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### **Women's Leadership Institute at The Manhattanville School of Business Hosts Inspiring Women's Panel on Inclusive Leadership**

*Institute events to continue at 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Women's Summit on June 8<sup>th</sup>*

**Purchase, N.Y. (April xx, 2016)** – The Women's Leadership Institute (WLI) at the Manhattanville School of Business hosted the panel discussion, "Women in Leadership, Where We Are Today", on March 30<sup>th</sup> at Manhattanville's historic Reid Castle. Moderated by Juana Hart, the panel of influential female leaders each shared their personal journeys, key leadership tips and the importance of women's mentorship. Dr. Jennifer Thorpe-Moscon opened the program with Catalyst's recent report on Inclusive Leadership: The View From Six Countries.

The Women in Leadership panel was made up of Lisa Golia, Chief Administration Officer of Morgan Stanley; Susan Stevenson, Executive Director, Energy, Productivity and Capital of Praxair Inc.; Jessica Robinson, Senior Director of Marketing, Portfolio brands of Heineken USA; and Dr. Lisa Dolling, the Provost of Manhattanville College.

The Catalyst report spoke of the importance of 'inclusion' in the workplace and the necessary leadership traits of managers to enable inclusiveness. According to Catalyst, feeling 'included' in the workplace has a positive impact on employee innovation and team citizenship, and there are four leadership behaviors linked to inclusion: empowerment, accountability, courage, and humility.

Golia, Stevenson, Robinson and Dolling all agreed 'humility' - the ability for leaders to admit mistakes is critical for effective leadership and facilitating inclusion. They each provided examples of how the ability for leaders to show humility and the other key leadership attributes in their organizations created a more innovative and engaged work group.

"An inclusive leader recognizes they are only as strong as their team is." "A true leader recognizes that they must surround themselves with people that do not resemble themselves- people that are alike and different", said Golia.

The Women's Leadership Institute will host its second annual Women's Leadership Summit: Lead with Power and Purpose on Wednesday, June 8th from 8:30 am to 6 pm, in Reid Castle. The summit will feature keynote speakers Dr. Jenne K. Britell, Chairman of the Board, United Rentals; Carol Fishman Cohen, Chief Executive Officer, iRelaunch, and Kim Azzarelli, Partner Seneca Point Global and Chair and Co-Founder Cornell Law School's Avon Global Center for Women and Justice. Catalyst will provide an interactive session on "What separates a great manager from a mediocre one?" The full-day June 8<sup>th</sup>

summit will include a variety of activities to provide women with an opportunity to gain thought leadership on professional development and issues important to women in today's workplace, and power networking. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served. The day concludes with a Networking Reception.

Advance registration is required for the summit. Early-bird pricing is \$295 per person, valid through May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Regular pricing is \$395 per person and non-profit pricing \$195. To learn more about Lead with Power and Purpose and to register visit <http://community.mville.edu/msb>. Event sponsorship and vendor opportunities are also available.

The Women's Leadership Institute, is currently supported by MasterCard, Praxiar, and PepsiCo, and is the first of its kind at an academic institution in Westchester and the surrounding area. WLI offers a women's leadership certificate program and various educational and networking opportunities throughout the year.

"It is our mission to advance the personal and professional development of women by offering a comprehensive array of educational programs, mentoring and coaching, and training," said Kathy Meany, director of the Women's Leadership Institute.

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