

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

5:00 - 5:45 PM **POWER OF NETWORKING WORKSHOP**

Denise Grills - Denise Grills Consulting
Kimpton Armory Hotel - Advanced Registration Required

5:30 - 7:30 PM **OPENING RECEPTION AT BENCHMARK, AC HOTEL**

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THURSDAY, MARCH 5 | KIMPTON ARMORY

7:30 AM **REGISTRATION OPEN | BREAKFAST UPSTAIRS**

8:30 - 8:45 AM **OPENING REMARKS**

Todd O'Hair - President & CEO, Montana Chamber of Commerce
Tony Rosanova - Montana Chamber of Commerce Board Chair
Courtney Kibblewhite - Northern Broadcasting System & Thursday Event Emcee

8:45 - 9:15 AM **OPENING FIRESIDE CHAT**

Chris Heggem - Chief of Staff, Governor Greg Gianforte
Nancy Schlepp - VP, Communications & Gov't Relations, Sandfire Resources America

9:15 - 9:55 AM **BUSINESS FINANCE 201**

Moderator: Becky Seal, JPMorgan Chase
Jessica Johnson, Punch & Associates
Krystal Guilhemotonia, Aqua Creek Products & Women's Finance Co-op

9:55 - 10:25 AM **THINK LIKE A CEO: SCALING, STRATEGY, & THE BIG PICTURE**

Toby O'Rourke - President & CEO, Kampgrounds of America

10:25 - 10:45 AM **NETWORKING BREAK**

10:45 - 11:00 AM **MONTANA SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE**

Laura Shirliff - Customer Relations Director
Blair Smith - Communications Assistant

11:00 - 11:40 AM **UP & COMING MONTANA INDUSTRIES**

Moderator: Marcell Bruski - Ecosystem Marketing Lead, Defense Innovation OnRamp
Hub: Montana
Christina Henderson - Executive Director, Montana High Tech Business Alliance
Mandy Rambo - Deputy Director, Montana Department of Commerce
Molly Schwend - Community Relations Manager, NorthWestern Energy

11:40 AM - 12:30 PM **NETWORKING LUNCH**

12:30 - 1:10 PM **GETTING ENGAGED IN BUSINESS ADVOCACY: IF YOU'RE NOT AT THE TABLE, YOU'RE ON THE MENU**

Moderator: Jessie Luther - Partner, Taylor Luther Group
Lorriane Clarno - President & CEO, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce
Emily Herndon - Owner, Plains Physical Therapy
Heather McDowell - SVP & General Counsel, Sibanye-Stillwater

1:10 - 1:20 PM **WORK COMP HAPPENINGS FOR MT BUSINESS OWNERS**

Suzanna Nordahl - Mid-Market Underwriting Manager, Montana State Fund

1:20 - 2:00 PM **FINDING A SEAT AT THE TABLE: BOARD LEADERSHIP & ENGAGEMENT**

Moderator: Dr. Suzanne Tilleman - Dean, University of Montana College of Business
Fran Albrecht - President & CEO, Montana State University Alumni Foundation
Hatton Littman - SURF_HL
Cherie Taylor - Chester & Cut Bank President, Logan Health



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THURSDAY, MARCH 5 (CONT.) | KIMPTON ARMORY

2:00 - 2:25 PM **ROOTS, RESILIENCE, AND RAISING CAPITAL FROM THE MARGINS**

Avanlee Christine - Founder, Avanlee Care
Marcell Bruski - Ecosystem Marketing Lead, Defense Innovation OnRamp Hub:
Montana

2:25 - 2:45 PM **NETWORKING BREAK**

2:45 - 3:25 PM **SUPPORTING OUR WORKFORCE**

Moderator: Tammie Hickey - Executive Director, Montana State Workforce
Innovation Board
Michelle Fournier Johnson - Chief Human Resources & Communications Officer,
Bozeman Health
Meghan Rauber - HR Manager, AdvicePay

3:25 - 4:00 PM **NAVIGATING THE DANCE OF LIFE: EMBRACING THE INEVITABLE, CHANGE**

Lynn Shanahan - Founder, The Jump

4:00 - 6:00 PM **THURSDAY EVENING RECEPTION AT EST. 1864**

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FRIDAY, MARCH 6 | KIMPTON ARMORY

8:00 AM **REGISTRATION OPEN | BREAKFAST UPSTAIRS**

9:00 - 9:10 AM **WELCOME & RECAP**

Blair Fjeseth - Friday Event Emcee, Mountain Health Co-op

9:10 - 9:40 AM **FROM CONCEPT TO CATALYST: TURNING INNOVATION INTO IMPACT**

Cynthia Tsai - President & CEO, Healthquest
Nikki Geiszler - Executive Director, Montana World Affairs Council

9:40 - 10:25 AM **NATIVE WOMEN BUSINESS LEADERS**

Moderator: Misty Kuhl - Director, Montana Office of Indian Affairs
Vernelle Chase - Director of Tribal Relations & Business Development, FlintCo
Mary Walks Over Ice - Chief Operations Officer, Native American Development
Corporation
Dr. Hollie Mackey - ND AgTech

10:25 - 10:45 AM **NETWORKING BREAK**

10:45 - 11:00 AM **STUMPED BUT STILL STANDING**

Bri Daniels - Founder, Bridger Bionics

11:00 - 11:45 AM **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY DISCUSSION**

Consul General of New Zealand Katja Ackerley
Mayor of Missoula Andrea Davis

11:45 AM - 12:30 PM **LUNCH SERVED**

12:30 - 1:15 PM **WOMEN IN STATE LEADERSHIP**

Moderator: Lt. Governor Kristen Juras
Misty Kuhl - Director, Montana Office of Indian Affairs
Sonja Nowakowski - Director, Montana Department of Environmental Quality
Jillien Streit - Director, Montana Department of Agriculture

1:15 - 1:30 PM **CLOSING REMARKS**