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LAS VEGAS (June 27, 2011) – Spanning topics ranging from what non-verbal communication says about you to balancing work and family, The MGM Resorts Foundation today announced the dynamic lineup of speakers for its fifth annual [Women of Color Conference](#) to be held Aug. 1-3, 2011 at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino. Providing a forum for career and professional women to network with peers as well as internationally known authors, career coaches, image consultants, business development experts and motivational speakers, the conference is open to the public.

“Each year, the Women of Color Conference program grows more impressive, drawing more prominent and influential women to its speakers’ roster and offering conference attendees even more tools they can use as they chart their paths of success,” noted Debra Nelson, conference founder and vice president, corporate diversity and community affairs, MGM Resorts International. “We look forward to three stimulating days of discussion and networking that will bring attendees face to face with some of the most accomplished and inspiring women in the world.”

In alphabetical order, speakers announced for the 2011 Women of Color Conference include:

Linda Clemons

CEO, Sisterpreneur, INC

Speaking date: Aug. 3

How we talk, walk, sit, stand and gesture says more than we realize. Motivational Speaker Linda Clemons will direct Master Class: *Is Your Body Talking?*™. During the session, the power of non-verbal communication will be

explored. Practical strategies to help foster more powerful and effective results in personal and professional interactions will also be discussed. Additionally, participants will learn how to discern unspoken messages others may be communicating.

Clemons is president and CEO of Sisterpreneur, Inc., an international business empowerment organization. A popular radio and television personality, Clemons has presented to audiences at the White House, Major League Baseball and Fortune 500 companies. She returns this year by popular demand.

Brenda Cooper

Fashion Stylist and Image Expert

Speaking date: Aug. 2

Cooper will present: “Brand Essentials, Style Matters” and discuss why fashion is significant in the business world. Often seen on E! Entertainment and featured in national media outlets including In Style, Self, Allure, People Magazine, The Los Angeles Times, The New York Post and In Touch, Cooper is an Emmy-award winning fashion expert and image consultant. Cooper advises individuals and corporate executives about using fashion to enhance their image and improve self-esteem.

Michelle DiTondo

Senior Vice President, Human Resources, MGM Resorts International

Speaking date: Aug. 3

DiTondo will moderate “Leader Moms,” a panel to help new and mid-level leaders explore their higher professional and personal ambitions. As senior vice president of human resources, DiTondo knows preparation, attitude and skills are key to achieving success. This panel of leader moms will use documented research and their own personal stories to illustrate how it is possible to balance career, work and family and make it to the top of their chosen careers.

Elizabeth Gallagher

President and CEO, Gallagher Group International

Panel appearance date: Aug. 2

Gallagher will appear on a workshop panel to contribute to speaker Tina Phyfer’s presentation about community service titled: “Be the Change: Use Your Life to Make a Difference.” Gallagher leads a global business marketing and public relations firm where she develops and promotes Hispanic-owned businesses. She serves on the board of the Latin Chamber of Commerce of Las Vegas and is a former director of the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce where she advocated for the economic, social, political, educational and cultural interests of Hispanic-owned businesses in the U.S.

Julia Hubbell

President and CEO, The Hubbell Group

Keynote speaking date: Aug. 1

Hubbell will make the keynote presentation: “Gossiping for Good” to explore strategies to help participants start and build a network of supporters and resources to advance their careers. Hubbell is an award-winning entrepreneur and journalist. She is also a training and organizational development specialist who has held corporate and consulting positions at companies and organizations in the U.S., Australia and New Zealand. She is a decorated disabled Vietnam-era veteran who served as Chief of Military Protocol for the Jimmy Carter Presidential Inaugural in 1977.

Pat Landaker

Author and Entrepreneur

Panel appearance date: Aug. 2

Landaker will appear on a panel for a workshop entitled: “Strategies to Empower Your Career.” Landaker is owner of Deeva Feeva, the umbrella company for six business imprints: Pat Landaker Productions, Pochette Books and The Zen Diva®, Divas BootCamp®, Managed Perception®, and My Dog & Pony®. She is an experienced coach and consultant who also hosts programs on women’s empowerment.

Jan-le Low

Managing Partner and CEO, Golden Catalyst

Panel appearance date: Aug. 2

Low will appear on a panel for a workshop entitled: “Strategies to Empower Your Career.” Low is Managing Partner of Golden Catalyst, an events production firm. She is recipient of numerous awards including the National Coalition of 100 Black Women’s Madam C.J. Walker Award for business and community service and the Women’s Chamber of Commerce of Nevada’s Young Athena Awards for leadership. In 2007, she was named Public Service Member of the Year by the Las Vegas Asian Chamber of Commerce.

Mary McElhattan

Author and Motivational Speaker

Speaking date: Aug. 2

McElhattan will appear on a panel for a workshop entitled: “Strategies to Empower Your Career.” Author of *Rocket Risks*, McElhattan is a certified business coach, author and public speaker. She has varied corporate experiences, including having served as a chief financial officer who helped develop a small firm into a multi-million enterprise. Her recent book *Rocket Risks* offers practical strategies to help overcome life challenges.

Tina Phyfer

Practice Administrator, Women's Specialty Care

Speaking date: Aug. 2

Phyfer will conduct a workshop: "Be the Change: Use Your Life to Make a Difference" to explore why performing community public service is significant in one's career. Phyfer helps patients heal physically, emotionally and intellectually. She is a long-time board member of The Shade Tree Shelter, a facility that provides safe shelter to homeless and abused women and children in crisis. Most recently, Phyfer was part of the medical team that assisted residents of Haiti immediately following the devastating earthquake on Jan. 12, 2010

Deborah Rosado Shaw

Entrepreneur and Author

Panel appearance date: Aug. 2

Rosado Shaw will appear on a panel for a workshop entitled: "Strategies to Empower Your Career." Shaw is a critically acclaimed author, entrepreneur and international speaker. Her book, Dream BIG! – A Roadmap for Facing Life's Challenges and Creating the Life You Deserve is distinguished as the first book authored by a person of Hispanic descent to be published by a major publishing house in the U.S. Shaw has received many awards and recognition for her business acumen and success including "Hispanic Businesswoman of the Year" by the National Hispanic Business Group and "100 Most Successful Latinas in the U.S." by Hispanic Magazine.

ABOUT THE WOMEN OF COLOR CONFERENCE

The purpose of the Women of Color Conference is to offer information, perspectives, strategies, and inspiration regarding issues of concern to women, and men supporting women, to enhance their personal and professional development as individuals and leaders. For information about sponsorships and registration, please visit www.lvwomenofcolor.com or follow on Twitter at www.twitter.com/lvwomenofcolor.

For attendees outside of Las Vegas, Southwest Airlines will serve as the conference's official airline and offer a special discount to those traveling to and from McCarran International Airport. For special rates, attendees are encouraged to go to www.southwest.com/woc, promotional code: WCCLAS.

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