



Program Schedule

April 13, 2022 (Eastern Standard Time)

Together we'll unpack this year's theme of cultivating courage and connection to empower women to Arrive & Thrive™ in today's business landscape. Hear the wisdom of world-class women leaders. Build leadership skills and knowledge. Network with peers and allies from around the globe.

9:00 am

Welcoming Remarks



Joyce Kulhawik
Emmy Award-Winning Journalist



Kristen Palson
COO of Simmons University Institute for Inclusive Leadership

Our esteemed co-hosts kick things off, offering personal and professional insights into this year's theme – Cultivating Courage and Connection – setting the stage for the exceptional women's leadership lectures, events, and workshops ahead.

9:15 am

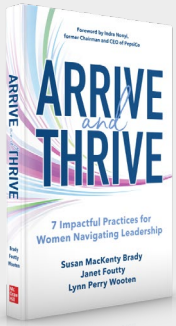
How to Be A Professional Troublemaker



Luvvie Ajayi Jones
New York Times Bestselling Author, Podcast Host & Professional Troublemaker

Luvvie Jones knows a thing or two about courage. A self-proclaimed “Professional Troublemaker,” Luvvie is on a mission to call fear out and push us all to get “comfortable being uncomfortable.” In our opening session, Luvvie will challenge us to live life loudly, with courage, conviction, humor, and honesty.

9:45 am



World Debut of Arrive and Thrive



Susan MacKenty Brady
CEO of Simmons University Institute for Inclusive Leadership



Janet Foutty
Executive Chair of the Board, Deloitte US



Lynn Perry Wooten
President, Simmons University



Moderator: Kerry Seitz
Vice President, Women’s Leadership
Simmons University Institute for Inclusive Leadership

Leadership development has historically focused on the skills leaders need to advance up the ladder to the C-Suite. But what happens once you arrive? How can you ensure you thrive? In this lively moderated discussion, the authors of the new book *Arrive and Thrive* – which debuts at our conference! – will share their expertise on how to navigate your leadership journey and succeed in the top job.

10:20 am

Networking Break (20 minutes)

EXPLORE AND CONNECT

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10:40 am

A Poem and Conversation on Courage and Connection



Amanda Gorman
America’s First Youth Poet Laureate



Lynn Perry Wooten
President, Simmons University

Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman captured the attention of the world at President Joe Biden’s inauguration with her poem, “*The Hill We Climb*” that celebrates the ideals of a shared hope and collective purpose. In this morning’s keynote, Amanda shares an original poem inspired by our theme of Cultivating Courage and Connection. She also engages in a conversation with Simmons University President Dr. Lynn Perry Wooten about what it means to cultivate courage in today’s world.



11:10 am

MORNING BUSINESS PANEL Cultivating Courage



Jill Albertelli

President of Military Engines for Pratt & Whitney,
a Raytheon Technologies Business



Brittany Podolak

Senior Vice President of Human Resources for Dell Technologies
Products & Operation



Cate Stevenson

Manager of Strategic Initiatives for Liberty Mutual's Global Retail Markets



Moderator: Elisa van Dam

Vice President, Allyship & Inclusion
Simmons University Institute for Inclusive Leadership

Brave is often an adjective used to describe inspiring and impactful leaders and organizations. In this moderated discussion, top women business leaders share their personal stories on how they built their own muscles of courage.

11:45 am

Skill Building Opportunities: Concurrent Sessions



Take Charge of your Wellbeing:

**Rediscover, Reinvest & Return to Your Best Self
with Susan MacKenty Brady**

CEO of Simmons University Institute for Inclusive Leadership



Collaborate Faster and Further, Together

with Erica Dhawan

Expert on Leading, Selling and Communicating in a Hybrid World



Getting Along: Using Courage to Navigate Difficult

**Conversations and Improve Your Work and Your Relationships
with Amy Gallo**

Author, Podcast Host, and Expert in Conflict and Workplace Dynamics

In this practical skill-building session, choose one of three critical topics facing today's leaders and explore it with a global expert. But don't worry, you won't miss out! Post-conference, you'll also be able to access wisdom shared in the two sessions you didn't attend via video on demand.



12:30 pm

Lunch Break (30 minutes)

1:00 pm

Building Authentic Connection



The SecondCity Works

Corporate Education and Professional Development

What is the key to establishing an authentic connection with others? Adopting an others-focused mindset. By embracing curiosity, intentional listening, and empathic communication, your relationships will transcend transactions. In this fun and interactive session led by the world's best improv theater, test your own communication skills and enhance your approach to building authentic connections at work.

1:30 pm

How to Be Fearless



Molly Fletcher

Renowned Speaker and Author

We are fascinated by the pros who perform at the highest level on the biggest stages. What sets them apart? Fearlessness. In this thought-provoking keynote, Molly Fletcher explains how fearlessness is a muscle you have to develop. Drawing on personal stories and experiences working with the world's greatest athletes, she shows you how to overcome fear to reach peak performance.

2:00 pm

AFTERNOON BUSINESS PANEL Cultivating Connection



Ebony Lee

Managing Director of Degree Programs for 2U, Inc.



Stephani Long

Chief Talent Officer for the Deloitte U.S. Firms



Gwen Murphy

Vice President, Storytelling for Cisco Systems



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In business, as in life, the quality of a relationship is far more important than the quantity or volume of your network. The need for authentic connections has become even more clear in the past two years as we navigate the pandemic world. In this moderated discussion, women business leaders share their own personal stories about the positive impact that forging strong connections has had on their career and personal well-being.

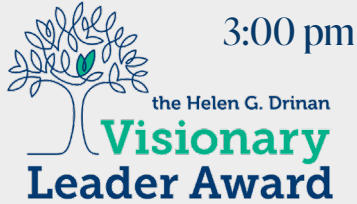


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Helen G. Drinan Visionary Leader Award



2022 WINNER!

Sheila Lirio Marcelo

Co-Founder and CEO of Proof of Learn and Founder of Care.com

Join us for the presentation of this year's recipient of an annual award named in honor of Helen G. Drinan to honor a woman leader who embodies the values of inclusive leadership in her personal and professional life. Learn more from this year's recipient about her inspiring leadership journey.

3:15 pm

Cultivating Courage and Connection



Simone Biles

World's Most Decorated Gymnast



Brené Brown

Researcher and Bestselling Author



Moderator: Kerry Seitz

Vice President, Women's Leadership

Simmons University Institute for Inclusive Leadership

"Courage starts with showing up and letting ourselves be seen."

These words from Brené Brown certainly apply to the world stage on which Simone Biles prioritized her psychological and physical well being, triggering a critical global conversation about mental health and self-care. In this powerful closing conversation, we will hear Simone's story and learn from Dr. Brené Brown what it truly means to cultivate courage and connection.

4:30 pm

Program Ends

