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International Women's Day Leadership Conference media availability for speakers, panelists and organizers

On Wednesday, March 12, the University of Lethbridge is proud to host the second annual International Women's Day Leadership Conference.

***** Media are invited to a special availability in advance of the conference on Wednesday, March 12 at 9 a.m. in the Science Commons Atrium. Conference organizers and speakers will be available to interview.***

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, health, science and manufacturing who inspire and uplift the change and thought leaders of tomorrow.

Keynote speakers:

- Dr. Jen Gunter — Renowned obstetrician, gynecologist and bestselling author
- Dr. Ranjana Sharma — NRCan Chief Scientist and senior-most scientific authority in Natural Resources Canada

In addition to the keynote speakers, a panel of prominent local leaders will share their insights during the Lethbridge Leaders Forum. The panel includes:

- Staahtsisttayaaki, Dr. Genevieve Fox (BEd '87) — Education Director, Blackfoot Confederacy Council
- Su Ying Strang — Executive Director, Maansiksikaitsitapiitsinikssin Southern Alberta Art Gallery
- Simarjit Bains — Vice-President Manufacturing, Triple M Housing

For more information, visit go.uleth.ca/IWD-conference.

[Read the December 16, 2024, media release here.](#)

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