, worked for the Consulate General of Japan, and - among her many accomplishments and volunteer service - is the mother of four children.

March 22: “Stand Out as a Leader: Less Stress, Higher Energy, More Confidence” featuring **Adele Wang, Transformational Mentor.** Adele works with clients to increase their visibility and presence (the “it” factor). She had a successful corporate career with several F50 companies before transitioning into her current role 15 years ago. She’s trained with top pioneers in the field of energy healing and leadership, has a certification in energy medicine and uses her expertise to help individuals in their careers and for their health and well-being. Adele has a special focus on helping women be successful using their unique feminine traits. She has a B.S. degree in Economics and M.S. in Industrial Relations from Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison.

April 26: “Learning from Leaders Who Inspire Others: A Panel of Inspiritors” featuring **Donna Buchanan, former COO of United Way of Metro Atlanta; Theresa Spralling, Director, Diversity & Inclusion, AT&T; and Dr. Lana Wachniak, Professor Emeritus of Criminal Justice and Sociology at KSU** – Donna received TLG’s 2018 Leadership Character Award in the Inspiritor Category and both Theresa and Lana were nominees as well. Donna’s also known for other roles including President / CEO of Jr. Achievement. As the former CEO of Women of AT&T’s national chapter, Theresa helped grow the organization to over 25,000 members, among many other accomplishments in her life and career. Lana began her teaching career at GSU and was the first female recipient of their distinguished teaching award. At KSU, she started Homeless Awareness Week and along with others, the Orange Duffel Bag Initiative. All three are role models of servant leadership.

May 24: “Where Passion Meets Purpose: How to Live a Life on Fire without Burning Out” featuring **Dana Spinola, Founder and Chief Visionary Officer of Fab’rik.** Fulfilling her dream for a bigger purpose and to flourish both personally and professionally led Dana to start fab’rik in 2002. With like-minded franchise owners, she’s grown the brand to 40+ stores across the U.S. Between free fab’rik, which provides free shopping for sex trafficking victims, and Asher, fab’rik’s in-house clothing line that supports orphans in Kenya through sales, Dana’s built a brand that delivers High Style with Heart. Her dedication to growing the brand and inspiring a culture of purpose led Forbes to name her, “one of the five great American entrepreneurs you haven’t heard of yet but should know.” Committed to sharing her journey, this entrepreneur, motivational speaker and inspirational leader reminds individuals to dream big and chase those ambitions relentlessly.

June 21: “Leveraging the Science of Positive Psychology, Emotional Intelligence and Mindfulness in Business” featuring **Dr. Patricia Thompson, President of Silver Lining Psychology and Senior Consultant – Turknett Leadership Group.** As a corporate psychologist and management consultant including 10 years with Sperduto & Associates, Patricia has worked with companies all across North America and conducted workshops and seminars at Wharton Business School, the Univ. of Toronto, and many other prestigious institutions. She’s also an author, a featured expert in various media outlets, and the recipient of multiple awards for excellence in research from organizations like the American Psychological Association. Patricia uses her background and experience to help her coaching clients achieve a higher level of leadership and personal effectiveness. Originally from Alberta, Canada, she received her M.A. and Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from GSU.

July 26: “Service, Integrity and Legacy: What Leadership Means to Me” featuring Cheryl McAfee, Chairman and CEO of McAfee3 Architects Inc. 2018 recipient of AIA’s most prestigious Ivan Allen Sr. Trophy and a Business Chronicle “Women Who Mean Business” honoree, Cheryl has over 34 years of architectural experience. Senior program designer for all 33 sports venues in the ’96 Olympics, for the past 13 years she’s been Principal Architect in a \$7B joint venture including the expansion of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Int’l Airport. In 2018 her firm also completed the 35,000 sq. ft. Gladys Dennard Library at South Fulton. Cheryl received her undergraduate degree in Architecture from Kansas State University and her Master of Architecture in Urban Design from Harvard. She’s served on the BD of the Alumni Assoc. for Kansas State and Harvard.

