

Veteran political strategist Donna Brazile to give Keynote at 10th Annual Women's Leadership Conference
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LAS VEGAS, June 14, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- The MGM Resorts Foundation is pleased to announce Donna Brazile as a keynote speaker at the 10th annual Women's Leadership Conference. Hosted by MGM Resorts International (NYSE: MGM) and the MGM Resorts Foundation, the 2016 conference will be held Aug. 8 & 9 at the MGM Grand Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, NV.

One of today's most admired and well-known political strategists, Brazile is the former campaign manager for Gore-Lieberman 2000, as well as the first African-American to lead a major presidential campaign. A dynamic and sought-after speaker, Brazile uses her varied and diverse experiences to drive points home with captivating storytelling marked with refreshing humor, insight and passion.

"We are so excited to have Donna as a featured speaker at the conference. She's had a pioneering career and is a great role model for our conference attendees," said Phyllis James, Executive Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer for MGM Resorts International.

Named among the 100 Most Powerful Women by *Washingtonian* magazine and one of the Top 50 Women in America by *Essence* magazine, Brazile recently received the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's highest award for political achievement. She is currently on the board of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, the National Democratic Institute, the Professional Diversity Network and the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. She also serves as Co-Chair for Democrats for Public Education and is Vice Chair for Civic Engagement and Voter Participation at the Democratic National Committee. She will attend her ninth Democratic political convention as an unpledged Super Delegate later this year.

Currently, Brazile is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University, a columnist for *Ms. Magazine*, a regular on-air contributor to CNN, ABC, *Essence* magazine and *O, The Oprah Magazine*. Author of the best-selling memoir "Cooking with Grease: Stirring the Pots in American Politics," Brazile is also the founder and managing director of Brazile & Associates LLC, a general consulting, grassroots advocacy, and training firm based in Washington, D.C.

A New Orleans native, Brazile was appointed by former Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco in the wake of Hurricane Katrina to serve on the Louisiana Recovery Board to help rebuild the state and to advocate for the Gulf recovery on the national stage. Brazile was recently appointed by Mitch Landrieu, Mayor of New Orleans, to serve on the Tricentennial Commission.

In August 2009, *O, The Oprah Magazine* chose Brazile as one of its 20 "remarkable visionaries" for the magazine's first-ever O Power List.

Conference background:

The Women's Leadership Conference is open to women of all ethnicities, professions and social backgrounds, locally and nationally, and the men who support them. The two-day conference will offer a wide range of learning opportunities, career guidance and personal growth tools, including:

- Exposure to diverse, nationally recognized speakers and accomplished women role models
- Career-oriented workshops that will give participants hands-on opportunities to develop skills based on their career needs
- Three distinct learning tracks for participants who are Emerging Leaders, Emerging Executives and Executives

The MGM Resorts Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c) (3), is the conference's presenting sponsor. Each year, proceeds from the conference after costs are donated to one or more local nonprofit agencies devoted to the welfare and development of women and children. Southern Nevada Children First, a nonprofit organization that provides support to homeless and pregnant youth, recently received a \$30,000 gift from the 2015 conference proceeds.

The registration fee for participants is \$450 and includes the full conference and all workshops and lectures; a networking reception; and meals catered by MGM Grand. Time for networking is also allotted for attendees to build relationships with other conference participants.

Participating sponsorships are available to organizations or companies who share the vision and goals of this conference. Current sponsors include: CBS – Radio, The Coca-Cola Company, Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, Millennium Staffing Solutions, R&R Partners Foundation, Cirque Du Soleil, Cashman Photo Enterprises, DAVID Magazine, Large Vision Business Network Mixer, Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce, and Agilysis, Inc.

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