



UNSTOPPABLE

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

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SATURDAY, MAY 4TH 9AM

**GROW YOUR RELATIONSHIPS
GROW YOUR CAREER
GROW YOUR BUSINESS
GROW IN CHRIST JESUS**

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Foundations

I AM UNSTOPPABLE

ABOUT FOUNDATIONS

The Foundation Series (UNSTOPPABLE) at Victory Center Church was created to provide mentoring, networking, and instructional opportunities for women that are seeking growth, balance and prosperity in their lives.

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 1:2

Changing paradigms for women of faith today create challenges that impact every facet of our society for women and men. How do we manage our husbands (or relationships), work, family, health in accordance with God's Word? The Foundation Series goal is to foster healthy robust dialogues coupled with practical approaches for Women of Faith today.

AGENDA

9:00 AM

REGISTRATION & NETWORKING

MISTRESS OF CEREMONY

Dr. Ola Abbott

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Alice Pope, Tia Banks, Suley Ma

Praise & Worship

Kraven Rowry

Succeeding in Your Small Business and Getting the Money for it.

Arlene Siller, Ph.D.

Navigating Your Career

Alice Pope, Christina Lewis, Nancy Delavega

11AM BREAK

So, You Need Legal Advice?

Sharon Breckinridge Thomas, JD

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LUNCH

AGENDA

Poem by Lisa Johnson

Thriving with a Business Contract

Maya Ingram

Praise and Worship

Kraven Rowry

Introduction of Speaker

Pastor Edwin Pope

Keynote Speaker

Alice Pope

Alter Prayer

Pastor Edwin Pope

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NANCY DELAVEGA



Nancy is currently with Wells Fargo Financial Advisors as Central Divisional Recruiting Manager.

Nancy says she's that go to guru, a professional who demonstrates skill in recruiting and placing candidates in the right level of customer service during the talent acquisition process.

She has a decade of experience in customer service skills and recruiting diverse candidates which allow her to not only seek great talent but give every qualified advisor the opportunity to succeed with a great company.

MAYA INGRAM

Maya Ingram is a seasoned professional with over three decades of experience in government administration, communications, marketing, procurement, and HUB (Historically Underutilized Business). Maya has established herself as a leading expert in facilitating government contracts and supporting small businesses.

Maya has demonstrated a commitment to promoting small business participation in procurement processes. Notably, she served as the administrator of the State Historically Underutilized Business program, where she oversaw the certification of over 16,000 HUBs and supported more than 200 state internal HUB programs. Her efforts contributed to the advancement of underrepresented businesses and the achievement of state HUB expenditure goals.

In 2018, Maya accepted the Manager of the Statewide HUB Program position at the Comptroller of Public Accounts as soon thereafter was faced with the abrupt shutdowns of businesses around the state. Her response to the challenges posed by the pandemic demonstrated resilience and adaptability as the Manager of the Statewide HUB program.



Maya's commitment to efficiency and modernization was evident in her role as the contract manager for the certification system. Her oversight of enhancements to the Statewide Expenditure reporting system paved the way for more robust and reliable reporting capabilities across numerous state entities.

Today, Maya leverages her extensive expertise in HUB, procurement, and contracting to offer strategic consulting services to businesses seeking to secure state contracts. With a proven track record of success and a dedication to fostering inclusivity in government contracting, Maya continues to make a profound impact in her field.

CHRISTINA LEWIS

Christina Lewis has spent over two decades as a finance and strategy leader, known for her ability to navigate organizational challenges, optimize workforce



efficiency, maximize margins and commercial growth at companies like Pepsi, SanDisk, Rambus, Levi's, and Visa.

Her expertise has been instrumental in fostering sustainable growth and spearheading innovative solutions. Beyond her corporate roles, Christina is deeply involved in her local community, serving as a board member and volunteer in organizations such as the African American Community Service Agency in San Jose.

