

Knox County Commission



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Knox County Commissioner Amy Broyles will be attending the Tennessee Economic Summit for Women on October 25th and 26th, in Nashville.

The Summit is an annual event presented by the Tennessee Economic Council on Women and the Women's Economic Council Foundation. This year the Summit is taking place in partnership with the 2020 National Delegate Congress, of which Commissioner Broyles is also a member. This year's theme is "Women & Work: Breaking Barriers for Career Success."

The Tennessee Economic Summit for Women began in 2004 with the goal of helping the women of Tennessee become economically self-sufficient. Since that time, thousands of women have gathered at the annual event to hear expert speakers discuss women's economic issues, such as medical costs, financial planning and literacy, business ownership and development, the impact of violence against women, and political participation. Past speakers have included Victoria Budson, FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, Martha Mertz, Patricia Schroeder, Marie Wilson, Sandra Day O'Connor, Robin Gerber, Helen Thomas, Gail Evans, Dee Dee Myers, Gloria Steinem, Jean Chatzky, Lily Ledbetter, Laura Bellows, Connie Lindsey and Deedee Corradini.

This year's speakers include Ellen Goodman, award-winning columnist and founder of The Conversation Project, DeLores Pressley, international motivational speaker, author, and columnist, and Christine Brennan, award-winning sports columnist, commentator, and author. Those attending will learn from these incredible speakers, attend informative workshops, celebrate the recipients of six WECF college scholarships, and welcome the 2015 *Women's Hall of Fame* Induction Class.

According to the TECW's website, "The One Hundredth General Assembly created the Tennessee Economic Council on Women (TCA § 4-50-101, et seq.) to address the economic concerns and needs of the women in Tennessee. These concerns and needs include, but are not limited to, employment policies and practices, educational needs and opportunities, child care, property rights, health care, domestic relations and the effect of federal and state laws on women.

The Council conducts research, holds hearings, develops recommendations and policy, educates the public and engages in activities for the benefit of women. The Council consults with and reports to the Governor, the Women's Legislative Caucus, the General Assembly and the pertinent agencies, departments, boards, commissions and other entities of state and local governments on matters pertaining to women."

"There is no other organization in our state doing the research and carrying out the work that the TECW does," remarks Commissioner Broyles. "What they do is invaluable, not only to the women of Tennessee, but to each and every citizen of this state. For example, through the research done by the TECW, we learned that our state is losing almost one billion dollars each and every year due to the effects of violence against women. Women make up half the population of Tennessee; our state cannot realize it's full economic potential unless and until the women of Tennessee can realize theirs. I'm grateful to this organization, and grateful for the opportunity to attend a summit of this importance."

According to Stacy Nunnally, CEO of Stacy Nunnally Consulting, "The Economic Summit gives women of all ages, experience and interests the opportunity to meet, network and compare notes about their successes and challenges. The Summit reminds us that gender does matter and that we are making significant differences in this difficult economy. If our communities are going to change, economically and otherwise, women will lead the way. The Summit both celebrates this fact and empowers us to act."

For more information, Commissioner Broyles can be reached at 865-237-6538. More information can also be found at:

<http://www.womenseconomicfoundation.org/2015%20Monday%20Agenda%20Summit%20-%2008-07-15.pdf>

<http://www.tennesseewomen.org/>

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