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Simmons College & 2020 Women on Boards Host National Conversation on Board Diversity, Nov. 19

BOSTON (November 10, 2015) – On November 19, Simmons College will host a national conversation on board diversity, as part of a nationwide campaign to increase the number of women on U.S. corporate boards.

The event – “Recruiting Beyond the C-Suite: Why and How Do Winning Companies Recruit to Maximize Board Effectiveness?” – takes place **Thursday Nov. 19 at 5:30 p.m., in the Linda K. Paresky Conference Center at Simmons College, 300 The Fenway**. The gathering is one of 19 events co-hosted with 2020 Women on Boards across the nation and throughout the world to raise awareness about the benefits that gender diversity brings to corporate boardrooms, and to continue the momentum of national and global brands already committed to reaching 20 percent or more of women on their boards.

The Simmons event is open to the public. To register, visit [SimmonsLEADS](#). Join the conversation on Twitter [@2020wob](#) and [#2020WOB](#).

Among the panelists at the Simmons event are **Payal Agrawal Divakaran**, Senior Associate at .406 Ventures; **Juliette Mayers**, Founder and CEO, Inspiration Zone LLC; Board Member: Eastern Bank, U.S. Small Business Federal Advisory Board, Massachusetts Workforce Investment Board, The Boston Club Board of Directors; Emeritus Board President, Action for Boston Community Development; and **Regina Pisa**, Chairman Emeritus of Goodwin Procter LLP; Chair of the Board of Trustees of Simmons College; Board of Directors and a Past President of the Massachusetts Women's Forum; member of The Committee of 200, and The Commonwealth Institute Advisory Board. **Callie Crossley**, Host, Under the Radar with Callie Crossley, WGBH, will serve as the moderator.

More than 4,500 people have attended the 2020 Women on Board National Conversation events since they began in 2011, with thousands more joining in on social media.

About 2020 Women on Boards: Founded in Boston in 2010, 2020 Women on Boards is the national campaign to increase the percentage of women on U.S. company boards to 20% or greater by the year 2020. 2020 Women On Boards conducts research on the gender composition of boards of directors, including its proprietary [Gender Diversity](#) Directory, which ranks companies on a W (winning) to Z (zero) scale. 2020 Women On Boards leverages this research with a one-day annual [National Conversation](#) on Board Diversity, held in cities in the U.S. and the world. For more information visit www.2020wob.com.

About Simmons College: Simmons College houses SimmonsLEADS, a dynamic series of exciting speakers, programs, and events that focus on the empowerment and development of women leaders. All SimmonsLEADS events, including the Simmons Leadership Conference – the capstone program of the series, – are non-profit fundraisers for graduate scholarships at Simmons College. Simmons is a ranked university located in the heart of Boston and the preeminent authority on women’s leadership. It offers a transformative undergraduate education for women, and renowned coeducational graduate programs in nursing and health sciences, liberal arts, library and information science, social work, and business. Follow Simmons on Twitter [@SimmonsCollege](#) and [@SimmonsNews](#).

