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WIN Leaders Lean In at Salem College Event

WIN takes being involved with Lean In as a serious and truly beneficial step, and we are eager for everyone to take advantage of the wide range of activities available. Network members are not only involved in forming Circles, but also in sharing their own experiences with up-and-coming business women and men. When the Lean In organization is unable to honor a speaking request, they are passing the request on to WIN. The requests are being managed by [Janet Levit](#) (YPO Tulsa).

One recent Lean In event took place on 21 September at Salem College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, during the college's second annual Women's Conference. WIN's own [Carol Hansen](#) (WPO Rocky Mountain), [Maryellen Gleason](#) (WPO Wisconsin), and [Julie Schoenfeld](#) (WPO Angeleno) participated in a panel where they were able to share their experiences as successful business leaders with a new generation of professionals. "Salem College has a rich tradition of empowering women, and they wanted to hear from successful women leaders," explained Schoenfeld, who answered questions about her career and offered advice.

Typical of WIN events, the benefits of this experience extended far beyond just a panel discussion. Schoenfeld cited the great value in giving time to help young women and men early in their careers. The panel was asked and responded to frank questions about work, raising kids, sexuality in the work place and what characteristics good life-partners have. WIN also contacted one of the students to work as an intern for its research projects.

Lean In experiences offer tremendous opportunities, growth and connection. Be sure to take advantage of the variety of Lean In connections available through WIN. Contact Network Director Cassie Cecil at ccecil@ypowpo.org for information.

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