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Wednesday, May 17, 2017
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Program

- 8:30am Registration & Breakfast
- 9:00am Opening Remarks
Alan Olenick, Executive Director, WHCC
- 9:30am Introduction of Speakers
- 12:00pm Closing

Mistress of Ceremonies

Heidi Voight, News Anchor
NBC Connecticut Morning

Speakers

Tracy L. Mooney, Chief of Police
University of New Haven

Betsy Nilan, President
Get In Touch Foundation

Caprice Taylor Mendez, Program Manager
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The mission of the Women in Business Committee is to educate, support and enrich the personal and professional life of the business women within the community.

All proceeds from the Women's Leadership Conference will benefit the Women in Business Scholarship Program for high school seniors residing in West Haven.

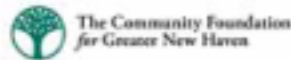
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Heidi Voight
Morning News Anchor
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A Connecticut native with a passion for storytelling, Heidi is a journalist with experience in nearly every position in the newsroom. As a multimedia journalist, Heidi covered the aftermath of numerous natural disasters in New England including the 2011 Halloween Nor'easter and Tropical Storm Irene.

She was the first reporter live on the scene in the south end of Springfield, Massachusetts minutes after the deadly EF3 tornado on June 1st, 2011 with coverage that contributed to an Emmy award-winning newscast.

A firm believer that journalism can and should make the world a better place, Heidi uses her platform to advance numerous charitable causes and uncover compelling human interest stories. She is the weekday morning anchor for NBC Connecticut and also serves as a reporter and host of the Clear The Shelters Pet of the Week and Community Connection segments, connecting NBC Connecticut viewers to charitable causes throughout the state.

In recognition of her efforts, Heidi was recently inducted into the Gertrude O. Lewis Humanitarian Society, the highest honor bestowed by the Connecticut Humane Society, and was named one of Connecticut Magazine's "40 Under 40."

Heidi was born and raised in Milford, the "Small City with a Big Heart" on Connecticut's beautiful shoreline. She is a proud graduate of Southern Connecticut State University and represented our state at the Miss America Pageant as Miss Connecticut 2006.



Tracy L. Mooney
Chief of Police
University of New Haven

Tracy Mooney, a West Haven native, has spent twenty two (22) years in Law Enforcement. She is the retired Deputy Chief of Police of the Milford Police Department and is currently the Chief of Police at the University of New Haven.

During her tenure as a police officer, she served in several capacities

including undercover narcotics operations, Bike Patrol and Honor Guard. She is a certified instructor in Search and Seizure, Laws of Evidence and Career Development.

Chief Mooney is a graduate of Keene State College with a Bachelor of Arts in History and earned her Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice, from the University of New Haven.

Tracy is also a graduate of the 246th Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement managers. Candidates are nominated by their agency directors when leadership qualities are demonstrated. The 10-week program serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad, and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation world-wide. The program provides coursework in intelligence theory, terrorism and terrorist mindsets, management science, law, behavioral science, law enforcement communication, and forensic science.

Tracy is also a graduate of the 53rd Session of the Senior Management Institute for Police (SMIP) in Boston. SMIP is a program of the Police Executive Research Forum that provides senior police executives with intensive training in the latest management concepts and practices used in business and government, as well as discussions of the most challenging issues facing law enforcement executives today.



Betsy Nilan
President
Get In Touch Foundation

Betsy Nilan is a founding board member of The Get In Touch Foundation, a global breast health non-profit focused on teaching individuals of all ages on the importance of breast health through their Girls' Program and Daisy Wheel. The Daisy Wheel tool has 8 tips on how to do a breast self-exam and is provided FREE to schools all around the world. The Program is currently in all 50 states and 34 countries.

Nilan has been involved with the organization since she was 13 years old; has assisted with fundraising events in Connecticut, New York, Virginia, and California; served as Operations Coordinator for the organization for seven months; and stepped up as President in April of 2016 after her mother, and Founder of Get In Touch, Mary Ann Wasil, passed away.

Betsy received the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce's 2016 Rising Star Award. This newly inspired award recognizes a rising young star for their outstanding commitment and dedication to the community at an early stage of their career.

Betsy graduated from the University of Virginia in 2013 with her Bachelor's degree in Anthropology. She was a member of the UVA Varsity Women's Rowing Team for four years, was team captain her senior year, and helped contribute to 2 NCAA Championship wins in 2010 and 2012.

Betsy then went on to teach at Bryanston Boarding School in England where she taught British History and Geography, and coached rowing for one year. She graduated from Southern Connecticut State University with her Master's Degree in Women's Studies in May of 2016.

In her free time, she loves to talk to young women and girls about feminism and breast health, and continues to dye her hair pink in her mother's honor.



Caprice Taylor Mendez
Strategic Program Manager
The Community
Foundation for Greater NH

Caprice supports the grantmaking process for both Immigration Integration in Greater New Haven and the community reentry of formerly incarcerated individuals to New Haven.

Caprice has dedicated 25 years of her career to systemic change for social justice, working with historically

disenfranchised communities throughout Connecticut, in Boston and Nationally. She is honored to be a formerly undocumented youth raised in New Haven who is currently co-creating the Immigration Strategic Funders Collaborative in CT supporting immigrant families during these times of unprecedented level of deportations. In addition, Caprice also supports the Progreso Latino Fund, the development of a youth cooperative, and the development of Project LEAD (a diversion program from arrest to healthcare provider).

Caprice is a first-generation graduate of Boston College with a Bachelor's in Psychology, focused on Violence Prevention, Youth and Human Development in US cities and throughout the Americas. She also holds her Master's degree from Harvard University's School of Education in Administration, Social Policy and Planning.

Prior to supporting The Community Foundation, Caprice served as the Youth Service Director for the City of New Haven under Mayor DeStefano, managing a \$1.8 million dollar budget for the City of New Haven. Her international experience stems from her work with ACCION International, leaders in micro-loans. Her efforts with low-income communities resulted in, to name a few, over \$56 Million in State Funds to support new programs advocated by the organizing groups she led in the areas of health and education.

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