



## Partnership hosts Rise to the Top event focusing on women in business

The Greater Houston Partnership hosted the organization's fourth-annual Rise to the Top event on Friday, May 15 at the Four Seasons Hotel. The program featured a panel of executives with insights into how women can be successful in the workplace in all phases of their careers.

Partnership President and CEO Bob Harvey welcomed the audience and set the context for the discussion. "Out of the 25 most populous metros, Houston ranks fourth for successful female-owned businesses," said Harvey. "Now that's a good ranking but we still have much work left to do in this area."

The diverse panel of experts included Dan Bellow of JJJ, Nina Godiwalla of Norton Rose Fulbright and Hong Ongle of Bank of America. The panel was moderated by Linda Lorelle, President and Executive Producer of Lorelle Media. When answering a question from the audience on how young women can solicit support to rise to the top, Hong Ongle advised, "Seek mentors who will go to a board room and stand up for you."

Shelley Nadel, Chair of the Executive Women's Partnership, delivered the event's closing remarks. "It is essential for professionals of both genders, and all walks of life, to mentor and encourage women to rise to the top," said Nadel. "Houston is a vibrant, diverse city and our business community should accurately reflect that."

The event was hosted by the Women's Business Alliance, a Partnership program, which offers a wide range of professional development programs focused on empowering high-performing women to leverage career advancement opportunities. For more information, [click here](#).