



MEET THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S BUSINESS COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 16, 2019 -- The National Women's Business Council (NWBC) announces its new Council members.

"I'm pleased to welcome the many accomplished women business owners and several amazing leaders of national women's organizations to the NWBC," said Liz Sara, NWBC Chair. "We truly represent a diverse group of companies, industries and geographies as we seek to address the challenges we face in starting and growing companies. The many new voices on our Council, like the Vinetta Project's Founder and CEO, will play an important role in communicating the needs and challenges of female founders as we formulate our recommendations to policymakers later this year. Collectively, our Council is ready to tackle action-based results. We are entrepreneurs at heart and do-ers in practice."

For the past 30 years, the Council has served as the federal government's only independent voice for women entrepreneurs, paving the way for increased growth in opportunity for women's business enterprise. Today, women-owned firms comprise an estimated 40 percent of the country's businesses, with a growth rate nearly five times faster than all other privately held businesses over the last 10 years. Without constant vigilance and continued advocacy, these gains would not have been possible. NWBC works to ensure that the voices of women entrepreneurs are heard and amplified, and continues to promote policies that provide opportunities for women business owners.

As a new Council takes shape, NWBC looks to focus its advocacy efforts on Women in STEM, Rural Women's Entrepreneurship, and Access to Capital and Opportunity. NWBC remains committed to advocating for women in business and expanding opportunities for women business owners and their enterprises.

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Meet the Council

NWBC In The News



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Liz Sara

Chair, National Women's Business Council

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"In the business world, women are founding companies at record rates. [According to the National Women's Business Council](#), their businesses employ over 8 million workers and generate over \$1.4 trillion in revenue."



Barbara Kniff-McCulla

Owner and CEO, KLK Construction

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"[According to a report by the National Women's Business Council](#), access to capital remains one of the greatest barriers for women to launch, scale and grow their businesses."



Bonnie Nawara

Chair, Association of Women's Business Centers (AWBC)

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[MMCTV16: The Next Word with NWBC Executive Director, Nina Roque](#)



Jen Earle

CEO, National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO)

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Jessica Flynn

Founder and CEO, Red Sky

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Military Spouse Magazine:

"Consistent and reliable access to the federal marketplace is necessary for women business owners to continue to develop and grow their businesses" - NWBC Executive Director Nina Roque



Marsha Firestone

President and Founder, Women Presidents' Organization (WPO)

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[U.S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau](#) - From Our Partners: National Women's Business Council's 2018 Annual Report



Marygrace Sexton

Founder and CEO, Natalie's Orchid Island Juices

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Save the Date
NWBC will hold a Public Meeting in New York, NY on May 17, 2019. Details to follow.



Monica Stynchula

Founder and CEO, REUNIONCare Inc.

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Nicole Cober

Principal Managing Partner, Cober Johnson and Romney (CJR)

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Pamela Prince-Eason

President and CEO, Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC)

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Rebecca Contreras

President and CEO, AvantGarde LLC

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Shelonda Stokes

President and CEO, GreiBO

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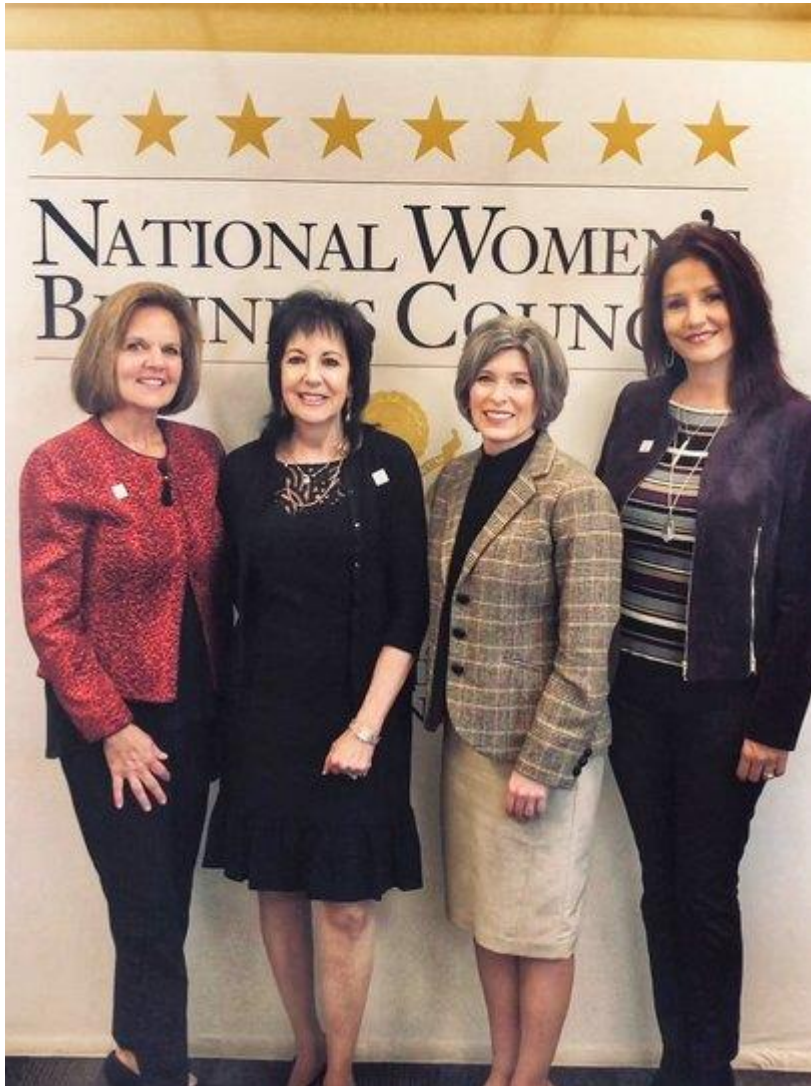
Vanessa Dawson

Founder and CEO, The Vinetta Project

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NWBC Hosts Small Business Roundtable in Pella, IA

On March 21, 2019, in recognition of National Women's History Month, the National Women's Business Council (NWBC) hosted a Small Business Roundtable in Pella, Iowa with Senator Joni Ernst, NWBC Chair Liz Sara, Council member Barbara Kniff-McCulla, and over fifteen local women business owners.



Left to Right: Council member Barb Kniff McCulla, NWBC Chair Liz Sara, U.S. Senator Joni Ernst, and Council member Rebecca Contreras



NWBC Small Business Roundtable at Central College in Pella, IA

[Click HERE to read more about NWBC's Small Business Roundtable in Pella, IA](#)

NWBC Celebrates Women's History Month

NWBC celebrated Women's History Month by recognizing the 12.3 women-owned firms accounting for 40% of all businesses! The Council also participated in various events and meetings throughout the Month of March.



U.S. Small Business Administrator Linda McMahon signed each respective Council member's Oath of Office at NWBC's Swearing In Ceremony on March 28, 2019



As part of Women's History Month, The National Women's Business Council met with U.S. Treasurer Jovita Carranza and the Director of the U.S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau Dr. Patti Greene to discuss the impact that women-owned businesses have on the economy and NWBC's priorities for 2019, including rural women's entrepreneurship, access to capital, and women in STEM.



On March 6, 2019, NWBC & WIPP discussed access to capital, crowdfunding, and opportunities for female founders with Rep. Scott Tipton and Rep. Chellie Pingree, co-chairs of the House Small Business Caucus.



In recognition of International Women's Day, NWBC engaged with women business owners and entrepreneurs from 23 countries with the U.S. Department of State International Visitor Leadership Program