

HAPPY MARCH

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Dear AWIN Community,

As we move into spring, I'm energized by the momentum building across our network of women leaders, champions, and allies. AWIN was founded on the belief that when women have access to connection, mentorship, and visibility, entire

workplaces transform for the better. This month, we have the honor of celebrating that mission together through powerful programming, new resources, and opportunities to engage more deeply with our community.

Celebrating International Women's Day – March 25



On **March 25,** we will come together for a flagship AWIN celebration in recognition of **International Women's Day,** a global moment dedicated to advancing gender equity and honoring women's contributions across industries.

This year, we are thrilled to welcome **Janet Miller** as our keynote speaker. Janet is widely recognized for her visionary leadership and her impact across the Nashville business landscape. Her insights on resilience, influence, and purposeful leadership promise to inspire and ignite our community.

JANET MILLER

Keynote Speaker



In addition to the keynote, attendees will enjoy:

- **Exhibitor booths** featuring partners, community organizations, and resources supporting women in the workplace
- **Breakout sessions** designed to spark dialogue, learning, and connection
- **Networking moments** to build relationships across departments and organizations

We can't wait to celebrate with you and elevate the voices and stories that shape our mission.

REGISTER NOW!

Honoring AWIN's Founding





As we celebrate women's leadership, we also take this moment to honor the roots of AWIN.

Founded in 2019, AWIN exists today because of the vision and commitment of two extraordinary women:

Amanda Weeks-Geeven

Mekesha Montgomery

Their leadership laid the groundwork for a community that champions access, development, and empowerment. Thanks to their foresight, AWIN continues to grow, innovate, and expand its impact year after year.

We are grateful for their boldness and passion—and we remain dedicated to carrying that vision forward.

Engagement Opportunities

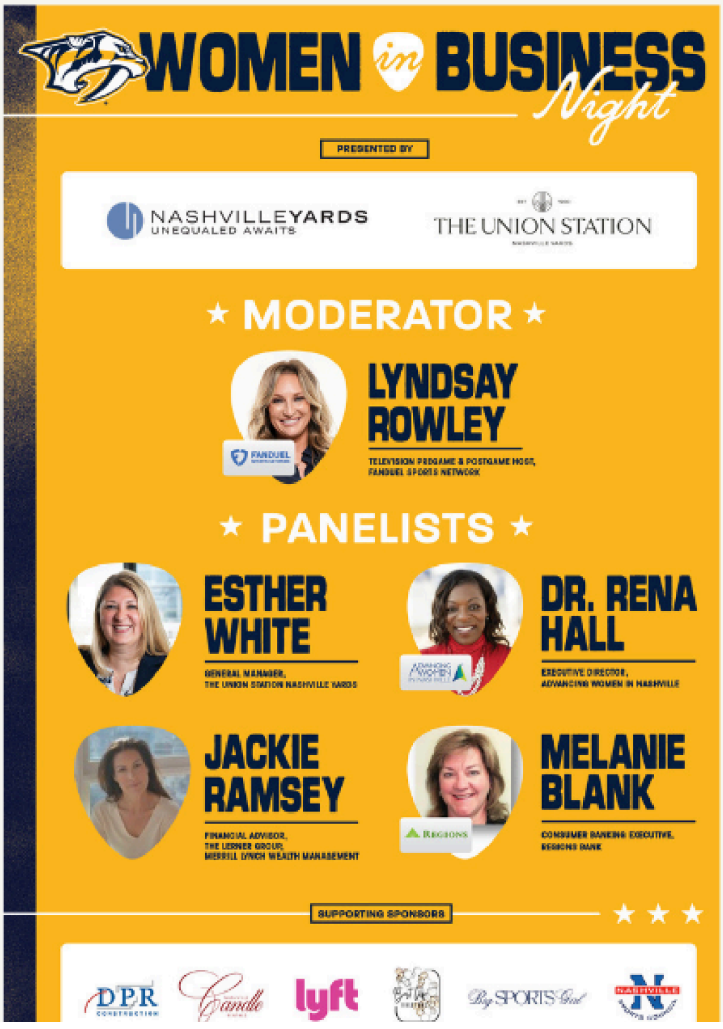
Members can stay connected and engaged in several ways this quarter:

- Volunteer for upcoming **programs and events**
- Support planning committees for **mentoring, community outreach,** or **professional development**
- Attend monthly meetups and leadership circles
- Share AWIN resources with colleagues who may benefit from joining our community

Your participation fuels our impact—every hour and idea helps shape the future of AWIN.

