

# **LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ATHENA CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP STUDIES BARNARD COLLEGE**

Established in 2009 at Barnard College, the most sought-after women's college in the nation, the Athena Center for Leadership Studies is dedicated to the advancement of inspired and courageous women leaders around the world. Our ground-breaking programs:

- develop innovative approaches to leadership development;
- educate new generations of women leaders;
- challenge—and change—cultural stereotypes of leaders; and
- foster research and public dialogue that expands our understanding of leadership.

In only 4 years, the Athena Center has developed a wide range of signature initiatives:

- **The Athena Student Leadership Programs** are unique models for leadership development for young women. They include the Athena Scholars Program and Leadership Labs for Barnard students, summer fellowships, mentoring and enrichment programs.
- **The Athena Film Festival:** developed in partnership with Women and Hollywood, this unique 4-day celebration of women and leadership attracts thousands of filmgoers to Barnard annually;
- **Athena's Global Programs** include the Athena Global Shorts Program, developed in partnership with UN Women; the International Network of Women's Film Festivals that is housed by the Film Festival; and the annual Barnard Global Symposia and Student Leadership Workshops;
- **Customized Professional Development Training Programs** based on the Athena Core 10 provides executive education for women leaders at corporations and NGO's;
- **Programs for Women Entrepreneurs** including Entrepreneurs in Training, a summer camp for enterprising high school students; Leadership Labs, mentoring programs and the Athena Mastermind Support Groups and other educational initiatives offered in collaboration with the Columbia Venture Network;
- **Athena Power Talks and TEDX Barnard College** highlight extraordinary women leaders and the latest research in the field.

Athena Leadership Council members are key supporters and advisors to the Center and its programs, and in turn, benefit from close engagement with scholars, advisors and thought-

leaders who share a deep commitment to women's leadership. As global ambassadors of and advocates for the Center and its programs, Council members are empowered to advance women in leadership as they meet and interact with other leaders.

## **MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Athena Leadership Council members engage with the Center's ongoing programs, by:

- By mentoring and sponsoring the next generation of women leaders and supporting student programs, fellowships, and internships;
- Leveraging their experience, expertise, and philanthropy to advance women's leadership and the Center's professional development programs by providing research, teaching, training, and mentoring, or by sending employees for professional development training;
- Contributing to the Center's innovative campaigns to change how leadership is viewed within popular culture including the Athena Film Festival, the International Network of Women's Film Festivals, the Athena Global Shorts Program, Athena Power Talks, TedX Barnard College and other educational events;
- Being actively involved in learning and networking activities at Barnard College; at Athena-sponsored events in New York, and at Barnard Global Symposia throughout the world, thereby forming a dynamic network of influential leaders committed to the advancement of women leaders.

## **CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP SELECTION**

- Leadership Council members are specially selected from the most senior levels of the private and public sectors, including leaders in business, law, medicine, government and NGO's from across the globe. Candidates have attained recognized positions of leadership within their careers and communities.
- Candidates have a demonstrated commitment to the advancement of women as leaders and support the mission of the Athena Center.
- Candidates have a shared commitment to philanthropically support the vision, mission, and success of Athena Center programs;
- Candidates commit to advocate for women's leadership and Athena's mission within their circles of influence and in the local, national and international causes in which they participate.
- Both the individual and corporate members are nominated for membership by Barnard officials or existing members and are confirmed for inclusion by the Council Co-chairs and Center Director.

## **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

- All Council members engage philanthropically with the Athena Center with a minimum annual contribution of \$12,500 for individuals and \$25,000 for companies. These resources enable the Athena Center to provide unique programs and conduct advanced research on women and leadership.

## **BI-ANNUAL SUMMITS**

- Leadership Council summits, held each spring and fall on the Barnard campus in New York, provide access to cutting-edge research findings, policy briefings and the expertise of prominent guest speakers, as well as discussion and debate between members, global thought-leaders, and inspiring young women. Members will be the first to hear of new and innovative programs and research undertaken by the Athena Center and have an opportunity to interact with other distinguished Council members, as well as share ideas with the Center Director and President of the College.