



## Women's Center Update

**THE STATE FARM CENTER** for Women and Financial Services at The American College hosted its second annual Women's Leadership Academy (WLA) Summit April 17-19, 2013, at the Hilton DFW Lakes Executive Conference Center in Grapevine, Texas. During the WLA Summit, participants engaged in rigorous academic coursework, listened to keynote speakers and panelists talk about the industry from a female perspective, and exchanged insightful ideas while networking with one another. During the Recognition Luncheon, The Center acknowledged the cohort of women who completed the Chartered Leadership Fellow® (CLF®) program. They began their studies

at the 2012 WLA Summit and completed the capstone (final) course at this year's Summit.

The State Farm Center for Women and Financial Services at The American College would like to thank the sponsors of the 2013 Women's Leadership Academy Summit: State Farm; Northwestern Mutual; Prudential Financial, Inc.; MetLife; Wells Fargo Insurance; Mutual of Omaha; GAMA International; and Women in Financial Services (WIFS). ■■■

*For more information about the Center for Women and its program, please email us at [womenscenter@theamericancollege.edu](mailto:womenscenter@theamericancollege.edu).*



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1. Nicole Kalil, CLF® from Northwestern Mutual and Lynda Nordling with Prudential Financial, Inc. shared their thoughts and experiences as female producers during the leadership panel discussion.

2. Linda Need, CAP®, CFP®, vice chair of The American College Board of Trustees, and Gerald J. Herbison, MSM, CASL®, ChFC®, CFP®, CLF®, director of the CLF® program at The American College, congratulated Digna Figueroa, MA, CLF®, on completing her CLF® at the 2013 WLA Summit.

3. The WLA cohorts gathered for a group photo after completing their capstone course in the CLF® curriculum.

4. Michelle Pedigo, regional vice president of MetLife Mid-Atlantic Region, presented at the Summit's Recognition Luncheon. Her energetic keynote address was entitled, "Leading on the Cutting Edge—Without Slipping Over!"

5. Caroline Feeney, CLU®, ChFC®, president of agency distribution at Prudential Financial, Inc., opened the Summit with a dynamic presentation entitled, "You Can't Make the Climb Unless You Make the Time: How to Prepare for a Rewarding Career."



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### In memory of Anne J. Doss.

Anne J. Doss was the head of personal and small business insurance at Wells Fargo Insurance. She delivered a moving speech on "Navigating the Corporate Matrix in High Heels and a Skirt." Anne passed away unexpectedly on August 14, 2013. She will be remembered for her positive energy and commitment to empowering women.