

Women's Conference

October 3 & 4, 2018

The Nittany Lion Inn

State College, PA



Wednesday, October 3

6:00 - 7:30 pm **Welcome Reception**
Hors oeuvres and beverages

Thursday, October 4

8:30 am **Keynote Speaker – Melanie Bartis**
Melanie serves in the City of Houston, Texas Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security as the Program Manager for the Houston Urban Area Security Initiative and the Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Initiative.

9:45 – 10:30 am
How My Career Found Me

Representative Kate Harper
Shannon Gority, P.E., Raindrop to River Consulting
Mandy Arnold, President/CEO, Gavin
Kathy Pape, Esq., McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC
In an environment of changing technology, regulations, legislation, politics and culture, females have the ability to explore different facets of the industry to find a profession which fits their unique skillsets and passions! Get a taste of the varying careers that play key roles in the utility industry and how this panel of esteemed women leaders found their way to professions where they could excel and make an impact!

10:30 – 10:45 am - Break

10:45 – 11:15 am
Overcoming PA Infrastructure Challenges

Adrienne Vicari & Kiana Tralongo, Herbert Rowland & Grubic
Municipal infrastructure needs are growing, but in many cases revenues are not. This presentation will discuss how female leaders can help close the funding gap by understanding upcoming infrastructure challenges such as deferred maintenance and how to work together on innovative management and financial solutions to improve the overall fiscal health of Pennsylvania's utility infrastructure. Discussion topics will include public-private partnerships, regionalization, full cost pricing and other solutions to obtain sustainability.

11:15 am – 12:00 pm
Partnership Collaborating

Sandra Bartosiewicz, Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority
Melissa Komar, Johnstown Regional Sewage Authority
Municipal Authorities can benefit greatly by forming collaborative partnerships. Partnering with other organizations that share common goals can be mutually beneficial to all parties. By sharing resources such as finance, knowledge people and equipment can reduce cost and increase commitment to a common mission. Municipal Authorities can share resources, through intergovernmental agreements, municipal authorities have the opportunity to increase their influence and more accurately focus on their mission. Municipal authorities can strategically position themselves to have resources and capabilities that when used optimally, are likely to generate peak efficiency advantages. Combined resources, as well as multilateral thinking, supports project completion and most importantly, redevelopment.

12:00 – 12:30 pm
Women Leaders of Today

Senator Kim Ward
Senator Ward won Pennsylvania's 39th Senatorial District seat in 2008, she was the first woman elected to that seat. Senator Ward was re-elected in 2012 and 2016. Prior to her election to the Senate, she served as a Westmoreland County Commissioner in 2008.

12:30 - 1:30 **Lunch & Closing Statements**
Mentoring Relations

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