

# 2022 NASPE AWARDS

## *Advancing the HR Profession Award*

Nominations from dues-paying states are considered for eligibility. Nominated leaders and programs should have a positive effect on the administration of state human resource programs. A state's central human resource department or line agency human resource operations may administer nominated programs.

Programs and projects must have been operational for at least six months and must be transferable to other states. Selection criteria are based on the questions asked on the award application. Included in this packet are the specific criteria for each award and their categories. Nominations are encouraged in all areas of human resource management administration.

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### **NOMINATION INFORMATION**

Title of Nomination: Women's History Month: Working Women Talk Wednesday's Speaker's Series

State: KY

Contact Person: Vikki Stone

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### **NOMINATOR INFORMATION**

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### DETAILS

Feel free to include links to websites as part of your nomination.

1. Please provide a brief description of this program.

Every March, to celebrate Women's History Month, the KY Commission on Women and the KY Personnel Cabinet Offices of Diversity, Equality and Training and Public Affairs facilitate a four-part weekly webinar series entitled "Working Women Talk Wednesdays." This virtual format ensures accessibility to all employees across the state. The goal of the series is to engage, educate and inspire women viewers. A recording of each webinar is also archived for future viewing and made available to state employees who were unable to attend the live webinar.

During the inaugural webinar series (2021), our speakers included - First Lady Britany Beshear, Personnel Cabinet Secretary Gerina Whethers and Cynthia Knapek, president of Leadership Louisville. Regional thought leaders and subject matter experts served as panelists for the following topics: Women's Mental Health Matters, The Changing Face of Women in the Workplace, and Mentorship to Leadership.

In 2022, Vikki Stone, Executive Director of Office of Diversity, Equality and Training (ODET) served as moderator while employees from across state government served as the subject matter experts and delivered their personal experiences. The theme for this year's event was, "Focus on Resilience: Mind, Body and Spirit". Subject matter included managing finances, the workplace, work/life balance and mental/physical health.

2. How long has this program or effort been operational?

Two years

3. Why was this program/effort created?

To provide meaningful, pertinent and thought-provoking information to engage, inspire and inform our employees.

4. What are the costs of this program/effort?

No cost

5. How is this program/effort funded? Through our current operating budget

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No cost

6. How do you measure the success of this program/effort?

By employee engagement – collectively over the past two years over 500 employees have participated.

7. How has the program/effort changed since its inception?

We continually look for ways to enhance this annual program. This year, we recruited internal employees for the panel discussions. It was wonderful to engage our employees who shared their knowledge, skills and real-life experiences to audiences across the state.

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CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: VIRTUAL SERIES  
"WORKING WOMEN TALK  
WEDNESDAYS"

MARCH 17, 24 AND 31  
11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.



From left to right: Britainy Beshear, Cassandra Gray, Jacqueline Coleman, Neeli Bendapudi, Gerina D. Whethers, Cynthia Knapik, and Marita Willis

This Women's History Month, join the KY Commission on Women and the KY Personnel Offices of Diversity, Equality and Training and Public Affairs for a series of weekly conversations addressing a variety of educational and inspirational topics centered on women in the workplace. **Click the link below to register by 4p.m., March 15.** Access links will be emailed to all registrants on March 16. Webinars will occur **11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** every Wednesday, beginning on March 17.

*Registered Kentucky state employees will receive MyPurpose credit for the completion of each webinar.*

## **March 17**

**"Women's Mental Health Matters: Strategies for Resilience, Self-Care and Well-Being"**

Opening Remarks - First Lady Britainy Beshear

Presenter - Cassandra Gray, CEO of Creative Spirits Behavioral Health

## **March 24**

**"Changing Face of Women in the Workplace"**

Opening Remarks - Lieutenant Governor Jacqueline Coleman

Presenter - Dr. Neeli Bendapudi, President of University of Louisville

## **March 31**

### **"Mentorship to Leadership"**

Opening Remarks - Personnel Cabinet Secretary Gerina D. Whethers

Presenter - Cynthia Knapek, President of Leadership Louisville

**Weekly Moderator:** Marita Willis, Chair - KY Commission on Women

**[Select here to register](#)**



Kentucky Personnel Cabinet  
Office of Diversity,  
Equality & Training



**Kentucky Commission on Women**  
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## 2022 WHM Flyer



### **Virtual Live Webinar Series Beginning on March 9**

This March, the Office of Diversity, Equality and Training and Personnel Cabinet present the 2nd annual Working Women Talk Wednesday series to celebrate Women's History Month. This year, panelists will discuss resiliency of the mind, body and spirit. Starting March 9th, tune in for candid conversations among women who share their professional strategies for and personal stories of resiliency. Click the link below to register by 4:00 PM, March 7th. Access links will be emailed to all registrants on March 8th. All sessions will occur from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM every Wednesday, beginning on March 9th.

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### **Topics & Speakers**

March 9

March 16

March 23

March 30

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**Resilience in  
Mental/Physical  
Health Matters**

**Resilience in  
Work/Life Balance  
Matters**

**Resilience in the  
Workplace Matters**

**Resilience in  
Managing Your  
Finances Matters**

Panelists:

Rosemary Holbrook

Trina Koontz

Rolanda Hamilton

Panelists:

Alexandria Ramos

Jeanna Hawkins

Alaina Myers

Panelists:

Mary  
Elizabeth Bailey

Nila Meeks

Marita Willis

Cassidy Connell

Panelists:

Scarlet Murphy

Odette Gwandi

Bassi Sidibe

Holly Johnson

[Click Here to Register](#)

