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**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF WILMINGTON TO HOST 5TH ANNUAL**

**WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT: TOGETHER WE RISE!**

WILMINGTON, Del, November 14, 2019 – In keeping with its Mission to develop women leaders, the Junior League of Wilmington (JLW) will host its fifth annual Women’s Leadership Summit on February 22, 2020 from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the DoubleTree hotel located at 4727 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE. Attendees from Delaware, the tri-state area, and beyond are invited to invest in themselves by building leadership development skills.

The event will host a diverse array of empowering speakers, including keynote speaker Dr. Brandi Baldwin (CEO, Millennial Ventures), who will share her view on this year’s theme Together We Rise! Attendees will also hear from Stephanie Staats (CEO, Delaware YWCA and Jessie Arrey-Mbi Leadership & Service Award winner) with her thoughts on cultural intelligence and inclusive leadership; Michelle Taylor (President and CEO, United Way Delaware) on supporting women in making a collective impact; and Krista Kondravy (Vice President of Operations, Starbucks and JLW Member) on developing a leader mindset. In addition, Melanie Ross Levin (Delaware Director, Office of Women’s Advancement and Advocacy) will share her insights on effective communication and negotiation for career advancement.

“The Junior League of Wilmington has been training women to make a difference in our community for over one hundred years, and we are proud to continue that tradition with the Women's Leadership Summit." President, Kyle Evans Gay states. This year’s Summit is expected to be the largest event yet, with 200 attendees anticipated.

Early bird tickets will be available starting on November 15, 2019. Proceeds support the JLW’s mission to train women to be leaders in the community and enables the JLW’s community impact initiative. Through its new initiative, Stand Up. Period., the JLW is committed to raising awareness of period poverty and working toward period equity.

Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are still available! Interested parties should email jlw@jlwilmington.org for more information.

***Together We Rise*!**

**5th Annual Junior League of Wilmington Women’s Leadership Summit**

**Saturday, February 22, 2020 | 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**DoubleTree Wilmington, 4727 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803**

**More info: @WomenLeadDE and WomenLeadDE.org**

**About the Junior League of Wilmington:**

Founded in 1918, the Junior League of Wilmington Inc. is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. For more information about the Junior League of Wilmington, please visit the organization’s website www.jlwilmington.org or call 302-652-0544. The Junior League of Wilmington welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations, and communities.

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