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Chamber introduces second Empower cohort

Empower continues its mission to realize more executive female leaders in the Dayton region

DAYTON, Ohio – The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce has named its second *Empower* cohort of business leaders. In partnership with program sponsor **Fifth Third Bank**, this group of women began its experience September 13, 2019, with a retreat hosted at Mills Park Hotel in Yellow Springs.

Over the next nine months, the cohort will engage in leadership workshops combined with day-sessions, business coaching and an extensive network of training support to help participants identify individual leadership strengths, values and goals, develop a personal brand and eliminate barriers to advancement.

Through a strategic partnership with Aileron, the region’s world class leadership and training development center, Empower will provide participants with a unique blend of hands-on business coaching and group support with peers. The experience will culminate with a closing retreat in June 2020.

Introducing the Second Empower Cohort:

NAME	EMPLOYER
Stephanie Balser	CareSource
Britney Bart	Kettering Health Network
Ashley Bethard	Cox Media Group Ohio
Mandy Bingaman	University of Dayton
Stacey Domicone	Verso Corporation
Lindsay Dorsey	Dayton Power & Light
Samantha Elder	Montgomery County
Diane Farrell	Dayton Metro Library
Tami Fourman	LexisNexis
Leslie Goodwin	Nidec Minster Corporation
Christine Haaker	Thompson Hine LLP
Antoinette Hampton	The United Way of the Greater Dayton Area

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Jessica Jones	Universal 1 Credit Union
Grace Jones	Dayton Children's Hospital
Kim Lahman	Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission
Jodi Long	Montgomery County ADAMHS
Kristen Marks	Centerville-Washington Parks District
Jacqueline McGuire	Buckingham Advisors
Marya Rutherford Long	Fifth Third Bank
Charlynda Scales	Mutt's Sauce LLC
Errin Siske	Spark Space Creative LLC
Katina Stone-Jones	Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center
Zdravka Todorova	Wright State University
Jill Weaver	Wright-Patt Credit Union

Empower began as a new initiative under the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce in 2018.

“The chamber recognized a gap that exists in many metros across the country; the number of women in top-level executive positions in our business community doesn’t proportionately reflect the number of educated women in our community who have the skills to lead companies,” said Chris Kershner, executive vice president, Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce.

According to Emsi, a labor market analytics firm, there are 622 c-suite executive positions in the Dayton region. Of those, 144 are occupied by women. When compared to numbers that show women hold 51.5% of all management and professional positions nationally, and that 40% of U.S. MBA grads are women, the chamber found a need for programming that will advance women business leaders to top-level business roles.

The chamber extends its gratitude to program sponsor **Fifth Third Bank** for realizing the importance of this initiative and providing support.

About Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce

The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce brings together more than 2,200 businesses and organizations in a 9 county area surrounding Dayton, Ohio. The Chamber strives to improve the region’s business climate and overall standard of living through public policy advocacy, economic development initiatives and providing networking and training opportunities for its members. Nationally awarded with “5-Star Accreditation” from the United States Chamber of Commerce, the Dayton Chamber is widely recognized for its innovative programs and outstanding contribution to positive change in the region. Information about the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce is available at daytonchamber.org or 937-226-1444.

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