As an accomplished author and speaker, she creates resources like the 'Ignite, Include, and Inspire' series of self-reflection journals that encourage women to lead with intention and purpose. Through her books and talks, she continues to empower women who lead in corporate, community, and at home. Christina holds a B.S in Business Administration from the University of

North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an MBA from Wake Forest University.

ARLENE SILLER

Arlene Siller loves to move money; a grant writing and fundraising expert, Arlene started her grant writing career over 30 years ago securing \$89M in funding and reviewing grants in the scientific and biomedical research sectors. Eight years ago, she transitioned her expertise and ability into the nonprofit sector, where she raised over \$35M in four years for a multi-state, small business organization.

She is the Founder and CEO of Ascend Nonprofit & Business Solutions, LLC ☐ one of the most sought-after grant writing firms. Ascend NBS has raised over \$75 million since 2019 for multiple nonprofits and government entities helping them fund their mission and communities.

In 2020, Arlene started teaching and coaching grant writing to hundreds of nonprofit leaders across the country through comprehensive online courses she created from Grant Yourself Success® (GYS). Arlene is also a national speaker, facilitator, consultant, and small-business mentor who has taught hundreds of small business owners nationwide through NAWBO, SBA T.H.R.I.V.E, Hustle and Socialize, and the Association of Women's Business Centers. Arlene provides training on business planning, business financing, strategic hires, company culture, mentoring, starting, and sustaining a business, and networking.



SHARON BRECKENRIDGE THOMAS

Sharon has practiced law for more than 35 years. She is managing shareholder and co-founder of Breckenridge Thomas Noland Dunbar, P.C., a law firm with offices in San Antonio and Dallas, Texas.



The firm is dedicated to representing clients in issues involving all aspects of business development and operations, management of nonprofit organizations, labor/employment law matters, freedom of religion and legislative governmental affairs. When she is not practicing law, Sharon teaches management, business law, and employment law courses at Trinity University in the Michael Neidorff School of Business.

She began her career with an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General's Department as an Air Force civilian J.A.G. attorney. Sharon represented the U.S. Air Force in labor and employment law cases for more than 15 years. In her final assignment with the Air Force, she served as the Chief of the Class Action Litigation Division, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at the San Antonio Air Logistics Center. In this capacity, Sharon and her litigation team successfully defended the U.S. Government in complex class action litigation that challenged management practices in employment law matters and human resources operations.

Sharon is sought after and renowned internationally as a speaker on global labor and humanitarian issues. She has presented and published papers in the United States, China, Middle East (Egypt) and Europe. Recognized for her expertise in labor/employment law, Sharon has been Board Certified in Labor and Employment Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, since 1994.

ALICE POPE

Alice Sesay Pope is a prayer warrior, women's ministry leader, mother and wife to Pastor Edwin Pope, Sr. She was saved at the age of 12 and credits her prayer life to her prayer grandmother. Over the years, she has served as youth leader, women's leader, and on various church boards.

She is strategic senior business executive, published author and keynote speaker Alice is an Amazon corporate vice president where she leads the Global Device, Digital and Alexa service support organization. She leads a team of 10K employees across software development, data science, operations, product, process and program management.

For the past two decades, Alice held executive leadership roles at Fortune 100 companies (Amazon, Microsoft, Visa, Johnson & Johnson, Capital One and USAA). She is distinguished with several industry awards: 2013 Gold Stevie Customer Service and Sales Most Outstanding Executive leader, 2015 Multi-cultural diversity leader by National Diversity Council, and 2020 Stevie Gold Women Business Service and Support.

In November 2022, Alice received the Glenn L. Martin Award by University of Maryland, College Park for her professional achievements and support to the Center for Minorities in science and Engineering.

Alice holds a BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Maryland and a MBA from the University of North Carolina. She published her first book, Transformation from the Inside Out, in 2017 and has been featured in Forbes and CIO magazine. Alice serves as a champion for women and minorities. She continues to mentor women around the global to reach their full potential



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