



Women's Leadership Institute

transforming lives through leadership

2009 NEW Leadership™ Wisconsin: May 30 - June 3, 2009

A Surprising Start for the NEW Leadership™ Wisconsin Participants: We kicked off the first day with a new national partner, The White House Project, which immediately provided the young women with a series of exciting, dizzying and totally motivating group activities. (See related story on page 3 of Newsletter.)

Day 2 of New Leadership™ quickly kicked into gear with an early Sunday morning presentation by Mount Mary's Justice Department Chair, Cathy Ritterbusch, J.D. Buoyed by the events of Day 1, the students actively participated in her session on The Public Health Costs of Crime & First Steps toward Leadership and hung on her every word. Cathy talked about the correlation between crime and public health costs and the ripple effect through many areas of our systems – law enforcement, judiciary, medical, and social services. Cathy is an inspiring role model who has had a rapid and intriguing journey from law school to a top notch Milwaukee law firm, to an institution of higher learning, and president of the Association for Women Lawyers.

Two conference favorites, Sister Linda Marie Bos, SSND, PhD. Chair, History Department - Mount Mary College, and Deb Lukovich, President/CEO – alinea solutions, LLC, returned this year to thrill the participants with their sessions on History of Women & Power, and Women & Political Power, respectively. Sister Linda Marie painted a stark picture of how women dressed and were regarded throughout history, groomed specifically to serve the needs of their husband and the home. Fast-forward more than 100 years and Deb showed the young women how they can take control of their lives, assert themselves positively, and ask for what they want. (Go to "Newsletter" for the full conference report.)

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