Nationally, women earn nearly 60% of college degrees each year, yet they represent only 34% of practicing physicians, 19% of the US Congress, 14% of executive officers and 4% of S&P 500 company CEOs. The Women of Impact Luncheon highlights today’s women leaders and provides resources to transform the future through education that prepares young women for engagement and leadership roles in careers and fields where they have been underrepresented.

Studies have shown that students thrive in an all-girls environment. They are more confident, have higher career aspirations and are better equipped to impact the world. Although only 1% of graduates attended all-girls institutions, they hold 25% of the female seats in Congress and a third of board seats. As the oldest all-girls high school in the western United States, Notre Dame has an established history of providing education that cultivates such women of impact. Through a program focused on leadership development, critical thinking skills, complex problem-solving abilities and effective communication, our students are empowered to find their voice.

Since 1851, Notre Dame has provided a distinctive college-preparatory education for the young women of Silicon Valley. Notre Dame educates today’s young women for leadership, global citizenship and socially-responsible entrepreneurship. Our rich urban landscape and innovative programs cultivate young women who will bring intelligent compassion to our world — young women who will become active leaders in our local, national and global communities.

Why Partner With Notre Dame San Jose?

MORE THAN 750 attendees celebrating women’s leadership and their role in the history of our community

NEARLY 6k social media followers offering more visibility and engagement for your company

MORE THAN 7m viewing members on the following networks, providing media coverage for $10,000 & up partners
Women of Impact Partnership Opportunities

Partnership affords your business an exclusive opportunity to demonstrate a strong commitment to women’s leadership and educational opportunities that will build a pipeline of young women leaders in Silicon Valley. At the Women of Impact Luncheon your company will be recognized as a leading advocate for women by more than 750 guests representing myriad industries and top executive positions.

As a partner, your support is tax-deductible to the extent of the law.

$25,000 Impact Partner
- Exclusive opportunity for company representative to address the more than 750 guests at the Women of Impact Luncheon
- Opportunity for company to distribute information through the Notre Dame Alumnae Virtual Network
- Exhibition space at Women of Impact Luncheon
- Seating for a table of ten guests
- Company name media coverage on NBC Bay Area and Telemundo
- Company name on event signage
- Company name and link on Women of Impact event web page
- Ongoing social media opportunities
- Recognition in Notre Dame publication
- Full-page ad and recognition in event program
- Parking validation

$15,000 VIP Networking Reception Partner
- Exclusive opportunity for company representative to deliver welcoming address at the Women of Impact Networking Reception (before lunch event)
- Exhibition space at Women of Impact Luncheon
- Seating for a table of ten guests
- Company name media coverage on NBC Bay Area and Telemundo
- Company name on event signage
- Company name and link on Women of Impact event web page
- Ongoing social media opportunities
- Full-page ad and recognition in event program
- Parking validation

$10,000 Leadership Partner
- Exhibition space at Women of Impact Luncheon
- Seating for a table of ten guests
- Company name media coverage on NBC Bay Area and Telemundo
- Company name on event signage
- Company name and link on Women of Impact event web page
- Ongoing social media opportunities
- Full-page ad and recognition in event program
- Parking validation

$5,000 Influence Partner
- Seating for a table of ten guests
- Company name and link on Women of Impact event web page
- Table signage
- Ongoing social media opportunities
- Half-page ad and recognition in event program
- Parking validation

$3,000 Community Partner
- Seating for a table of ten guests
- Table signage
- Company name and link on Women of Impact event web page
- Quarter-page ad and recognition in event program
- Parking validation

$2,000 Table Host
- Seating for a table of ten guests
- Table signage
- Recognition in event program
- Parking validation
2019 Women of Impact Honorees

Our eleventh annual Women of Impact honorees are visionary women leaders who have made a lifelong commitment to service.

Kim Rivera

Kim Rivera is currently serving as president, strategy and business management and chief legal officer for Hewlett Packard. In this role, Kim leads corporate strategy and development, sales strategy and operations, customer support, indirect procurement, real estate and workplace functions, and enterprise digital transformation strategy. In addition, Kim manages the worldwide legal organization, including all aspects of legal and government affairs, brand security, compliance and ethics.

Rita Beamish ’70

Rita Beamish is an accomplished journalist, author, editor and educator whose wide portfolio includes two decades with The Associated Press as a White House, political, environmental and investigative reporter. Her articles have been published around the world.

Past Honorees:

2018
Teveia Barnes
Founder & President
Lawyers for One America

Shirlee DiNapoli ’46 Schiro
Children’s Musical Theater

2017
Lisa Sobrato Sonsini
Youth Advocate & Philanthropic Leader

Kelly Powell ’88 Bruno
Health Care Advocate & Non-Profit Leader

2016
Judge LaDoris Cordell
Superior Court Judge, Civic Leader & Artist

Rose Pierro ’63 Simmons
Non-Profit Leader, Innovator & Advocate

2015
Sister Simone Campbell
Social Leader, Attorney & Public Policy Advocate

Marilyn Orlando ’60 Dorsa
Philanthropist, Artist & Entrepreneur

2014
Julie Matsushima
Civic Leader, Entrepreneur & Author

Marie Mackey ’67 Huhtala
Former U.S. Ambassador & Language Professor

2013
Belva Davis
Award Winning Journalist & Author

Shirley Minardi ’50 Lewis
Former City Councilwoman & Community Leader

2012
Irene Dalis
General Director & Founder, Opera San Jose

Mary Quillici ’75 Aumack
Executive Director, Catholic Community Foundation of Santa Clara County

2011
Carol Bartz
Former Chief Executive Officer, Yahoo!

Lily Sanchez ’51 Tenes
Lifelong Volunteer & Community Advocate

2010
Charmaine Warmenhoven
Retired Educator & Civic Leader

Geralynn Patellarro ’74 Esq.
Legal Director, NetApp, Inc. & President, Building a Better Workplace

2009
Martha Kanter, Ed.D
U.S. Under Secretary of Education

Ann “Rooney” Pfaff ’56 Blach
President, Blach Family Foundation

The Women of Impact Luncheon targets women leaders in:

- Finance
- Arts
- Media
- Education
- Theatre
- High Tech
- Non-Profit
- Business
- Government
- Health