



HERS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (HLI)
**50th Anniversary Leadership
Conference & Reunion**

Sponsorship Opportunities

**BRYN MAWR COLLEGE
JUNE 4 - 7, 2026**

Celebrating 50 Years of Transformative Leadership

In the summer of 1976, a visionary idea took root at Bryn Mawr College—the launch of the first HERS Summer Institute. At a time when leadership roles in higher education were still overwhelmingly held by men, HERS boldly created a space for women faculty and administrators from across the country to convene, grow, and lead. It was the beginning of what would become a powerful legacy: the *HERS Leadership Institute (HLI)*.

Today, the HLI is a rigorous 9-day leadership development program offered at multiple campuses across the country, reaching a broader and more diverse cohort of leaders—women, gender-diverse individuals, and men—who are committed to transforming higher education.

Now, as we mark this milestone 50th anniversary, we return to Bryn Mawr—where it all began. *This is more than a celebration; it's a homecoming.* A chance to reflect on how far we've come, to reconnect with the HERS community that shaped us, and to reimagine the future of leadership in higher education.

Join us where history was made and be part of the next chapter of the HERS legacy at the HLI 50th Anniversary Leadership Conference and Reunion, June 4–7, 2026, at Bryn Mawr College.

We invite you to join us!



Gloria Thomas, Ph.D. | President, HERS



Since its inception, HERS has been an accelerator for leadership in higher education, transforming careers through immersive, high-impact leadership development institutes and programs.



Our growing network includes 6,000+ HERS alums, each one a torchbearer for equity, excellence, and innovation in higher education.



“*The impact of HERS is transformational—for careers, for institutions and for systemic change.*”



1,000+ HERS alums have advanced to senior-level positions including provosts, vice-presidents, presidents, and chancellors.



1,400+ colleges and universities employ HERS alums.



HERS ALUMS - INSTITU



Melanie Wicinski, Ph.D.
*Associate Vice Chancellor,
Arkansas State University (AR)*

2023
Bridgewater
State



Michele Campagna, Ph.D.
*Vice President for Student Success,
Harford Community College (MD)*

2022
Weekend
Boston



Leslie Cornick, Ph.D.
*Provost and VP of Academic Affairs,
California State University - Chico (CA)*

2022
Online



Rohini Ananthakrishnan
*VP for Digital Strategy &
Operational Excellence,
Wayne State University (MI)*

2019
Denver



Isabelle Cherney, Ph.D.
*President,
Mount Mary University (WI)*

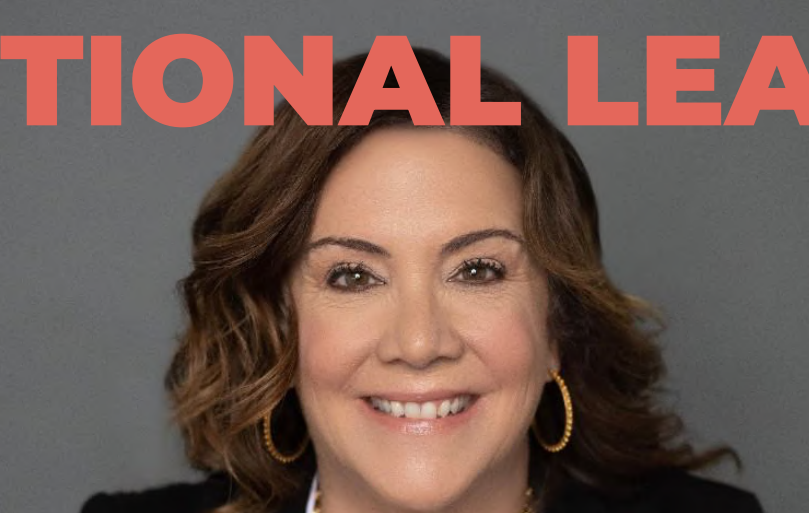
2010
Wellesley



Debora Johnson-Ross, Ph.D.
*Dean of Faculty,
Wartburg College (IA)*

2010
Bryn Mawr

TIONAL LEADERS



Elaine Carey, Ph.D.
*Dean,
Oakland University (MI)*

2022
Weekend
Boston



Christie Chung, Ph.D.
*Associate Provost for Student Success,
Northeastern University (CA)*

2022
Online



Deanna Yameen, Ph.D.
*HERS Faculty-in-Residence, Interim
Provost, Lesley University (retired, MA)*

2018
Wellesley



Sandra L. Cassady, Ph.D.
*President,
Rockhurst University (MO)*

2010
Wellesley



Bronté Burleigh-Jones, Ph.D.
*CFO, Vice President and Treasurer
American University (D.C.)*

2009
Wellesley



Jann L. Joseph, Ph.D.
*President,
Georgia Gwinnett College (GA)*

2007
Wellesley

Sponsorship Levels & Benefits

**50th Anniversary Leadership
Conference & Reunion**
Bryn Mawr College
June 4 - 7, 2026

Expected attendance: 300+ higher education leaders,
including HERS alums and supporters.

\$25,000+

Transformative Leader

Provides sponsorship for
one of the Reunion Dinners
(Friday or Saturday)

- 3-minute remarks or pre-recorded video to be shared at opening session
- Reunion tent table
- Eight (8) complimentary tickets to attend the Reunion
- Logo featured on event slide decks
- Logo featured on marketing/social media posts
- Logo on Reunion signage and event website
- Opportunity to add collateral/swag in Reunion swag bag

\$10,000

Catalyst Leader

- Six (6) complimentary tickets to the conference
- Logo featured on social media posts, conference website, and Reunion event signage
- Special recognition in HERS President's remarks
- Opportunity to add collateral/swag to Reunion swag bag

\$5,000

Legacy Leader

- Four (4) complimentary tickets to the conference
- Logo featured on social media posts, conference website, and Reunion event signage
- Special recognition in HERS President's remarks
- Opportunity to add collateral/swag to Reunion swag bag

\$2,500

Higher Education Impact Partner

- Two (2) complimentary tickets to the conference
- Logo/name featured on conference website, print materials, and Reunion event signage

Support the Advancement of Transformative Leadership!

*Scan the QR code to sponsor the HERS 50th Anniversary
Leadership Conference & Reunion.*

Simply choose or enter your sponsorship amount and under
“Select Fund”, choose “HLI 50th Conference and Reunion
Sponsorship Fund”.



Your sponsorship makes a lasting impact -
thank you for your support!

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View our conference website at:
<https://hersnetwork.org/programs/hli-conference-and-reunion/>

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