The People’s United Center for Women & Business marked a momentous year of skill-building workshops, motivational events and networking opportunities. The center continues to engage with a dynamic community of women and allies at all stages of work and life to learn from and support each other. Together, this unique partnership helps women achieve their professional goals and share their wisdom and experiences.

- **556** Total attendees for the People’s United Center for Women & Business events
- **36,392** Organic impressions garnered by the People’s United Center for Women & Business on LinkedIn over the past year
- **852** Registrants for the People’s United Center for Women & Business events
- **130** New Instagram followers for People’s United centers accounts
- **61** Industries engaging with the People’s United Center for Women & Business LinkedIn content

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BUILDING BRIDGES BY BUILDING COLLABORATION

The People’s United Center for Women & Business (PUCWB), under the leadership of center co-directors and professors Julia Fullick-Jagiela, PhD and Kiku Jones, PhD, hosted a variety of strategic events over the last year focused on empowering women in the workplace, improving self-awareness and building resilience while preparing for the future. These transformative programs included the Women of Color Professional Development Series, salary negotiation workshops presented with leading experts, the inaugural Eileen Peters Farley ’68 Endowed Speaker Series, the first Women of Influence Awards, and a fireside chat with Hamden Mayor Lauren Garrett, Quinnipiac President Judy Olian and School of Business Dean Holly Raider.

Listed below is a sample of our key events:

**November 2021**

**Mindfulness Session on the Quad**

Led by Quinnipiac colleagues Tami Reilly and Terri Johnson, faculty and staff joined together for a collective moment of mindfulness on the Quad. Participants connected as a community to destress and emphasize personal well-being, peace and stability within themselves inside and outside of the workplace.

**November 2021**

**Research Impact Presentation**

Tracy Van Oss, a clinical professor of occupational therapy in the School of Health Sciences, presented her current research in a webinar. Van Oss was a recipient of the 2021 PUCWB Research Award to support her scholarship, “Evidence to Practice: Occupational Therapy’s Role in Chronic Disease Health Management and Maintenance.”

**November 2021**

**New Minds Open Forum**

Members of the Quinnipiac community reflected on being a woman at Quinnipiac and what those experiences are like in an effort to support and drive our equity and inclusion goals. The event was a collaboration with the Center for Teaching and Learning, the Inclusive Teaching Lab, and the Women’s and Gender Studies program and opened new doors across the community.

**November 2021**

**Fireside Chat with the Newly Elected Hamden Mayor**

Newly elected Hamden Mayor Lauren Garrett, Quinnipiac President Judy Olian and School of Business Dean Holly Raider honed in on evolving leadership challenges and exploring new opportunities. More than 45 people attended the event.

**September 2021**

**Coffee Chat**

Attendees dove into groundbreaking ideas, networked, and shared valuable resources that benefited their organizations and move them forward.

**February 2022**

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March 2022
**Inaugural Women of Influence Awards**
In celebration of Women’s History Month, the PUCWB honored women for their impact on students and Quinnipiac’s campus community. One full-time faculty member (Kimberly DiGiovanni), one part-time faculty member (Ginger Ann Kulig), one staff member (Rita Rodrigues) and one student (Gabriella Colello) were each selected and honored on social media.

**People’s United Center for Women & Business Research Award 2021–2022**
The People’s United Center for Women & Business was proud to present a $2,500 research award to support faculty and/or student research aligned with the mission of the center to Megan Leubner, a medical student at the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac. Her research examined the health needs of unhoused or marginally housed people in New Haven during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**The Kathleen Simione PUCWB Women in Business Scholarship**
This scholarship program helps women pursue undergraduate and graduate degrees in business that will help them develop skills that are focused on forward-thinking leadership, conscious communication skills, and authentic, ethical and honest self-reflection. The 2022 recipients are Kylie Getings ’21, MS ’22, and Julianna Masseria ’21, MBA ’22.

March 22, April 18, April 26, 2022
**Women of Color Professional Development Series**
The Women of Color Professional Development Series was a three-part structured event that featured workshops on salary negotiations training, authenticity in the workplace and leadership presentation. More than 100 participants attended the workshops in the series.

April 2022
**Women in Leadership Panel Discussion**
A panel of influential women led by Connecticut Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz shared powerful messages of support and encouragement for careers, work and personal growth. The panel included Sujata Gadkar-Wilcox, associate professor of legal studies and executive director of the Oxford Consortium for Human Rights, and Kiku Jones, professor of computer information systems and co-director of the PUCWB, as well as students Ana Allen ’22, Ohidiani Imevbore ’22 and Ambar Pagan ’22.

“It wasn’t until recently that I realized I have a seat at the table and need to advocate for myself. Now, I think about being a role model and creating a path for other girls who look like me and have similar stories and backgrounds. I’m so grateful that I learned this during my time at Quinnipiac.”
—Ohidiani Imevbore ’22 at the PUCWB Women in Leadership Panel Discussion

March 30, 2022
**Inaugural Eileen Peters Farley ’68 Endowed Speaker Series**
The inaugural Eileen Peters Farley ’68 Endowed Speaker Series for Women in Business featured Hang Black, vice president of revenue enablement at Juniper Networks. Black, a Vietnamese immigrant, was presented with the 2022 Impact Award by Jessica Geis, CEO of Blue Chip Tek and the daughter of Eileen Peters Farley. Black inspired the community by sharing her experience within engineering, management, marketing and sales leadership that helped launch her successful career as an entrepreneur.
The People’s United Center for Women & Business looks forward to partnering and collaborating with M&T Bank. The new name and plans will be announced in the fall of 2022.