

## Natalie Allen, CNN International Anchor And Correspondent, Returns To Host 2015 Women's Leadership Conference

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Conference, sponsored by The MGM Resorts Foundation, will offer career advancement training, workshops on entrepreneurship, tips on work-life balance, networking opportunities and a forum to discuss real life challenges faced by women professionals

LAS VEGAS, March 9, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- The MGM Resorts Foundation is proud to welcome Natalie Allen as the returning host of the 2015 Women's Leadership Conference. The non-profit event will be held at MGM Grand Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, NV July 13 and 14.

As host of the conference, Ms. Allen will preside over the two-day event designed to inspire and encourage women to achieve success in their personal and professional lives. The 2015 Women's Leadership Conference theme is "Women Inspiring Women."

The conference will offer a wide range of learning opportunities, career guidance and personal growth tools, including:

- Exposure to diverse and nationally recognized speakers and accomplished women role models.
- Two days of career-oriented workshops that will give women hands-on opportunities to develop skills based on their career needs.
- Three distinct learning tracks: Emerging Leaders, Emerging Executives and Executives.
- Workshops for entrepreneurs who are well-established or just thinking of starting their own businesses.

An award-winning journalist, Ms. Allen has 25 years of experience in broadcast news. Before becoming an anchor and correspondent for CNN International, Ms. Allen was an anchor for CNN from 1992-2001. She also served as news anchor for MSNBC.

Ms. Allen started her career at WREG-TV in Memphis, Tenn., becoming the first newsroom intern elevated to General Assignments Reporter while still a student. Three years later, she was named Co-Anchor of WREG'S 10 p.m.

News.

In 2011, Ms. Allen videotaped, produced and wrote a three-part "Freedom Project" special for CNN International on child trafficking from Vietnam and Cambodia, primarily focusing on one community in the Mekong Delta. As a correspondent for NBC, she appeared on "The Nightly News," "The Today Show" and CNBC.

Beginning in 2007, Ms. Allen served as The Weather Channel's first full-time environment and climate correspondent. As Primary Anchor for the network's weekly news program, "Forecast Earth," she traveled the country interviewing environmental pioneers and leaders in sustainability.

The Conference is open to women of all ethnicities, professions and social backgrounds, locally and nationally, and men who support them. The MGM Resorts Foundation is the conference's presenting sponsor. Proceeds of the conference after costs will be donated to one or more local nonprofit agencies devoted to the welfare and development of women and girls.

The early registration fee for conference participants is \$285 until April 1, after which registration will cost \$375. Registration includes the full conference and all workshops and lectures, a networking reception, and continental breakfasts and lunches catered by MGM Grand. Time is also allotted for attendees to build key professional relationships with other women attending while enjoying the hospitality and entertainment of MGM Grand and other resorts of MGM Resorts International.

Participating sponsorships are available to organizations or companies who share the vision and goals of this conference. For more information about the Women's Leadership Conference, please visit [www.mgmresorts.com/womensleadershipconference](http://www.mgmresorts.com/womensleadershipconference).

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