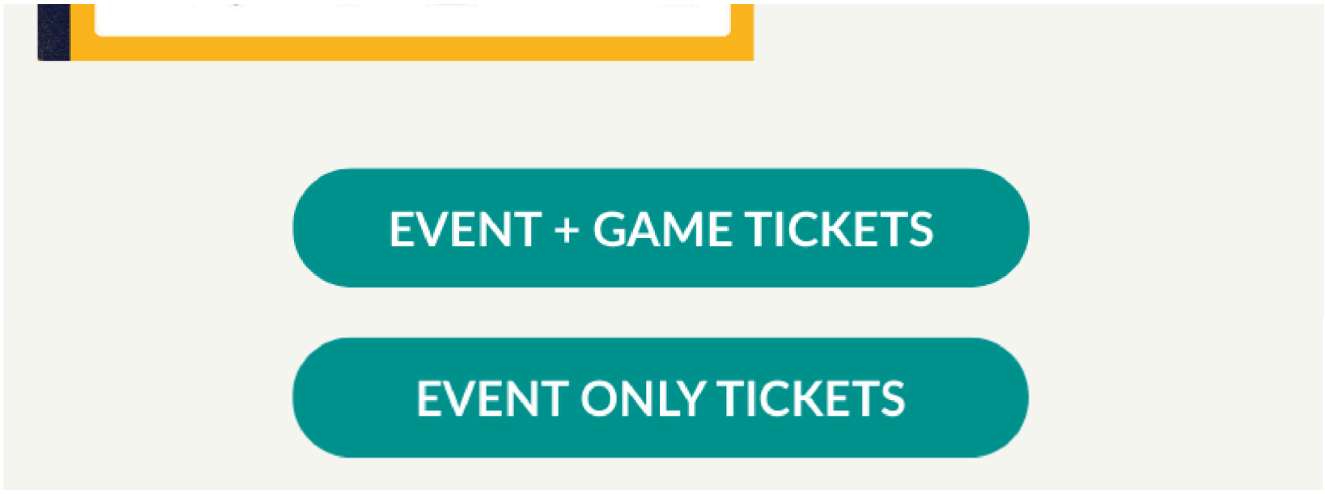
Join Me on March 5th – Nashville Predators Women in Business Night

Join me on **March 5th** at the **Nashville Predators Women in Business Night**—an evening dedicated to elevating women's voices, celebrating leadership, and strengthening our shared impact.



As a panelist, I am honored to contribute to conversations that challenge the status quo, encourage bold thinking, and highlight the power of collaboration across industries. This event offers a unique opportunity to learn from one another, broaden our perspectives, and connect with leaders who are shaping the future of our community.

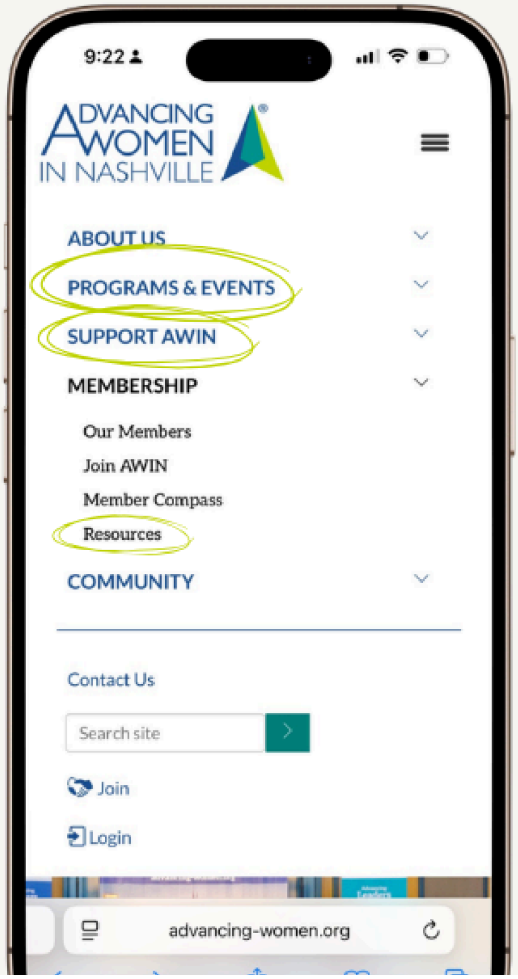
Additionally, you can choose to attend the Nashville Predators game following the event.


EVENT + GAME TICKETS
EVENT ONLY TICKETS

Explore Our Website Enhancements

We're excited to share several improvements to the AWIN website ***designed to make it easier*** to access the tools and information you need.

NEW AND UPDATED FEATURES INCLUDE:



Programs & Events Tab

- Easier navigation
- Clearer event categories and descriptions
- Direct registration links
- Detailed programming information

Resource Library

- Expanded content from AWIN programs and more
- New guides, toolkits, and leadership materials
- Updated layout for quicker browsing

Support AWIN Tab

- Sponsorships & Pivotal Partnerships
- Kroger Community Rewards Program
- Exhibitor Booth Information

We encourage you to explore these enhancements and let us know what



additional features would support your growth and engagement.

Mentoring Circles:

LEADERSHIP THROUGH COLLECTIVE WISDOM

Mentoring doesn't have to be one-to-one.

Mentoring circles bring the power of many voices into the room, creating shared learning, diverse perspective building, and a community of accountability. If you're ready to expand your impact, consider joining or leading a mentoring circle — it's one of the most effective ways to grow leadership capacity across an entire network.

To elevate your mentorship, reflect on three questions:

- *Am I being intentional?*
- *Am I creating space for vulnerability and curiosity?*
- *Am I helping my mentee build a roadmap, not just solve a moment?*

When mentors shift from "answer giving" to "future shaping," the transformation becomes lasting, meaningful, and deeply empowering.



THANK YOU!

Thank you for your continued dedication to advancing women in leadership and for being an essential part of the AWIN community. I look forward to connecting with you at our International Women's Day celebration and throughout the exciting season ahead.

Rena Hall, Ed.D | Executive Director

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