## Impact Leadership in the New Normal – VUCA World 5th Annual Conference - FACT SHEET

## Women's Leadership Counts Initiative

In 2014, the Japan America Society of Southern California's Women's Leadership Counts Initiative (WLCI) was created as a first-of-its-kind initiative to provide a platform for women in business on both sides of the Pacific to engage in professional and leadership development.

Together with our partner organizations, business executives and community leaders, the WLCI will create a network that inspires action and moves the needle on women's leadership.

## Impact Leadership in the New Normal - VUCA World

Originally introduced in the 1990s by the US Army War College to describe a new world of military engagement, VUCA is an acronym for Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity and Ambiguity. The VUCA concept also resonates with an increasing number of executives who are facing the constantly changing challenges brought on by politics, economics, society and technology. What this environment requires is truly strategic leaders—both women and men—who can adapt to changing conditions and navigate this uncharted terrain to be effective. To maximize global and diverse talent, leaders must be innovative, collaborative, decisive, adaptive and creative. Our speakers will share their success stories and challenges to survive and thrive in a VUCA world.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Women's Leadership Counts Annual Conference

**Date** Thursday, November 8, 2018

**Time** 2:30pm – 5:30pm Conference, 5:30pm – 6:30pm Networking Reception

Venue InterContinental Los Angeles Century City at Beverly Hills (Los Angeles, CA)

**Keynote Speaker** Renee White Fraser, Ph.D., Founder & CEO, Fraser Communications

**Panelists** Lynne Humenik, President and CEO, Hitachi Cable America Inc.

Roderick M. Sherwood III, CEO, Cinemoi North America LLC

Denita Willoughby, Vice President, Supply Management and Logistics,

Southern California Gas Company

**Who Should Attend** Current and future corporate, business, academic, non-profit and entrepreneurial *women and men* leaders who value the U.S-Japan collaboration and wish to expand their networks.

#### Why You Should Attend

- **LEARN from global leaders** Understanding the culture of the parent company, management, or client from Japan or overseas is key to having a successful career
- **DISCOVER your potential** Build leadership and management skills and navigate through unique corporate culture in a professional environment
- INVEST in yourself Exchange ideas as well as challenges you are facing with peers and mentors, and learn tactics to advance your career
- **BUILD your professional network** Meet a diverse group of women and men representing a wide variety of industries

**Admission** Individuals: \$60 Members, \$75 Non-members

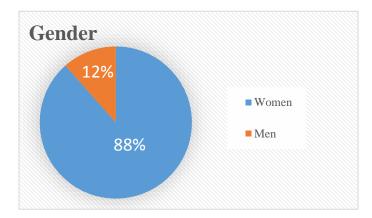
Table Sponsors: \$600 Members, \$750 Non-Members

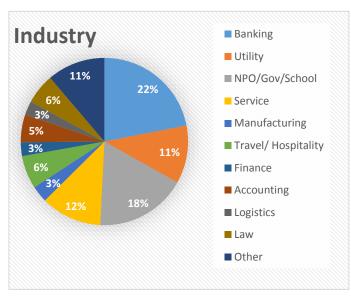
**More Information** <u>www.jas-socal.org/Women</u>

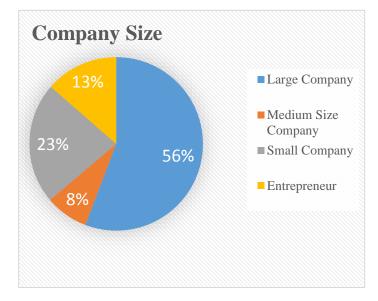


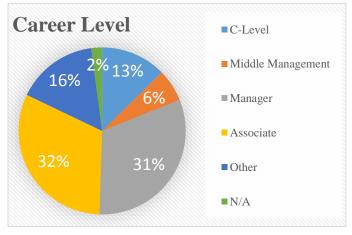
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## 2017 Annual WLC Conference DEMOGRAPHICS











## Women's Leadership Counts Conference Past Speakers

(Titles indicate position at the time of participation)



Michiko Achilles

Managing Corporate Officer, Vice President and Head of Human Resources SAP Japan Co., Ltd.



**Betsy Berkhemer-Credaire** 

President Berkhmer Clayton, Inc.



**Bonnie Boswell** 

Executive Producer/Reporter



**Ellen Chen** 

Co-Founder & President Mendocino Farms



Maria Faillace

Executive Vice President of Production CBS Films



Renee White Fraser, Ph.D.

Founder & CEO Fraser Communications



## Bonnie G. Hill, Ed. D.

President, B. Hill Enterprises LLC Lead Director, Board of Directors, The Home Depot, Inc.

Director, AK Steel Holding Corporation, California Water Service Group, The Rand Corporation and Yum Brands, Inc. (KFC, Taco Bell, Pizza Hut)



## **Kay Iwata**

Founder & President K. Iwata Associates, Inc.



## Mari Miyoshi

President, Sumitomo Realty and Development U.S.A. Owner of InterContinental Hotel Los Angeles Century City *at Beverly Hills* President, Sumitomo Fudosan Hotel Villa Fontaine Co., Ltd. Japan



**Rachel Moore** 

President & CEO

The Music Center



Yoko Narahashi President, United Performer Studio Producer, Director, Casting Director and Lyricist



**Lori Nickel**Vice President, Senior Diversity Consultant MUFG Union Bank, N.A.



Robert A. Rivero CEO, RAR Management Services LLC Retired National Senior Partner, KPMG LLP



Kaori Sasaki
Founder & CEO, ewoman, Inc.
Founder & CEO, UNICUL International, Inc.
Founder and Chair, International Conference for Women in Business



Adrianna Simmons Solutions Marketing Manager, Industrial IoT Hitachi Vantara



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Founder, See Jane Invest



Julia Wada
Group Vice President, HR and Business Technology Solutions,
Toyota Financial Services
Director, Japan America Society of Southern California

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