

Ascension Chamber celebrates record attendance at 8th annual Women in Business event

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The Ascension Chamber of Commerce showcased the power of women May 15 during its eighth annual Women in Business event at the Price LeBlanc PACE Center in Gonzales.

With the largest attendance to date, the event, presented by Our Lady of the Lake Ascension, brought together women from diverse backgrounds and industries to celebrate their achievements and foster meaningful connections, according to a news release.

A highlight of this year's festivities was the introduction of the EmPOWER Hour, a segment featuring five influential speakers whose words inspired attendees in just 10 minutes each. These speakers shared their insights, experiences, and their expertise fostering a spirit of empowerment among all present.

Caprice Cline, co-owner of Cypress Roofing, set the tone for the event with her poise and wit as she presented the lineup of speakers that included Jackie McCreary with CF Industries, Greta Fleming Gordon with BASF, Jackie Baumann with the City of Gonzales, Kayla Fuselier Clouatre with Minutia Organizing and Productivity Consulting, and Dr. Tracee Short.

McCreary, community relations manager for CF Industries' Donaldsonville Complex, was honored with the 2024 Women in Leadership Award for her outstanding dedication and impactful contributions to the Ascension Parish community through her proactive involvement, mentorship, and support of local organizations and individuals, according to the release.

The seated program and luncheon catered by Parc 73 also featured a social hour, a hat contest and a donation drive benefiting Life House Women. During the social hour, attendees had the opportunity to network and enjoy photo booths, 360 photos and shopping with local vendors.

The crowd hat favorites were Danielle Guadamud with Gallagher, individual winner; and Euphoria Luxe Lifestyles Gift & Décor, group winner.