

**MARCH IS
WOMEN'S
HISTORY
MONTH**

Minnesota State's Division of Equity and Inclusion Presents:

Women in the Workforce: A Panel Series *Trades: Not new...just reclaiming*

Session 1: Not Just Breaking Molds But Forging Pathways

Tuesday, March 5, 1 p.m.

Skilled job fields are imperative to the smooth functioning of our society. Although women's participation in the trades has grown, women still make up less than 10% of the skilled trades workforce. Advocating for young girls and women to explore industrial careers can benefit women, the companies who employ them, and the nation. Our panelists will discuss the narrative of what a viable career looks like for a tradeswoman.

Panelists:

Cristina Barillas-McEntee (National Center for Women's Equity in Apprenticeship and Employment, Plumbers Local #130)

Cindy Frank (National Taskforce on Tradeswomen Issues- Co-chair Action Committee (TWTF) and Missouri Women in Trades-Board of Directors (MOWIT), Carpenter Local #945)

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Session 2: Hard Hats, Goggles, Tools, and Hi-vis Vests: A Day in the Life

Wednesday, March 20, 2 p.m.

Panelists will discuss their jobs in the skilled trades, focusing on training and education, the specialized skills they acquired and the abilities and knowledge required to be successful.

Panelists:

Cristina Barillas-McEntee (Chicago Women in Trades, Plumbers Local #130, Plumbing rep)

Symone Holmes (Chicago Women in Trades, Plumbers Local #130, Plumbing rep)

Annette Cannon, (Firestone Autocare Group, Automotive rep)

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Session 3: A Tradition of Being Non-traditional

Thursday, March 28, 12 p.m.

There's a high demand for women entering the workforce in nontraditional roles. Support and advocacy for tradeswomen is vital to meeting that demand. Panelists will discuss the research and practical support and advocacy that is and has already taken place.

Panelists:

Ariane Hegewisch (Program Director of Employment and Earnings, Institute for Women's Policy Research)

Lark Jackson (Associate Director, National Center for Women's Equity in Apprenticeship and Employment)

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