August 23: “An American Roboticist: A Dream Fulfilled” featuring Dr. Ayanna Howard, Chair of the School of Interactive Computing, Endowed Chair in Bioengineering and Director of the Human-Automation Systems Lab at Georgia Tech. Inspired at an early age by the TV show The Bionic Woman, Ayanna received her B.S. in Engineering from Brown University and her M.S. and Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Southern California. She began her career at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory receiving worldwide attention for her SnoMote robots designed to study the impact of global warming on the Antarctic ice shelves. In 2013 she founded Zyrobotics focusing on therapy and educational products for children with special needs. Her research interests include human-robot interaction, Artificial Intelligence and much more. .

September 20: “Purpose-Driven Leadership in Business, Non Profit, the Arts & More” featuring Doug Shipman, President and CEO of The Woodruff Arts Center. Previous leadership roles include CEO/Managing Director, BrightHouse, founding CEO of the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, and principal with the Boston Consulting Group with offices in NY, ATL, and Mumbai. Across multiple sectors, Doug’s contributions are extraordinary - from strategic planning, to fundraising, to transformation and value creation. A magna cum laude graduate of Emory Univ., he also holds master degrees in Theological Studies and Public Policy from Harvard. Doug serves various organizations, e.g., the BD of the Carter Center, the Metro Chamber, the ATL CVB etc. Not surprisingly, he’s recognized among ATL & GA’s “Most Influential” citizens.

October 18: “One Entrepreneur’s Story: Cooking Up Trust, Teamwork and Long-Term Success” featuring Mary Moore, Founder & CEO, The Cook’s Warehouse. Among the Atlanta Business Chronicle’s “2018 Most Admired CEOs,” Mary has received numerous awards during her career, including a POW! Award, an ICON Achievement Award, Global Innovator Award, a Distinguished Alumni Award, and induction into the YWCA’s Academy of Women Achievers. Passionate about all things cooking and entrepreneurial, she’s also committed to giving back and highly engaged in the community, e.g., Immediate Past Chair, ATL Food Bank; BD of Directors, Metro ATL Chamber; and Past President, Les Dames d’Escoffier International Board.

November 15: “Transformational Leadership: A Purposeful Mission, A Compelling Vision and the Pursuit of Excellence” featuring Lisa Y. Gordon, President and CEO of Atlanta Habitat for Humanity. Lisa has set the nonprofit homebuilder on a new course to become a catalyst for holistic neighborhood redevelopment. In 2017 under her leadership the organization was recognized as an Affiliate of Distinction by Habitat for Humanity International. Previously, Lisa was VP and COO for the Atlanta Beltline, Inc; a cabinet member in former Mayor Shirley Franklin’s administration; City Mgr. of East Point and Assistant City Mgr. of Austin, TX. She holds an undergraduate degree from Georgetown University as well as two master’s degrees. She’s also a CPA. Among her many honors are: 2018 Women Who Mean Business honoree; Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration; and a 2017 YWCA Woman of Achievement.

December 13: “A Multifaceted Career: What I’ve Learned about Advancement and Cultural Fit” featuring Tino Mantella, President and CEO of Turknett Leadership Group. Before joining TLG in Oct. 2017, Tino had over 25 years of executive leadership experience in for-profit as well as non-profit or not-for-profit organizations. He’s a Partner at Tier4 Advisors, providing data center and telecom expertise. He also served as President and CEO of the Technology Association of GA for 12+ years; President & CEO of the Arthritis Assoc. for 2 years; and served for 10 years as President and CEO with the Metropolitan Chicago YMCA. From his diverse background and multiple careers, Tino is known for his abilities in building companies, strategic planning, business development, fund raising, and developing talent. He serves on the International Sports Assoc. BD of Directors and holds a Master’s degree in Physical Education Administration from Temple University.