

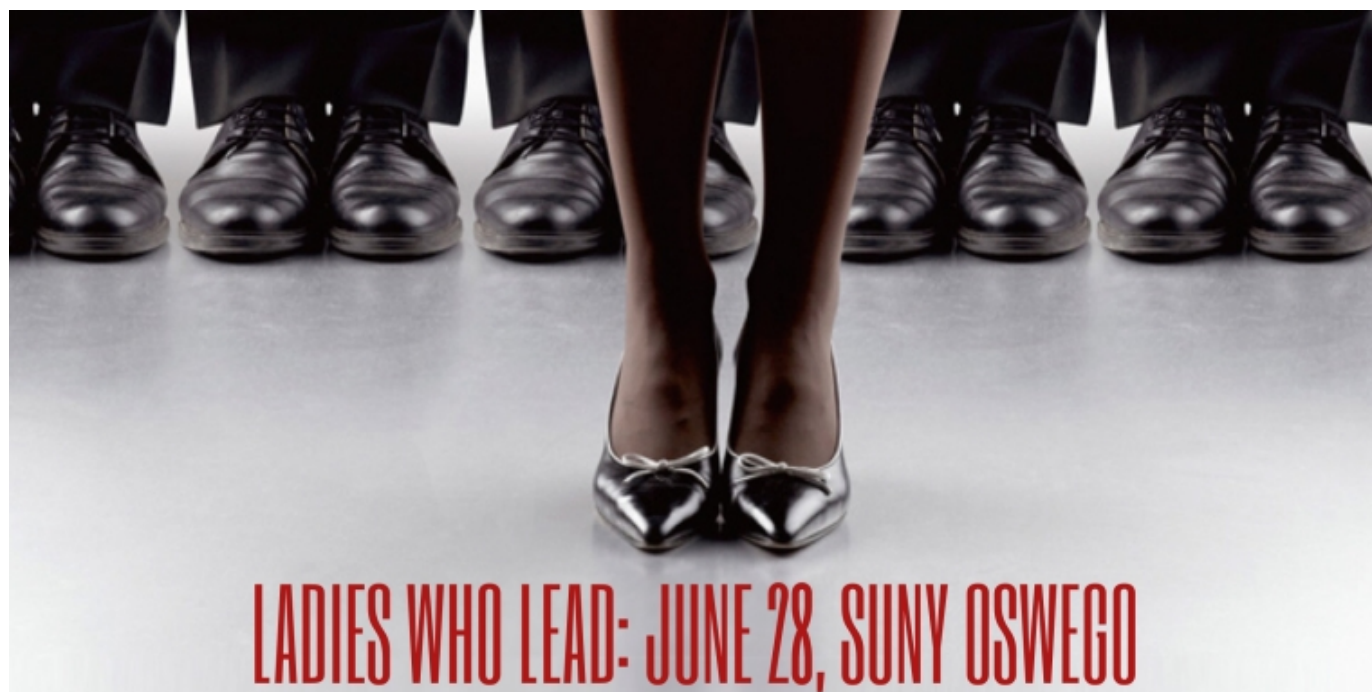


NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patty Ritchie

RITCHIE: 'LADIES WHO LEAD' EVENT TO FEATURE ADDRESS BY SUNY CHANCELLOR, PANEL DISCUSSION WITH LOCAL TRAILBLAZERS

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State Senator Patty Ritchie, along with other local leaders, is inviting Central and Northern New Yorkers to attend “Ladies Who Lead,” a special event taking place on June 28th that will feature a keynote address by SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher, as well as a panel discussion

with local women at the top of their career fields.

The event is being sponsored by the Upstate Women's Leadership Council (UWLC), a group formed last year that is made up of local leaders and led by Senator Ritchie, along with Rep. Elise Stefanik and former Jefferson County District Attorney Cindy Intschert. The group aims to increase opportunities for the personal and professional advancement of women throughout the Central and Northern New York regions.

"Our region is filled with women who have shattered glass ceilings and have tremendous potential to do even more," said Senator Ritchie.

"Over the past year, the UWLC has worked to help women build the bridges needed to achieve success—and this upcoming event is just one more way we are encouraging people to share their knowledge, experience and skills to boost each other to even greater heights. I would like to thank Chancellor Zimpher, as well as our panelists for taking part in this event, which I know will take us closer to the UWLC's goals of creating more—and better—opportunities for women throughout our region."

"The Upstate Women's Leadership Council is an incredible asset for women who seek to further their professional careers, providing women with the tools they need to excel in leadership roles and connecting them with successful mentors," said SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher. "I am proud to be a part of this important event and commend Senator Ritchie and President Stanley for bringing us all together."

"As President of SUNY Oswego, I couldn't be more proud to host the Upstate Women's Leadership Council event on our campus," said SUNY Oswego President Deborah Stanley. "I am looking forward to welcoming women from throughout our region to the college in an effort to celebrate our collective achievements, share advice and help one another foster

career connections.”

Held at SUNY Oswego, “Ladies Who Lead” will take place at 5:00 p.m. at the college’s Marano Campus Center auditorium (Room 132). The evening will begin with Chancellor Zimpher’s address, followed by a panel discussion that will include the following participants:

- Chancellor Zimpher;
- SUNY Oswego President Deborah Stanley;
- State Supreme Court Judge Mary Farley; and
- CNY Central Meteorologist—and SUNY Oswego graduate—Molly Matott.

In addition, during the event, local women—including young women from throughout area high schools—nominated for their leadership will be honored.

Those who plan to attend the event are encouraged to pre-register on Senator Ritchie’s website, www.ritchie.nysenate.gov, or by calling (315) 782-3418. Please note, parking for the event will be available in lots C-8 East and C-8 West located off of Washington Boulevard in Oswego. Directions and information on where to park are available on Senator Ritchie’s website, or by calling the number above.

Late last year, the Upstate Women’s Leadership Council hosted more than 200 area women at its inaugural event at Jefferson Community College, which featured a discussion on leadership with Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul.