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University of Lethbridge hosting second annual International Women's Day Leadership Conference

On March 12, an impressive roster of leaders will once again grace the University of Lethbridge campus for its second annual International Women's Day Leadership Conference.

Featuring keynote presentations by international bestselling author, obstetrician and gynecologist Dr. Jen Gunter, and Dr. Ranjana Sharma, NRCan Chief Scientist and senior-most scientific authority in Natural Resources Canada, the conference aims to bring people together for a day of conversation, networking and inspiration.



“This event is about creating spaces of engagement with phenomenal individuals who have been changemakers and have shifted the conversation around leadership and representation,” says Martha Mathurin-Moe, vice-provost, Accessibility, Belonging & Community.

Under the theme — Leaders Who Change the Conversation — this conference will foster welcoming spaces of belonging for all voices, as well as share in the possibility and celebration of excellence as women and gender diverse individuals. This annual one-day celebration of success, community and solidarity will bring together a diverse audience to learn from world class leaders in education, arts, athletics and manufacturing who will inspire and uplift the change and thought leaders of tomorrow. In addition to the keynote speakers, a panel of prominent local leaders will share their insights during the Lethbridge Leaders Forum.

The panel includes:

- Kacie Bosch (BA '20) and Paige Crozon, Canadian 3x3 basketball Olympians

- Staahtsisttayaaki Dr. Genevieve Fox (BA/BEd '03, MEd '12), Education Director, Blackfoot Confederacy Council
- Su Ying Strang, Executive Director, Maansiksikaitisitapiitsinikssin Southern Alberta Art Gallery
- Simarjit Bains, Vice-President Manufacturing, Triple M Housing

“Once again, we have brought together thought leaders and innovators to offer an exceptional professional development experience right here in Lethbridge, and we look forward to continuing to provide these exceptional opportunities to our community,” says ULethbridge’s Vice-President (Research) and event co-host, Dr. Dena McMartin.

“Hosting this annual event demonstrates ULethbridge’s commitment to fostering strong connections with the Lethbridge community. This year’s conference offers a valuable platform to engage with our alumni, strengthen ties on and across our campuses, and deepen our community relationships,” says event co-host Dr. Michelle Helstein, provost and vice-president (academic).

Tickets are limited and on sale now. Early Bird pricing is in effect until January 15, 2025. Exclusive sponsorships are also available until January 31, 2025. For more information, please email mac.nichol@uleth.ca or visit go.uleth.ca/IWD-conference.

To view online: <https://www.ulethbridge.ca/unews/article/university-lethbridge-hosting-second-annual-international-women%E2%80%99s-day-leadership-conference>

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