



13th Annual Conference

Power Forward

Annual SAWF Conference brings together original equipment manufacturers, suppliers and industry service providers for 2-days of education, professional development, networking,

Thursday, July 27th – Friday, July 28th, 2023

Franklin, TN - Cool Springs

Hilton Franklin Cool Springs, 601 Corporate Centre Drive, Franklin, TN 37067

Thursday, July 27, 2023

- 4:30 PM President's Reception – Registration & Networking (Cocktails & Appetizers)
Professional Headshots - Brian Constantino
- 6:00 PM Welcome Address - Imelda Siegelson, President of SAWF
President's Reception Sponsor Remarks Frost Brown Todd Introduction
- 6:30 PM *Kelly DiPucchio*, VP of Global Manufacturing Engineering, General Motors, LLC
- 7:15 PM *Break*
- 7:30 PM *Trisha Jung*, Senior Director, EV Strategy and Transformation, Nissan
- 8:15 PM Closing Remarks, Amber Hopper, Annual Conference Chair
- 8:20 PM End of President's Reception
- 9:00 PM Afterglow (for those who purchased)

Friday, July 28, 2022

- 7:30 AM Conference Opening – Registration & Networking, Breakfast
- 8:15 AM Welcome, Program Review & Recognition of Sponsors
- 8:30 AM *April Mason*, General Manager, Toyota Battery Manufacturing
- 9:15AM *Break*
- 9:30 AM **Round Table Discussion on Work-Life Balance**
Moderator: Yolanda Pate, Honda Development & Manufacturing of America LLC
Panelists: Louise Connell, BMW, Retired, Casandra Howell, General Motors, Cecily Scarlett, Chemico LLC, and Clarke Thedford, Toyota Motor North America of Alabama
- 10:30 AM *Break*
- 10:45 AM All Girls Auto Know, Imelda Siegelson
- 10:50 AM **Preparing for Your Next Career Move**, Jan Ingenrieth Director, Internship Program, Alabama Productivity Center, University of Alabama and Susan Brennan, CEO, 5E Advanced Materials Inc.
- 11: 50 AM Lunch
- 1:00 PM **Importance of Mentoring**, Melissa Hudson-Gant, CEO, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee
- 1:45 PM Scholarship Program
- 2:30 PM End of Conference

The Southern Automotive Women's Forum (SAWF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to the personal and professional advancement of women in the automotive industry. SAWF achieves this mission by collaborating with industry partners to create educational, mentorship, and networking opportunities for its members. Our members serve as strong role models for one another and for young women who are interested in STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) with the goal that they will apply these skills to the automotive industry. Since its inception in 2010, SAWF has awarded over \$401,000 in scholarship funds to young women beginning their careers in STEM and to women seeking to enhance their opportunities.