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11\textsuperscript{th} Annual Women’s Leadership Symposium Brings a World of Possibilities to Saint Joseph Academy Students

CLEVELAND, OH – On Tuesday, November 28, 723 Saint Joseph Academy students will gather for a day filled with inspiring stories and personalized guidance at the school’s 11\textsuperscript{th} annual Women’s Leadership Symposium – an event designed to expose students to female leaders, many of whom are alumnae.

“Preparing young women for college, careers and life beyond – as well as leadership positions within their chosen path – has always been a focus of Saint Joseph Academy. The Women’s Leadership Symposium is just one more way we enable our students to see and experience what’s possible in their futures,” says President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis ‘71.

The symposium’s signature event is a keynote address, given this year by Linda Bradley, MD of Cleveland Clinic - Main Campus. Dr. Bradley is an internationally recognized gynecologic surgeon. She is a Vice Chair of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women’s Health Institute as well as the Director of the Fibroid and Menstrual Disorders Center and Director of Hysteroscopic Services. Dr. Bradley is a Professor of Surgery, Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University. She has been an invited lecturer at more than 1000 local, national and international symposia conferences, and meetings as an honored guest speaker. Additionally, she has performed live telesurgery for many programs. She has received the “Top Doctors of America” award annually since 2002. In 2009, Dr. Bradley was selected by \textit{Ladies’ Home Journal} as one of the top six female physicians in the United States.
In addition to Dr. Bradley’s keynote address, more than 50 professional women are scheduled to speak with students in Career Breakout Sessions. These women represent careers as varied as finance, entrepreneurship, visual and performing arts, education, operations, law, health sciences, engineering, community development and nonprofit enterprises. They bring with them a distinctive perspective on how they achieved their goals, sharing real-life and practical advice on potential careers.

There will also be an interactive panel discussion “Leadership in Action: Empathetic Justice” to be attended by all students. This year’s panelists are alumna Judy Ghazoul Hilow ‘81, Executive Director of Malachi House, and Mary Sue Tanis, Founder and Executive Director of Youth Challenge. The key benefit of the panel discussion is that students have the opportunity to ask questions and learn from experts who are immersed in organizations that know first-hand what it means to foster a caring spirit among individuals in the Cleveland community in their daily work.

The keynote address will be 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Saint Joseph Academy in the Academy Center. Career Breakout Sessions for students in each grade level will follow.

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Now in its 127th year, Saint Joseph Academy is the only Catholic high school for girls in the City of Cleveland. With a current enrollment of 723 young women, Saint Joseph Academy is rooted in the spirituality of the Congregation of St. Joseph and works to foster unifying relationships with God and all creation. Each young woman is empowered to achieve academic excellence, and inspired to a life of compassionate leadership and service in a global society. Saint Joseph Academy is located at 3470 Rocky River Drive in Cleveland. For more information, visit [www.sja1890.org](http://www.sja1890.org) or call 216.251.6788.