Athena Leadership Council
Membership:
A Unique Community Committed
to the Advancement of Women

The Athena Center is a women’s leadership think tank—and a real-life, real-time launch pad for new ideas empowering women. It fosters fresh thinking and brings together the most successful and influential thought leaders into fresh conversations.

The Athena Leadership Council takes that one step further—convening a dynamic group of female and male change makers from all sectors—media, arts, entrepreneurship, and the corporate and academic worlds, introducing them to a wide-range of programs, to talented peers and to up-and-comers from across the globe.

Join us. A number of distinguished members of the Leadership Council are being selected and welcomed as we grow.

As a member of the Leadership Council, you will enjoy a wide range of benefits:

A Community of Distinguished Leaders
Membership in the Leadership Council introduces you to a global network of distinguished leaders from across sectors—change makers and thought leaders in a wide-range of fields. The Center relies on your insights and networks to help us shape programs and make strategic decisions about future growth.

Intellectual Engagement
As a member of our community, you are welcomed to the Athena Center’s intellectually stimulating events held throughout the calendar year.
• Benefit from customized presentations of the latest research on gender in the workplace and learn best practices to advance women to leadership.
• Enjoy Special VIP Access to the Athena Film Festival held each February on the Barnard Campus. This unique and star-studded event draws national media, feature film directors, documentarians, producers and directors, to an enlightening set of films that showcase women in strong roles. The screenings are an empowering and fun counterweight to the image of women as arm candy or victims too often represented in Hollywood and the mass media.
• Capitalize on special reserved access to our Power Talks lecture series. These presentations, on the beautiful, 125-year-old Barnard campus in Morningside Heights, are offered by thought leaders who share personal tips and behind-the-scenes insights into how they made their mark on the world.
• Premiere seating for the TedxBarnardCollege, presented each year, is also reserved for Leadership Council members and your guests, giving you a spectacular taste of New York City intellectual life.

Support for Today’s Most Talented Women
Your membership support enables the Center to provide a three-year leadership training program for Athena Scholars that ensures that they are ready to contribute at the highest levels. Specialized coursework, social action projects, and intensive training in leadership skills such as public speaking and negotiation allow them to hit the ground running following graduation. Members of the Leadership Council have an opportunity to mentor students, enjoy dinners, and attend other social events with Athena Leadership Scholars, some of the nation’s most talented young women.

Groundbreaking Research and Innovative Practices
Our monthly newsletter for leaders who care about women’s leadership, and Leadership Reimagined, our digital magazine, give you an easy way to stay current with the latest research and best practices about women and work. Our bi-annual meetings include presentations from cutting edge researchers to give you a taste of developments in the field.

Support for Professional Development
We all know the challenge: Women remain under-represented in all levels of management, hobbling companies that harness just a fraction of the talent in their workforce. Your financial and advisory support of Athena helps us to find practical and effective solutions to this problem, including diagnostic research to identify opportunities to prepare women to lead and enable their companies to support them.

Contact Us
Leadership Council members make an annual $12,500 tax-deductible contribution that supports the ground-breaking work of the Athena Center.

For more information on the member nomination process, please contact: Kathryn Kolbert, Director of the Athena Center for Leadership Studies at Barnard College.
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