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## Women in Leadership: leadHERship to host inspiring panel discussion on October 28

*San Luis, AZ (October 22, 2024)* – On Monday, October 28, the leadHERship initiative at Arizona Western College will host a “Women in Leadership” panel discussion featuring distinguished female leaders from the community.

In line with its mission to support gender equity and empowerment, leadHERship sought panelists who each bring a unique perspective to women’s leadership. Participants at the October workshop can expect to hear a range of inspiring stories, discover insights into facing and overcoming challenges, and learn from women who have forged their careers in commitment to empowering others.

“This panel is all about sharing experiences and insights,” shared **Dr. Sara Amani**, Professor of Multilingual Composition/Specialist at AWC and one of leadHERship’s executive board members. “When women leaders come together, it highlights the challenges they’ve faced and the paths they’ve forged. It’s an opportunity for everyone to learn, feel inspired, and see what’s possible.”

### Featured Panelists:

- **Karina Jones**, United Way of Yuma County Executive Director
- **Dr. Linda Elliott-Nelson**, Engager, Consensus Builder, and Mentor (Vice President of Learning Services for Arizona Western College, 2015-2020)
- **Charlene Fernandez**, USDA Rural Development State Director for Arizona
- **Nieves Riedel**, Mayor of San Luis, Arizona

### Event Details:

Date: Monday, October 28, 2024

Time: 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Location: Room 104, San Luis Learning Center, 1340 N. 8th Avenue

On October 22, the leadHERship executive board is presenting at the Arizona Community College Administrators Conference (ACCAC) in Lake Havasu, where they will share insights on the impact of leadHERship on community leadership and empowerment.

The leadHERship initiative is spearheaded by **Dr. Sara Amani**, Professor of Multilingual Composition/Specialist; **Maria Guzman**, Advising and Student Services Coordinator; and **Susie Zambrano**, Associate Dean for South Yuma County Services.

While the primary focus is on addressing issues affecting women, leadHERship encourages everyone, regardless of gender, to join these monthly workshops. The initiative seeks to foster a campus culture that supports the growth and success of every individual.

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