

Wednesday-Friday, March 5-7, 2025

AC Hotel Downtown Bozeman The Element, & Kimpton Armory Hotel

WEDNESDAY, March 5, 2025

2024 MT WIB SUMMIT WELCOME RECEPTION AC HOTEL BENCHMARK RESTAURANT & BAR (rooftop)

4:00 - 6:00 PM Registration Open at the AC Hotel Benchmark lobby

2025 MT WIB SUMMIT WELCOME RECEPTION Sponsored by Mountain Health CO-OP 5:30 - 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, March 6, 2025 **2025 MT WIB SUMMIT**

OPENING SESSION KIMPTON ARMORY MUSIC HALL

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7:30 – 9:00 AM	Registration Open at the Kimpton Armory Hotel; breakfast on your own
9:00 – 9:10 AM	Welcome from Montana Chamber w/Sponsor Recognition
9:10 – 9:40 AM	Fireside Chat with First Lady Susan Gianforte by Nancy Schlepp, VP, Communications
	& Government Relations, Sandfire Resources America; Montana Chamber Board Chair
9:45 – 10:15 AM	Opening Keynote: Laura Higgins, Head of Diverse Businesses – JPMorgan Chase Pacific; Introduction by Margaret Madrigal, Executive Director, Commercial Banking MT/WY - JPMorgan Chase
10:15 AM – 1:15 PM	Native Women Launch Artwalk sponsored by Yellowstone Club Community

Foundation – KIMPTON ARMORY MEZZANINE outside The Etha

10:30 - 11:15 AM **MORNING BREAKOUTS – Session I @ VARIOUS LOCATIONS**

- "Beyond Strategy: Why Corporate Culture is the Real Breakfast of Champions" **AC HOTEL BRIDGER BALLROOM**
 - Michelle Huie, Founder ShopDot and Vim&Vigr
 - Stephanie Pimmel, SVP & Chief People Officer PacificSource
 - Stacy Maloney, Founder & CEO Elevate11 Consulting
 - Moderator: Dr. Suzanne Tilleman, Dean University of Montana College of Business
- "The Impact of Millennials on the Workplace" TRUE NORTH @ KIMPTON
 - Catherine Bernhardt, General Manager Western Montana Republic Services
 - Kallie Kujawa, MSN, RN, Chief Operating Officer Bozeman Health
 - Moderator: Brianne Rogers, Owner Bird Dog Strategies

"The Future of Work: Unleashing Women's Potential with AI" KIMPTON ARMORY MUSIC HALL

- Lisa DeLuca, Senior Director Product & Engineers Unstoppable Domains (formerly AI at IBM, Wayfair)
- Heidi Johnson, President OpenBB
- Kirsten Schaub, Chief Revenue Officer for AI healthcare startups including mpathic
- Moderator: Lumay Murphy, VP of Finance mpathic

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM MORNING BREAKOUTS - Session II

"Breaking the Glass Ceiling: Women Succeeding in Male-Dominated Industries" AC HOTEL BRIDGER BALLROOM

- Jacyln Marin Liebscher, Project Manager for One&Only Golden Eagle
- Heather McDowell, VP Legal and External Affairs, Americas Sibanye-Stillwater
- Kalli Ryti, President First Security Bank, Bozeman
- Moderator: Suzi Berget White, AVP/Commercial Lender First Security Bank, Bozeman

"Innovative Paths to Impact: Funding Models for Social Good" SKY SHED @ KIMPTON ARMORY

- Dr. Chelsea Bodnar, Founder & CEO Montana Pediatrics
- Lyndsay Gutierrez, Cooperative Specialist Women's Equity Investment Cooperative -Montana Cooperative Development Center (MCDC)
- Kelly Schwager, VP Global Communications Oracle
- Christine Tennyson, VP of Business Development Meaningful Ventures 2.0
- Moderator: Candace Carr Strauss, VP Marketing & Communications Montana Chamber of Commerce

"Breaking Barriers: Photonics & Quantum from a Female Perspective" KIMPTON ARMORY MUSIC HALL

- Dana Cuccia, CEO HealthGuard Systems
- Mary Johnson, CEO Wavelength Electronics
- Sarah Lukes, CEO Agile Focus Designs
- Lisa Wood, CEO Analog Physics
- Moderator: Elle Gahl, Shadow Ridge Analytics (photonics); Board Member Montana Photonics & Quantum Alliance

12:30 – 1:30 PM BUFFET LUNCH @ KIMPTON ARMORY MUSIC HALL

 LUNCHEON KEYNOTE – "TBD" Sponsored by Clearwater Credit Union with Introduction by Erin White, Market Leader, Clearwater Credit Union
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1:45 - 2:30 PM AFTERNOON BREAKOUTS – Session I @ VARIOUS LOCATIONS

- "Women Entrepreneurs Rising: Securing Capital and Building Success in Montana"
 AC HOTEL BRIDGER BALLROOM
 - Tana Burke, Founder Sky Cycle
 - Avery Patrick, VP & Marketing Director Showdown Montana
 - Paige Williams, Founder Aud Pop
 - Moderator: Margaret Madrigal, Executive Director Commercial Banking MT/WY JPMorgan Chase

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"Artists & Visionaries: Native Women Leading through Creativity & Entrepreneurship" KIMPTON ARMORY MUSIC HALL

- Brocade Stops Black Eagle (Crow-Mandan Hidatsa) Brocade Designs
- Cheylsa "Chief" Owens-Cyr (Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux, Pasqua First Nations Plains Cree and Saulteaux) – Chief'n Wear
- TaNeel Filesteel Neuman (Aaniiih, Nakoda, Apsaalooke) Moss Bag Baby
- Moderators: Latisha Buck Elk Thunder, Executive Director Native Women Launch Program and Ticia Cliff, Workforce Development Specialist, Accelerate MT

2:45 - 3:30 PM AFTERNOON BREAKOUTS – Session II

- "Boardroom Excellence: How Good Governance Fuels Growth"
 AC HOTEL BRIDGER BALLROOM
 - Sarah Blechta, VP, Yellowstone Club Property Owners' Association | Chair, Big Sky Resort
 Area District Board
 - Melissa Matassa-Stone, CEO WGM Group
 - TBD
 - Moderator: Melanie Schwarz, CEO UpStream Strategy Partners
- "Health at Every Stage: Supporting Women's Choices & Challenges"
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 - Dr. Heidi Duncan, FAAFP, MD Billings Clinic
 - Stephanie McDowell, Executive Director BridgerCare
 - Carrie Krepps, Executive Director Florence Crittenton
 - Moderator: Colee Wingo, Senior Community Advisor Billings Clinic Bozeman

3:45 – 4:15 PM - CLOSING KEYNOTE - "Authentic Leadership in the Face of Adversity" - Kim Greene, Founder – Svalinn KIMPTON ARMORY MUSIC HALL

4:30 – 6:00 PM – MT WIB SUMMIT NETWORKING RECEPTION @ KIMPTON SKY SHED (rooftop) Sponsored by Rocky Mountain Women's Business Center

6:00 PM - Dinner on your own

FRIDAY, March 7, 2025

7:15 – 8:05 AM MOVEMENT CLASS with Sam Schmidt, PT/Clinic Director - Alpine Physical

Therapy Missoula @ THE ELEMENT HOTEL CONFERENCE ROOM

8:00 – 9:45 AM BUFFET BREAKFAST & NETWORKING @ AC HOTEL BRIDGER BALLROOM

10:00 – 11:30 AM MORNING WORKSHOPS

"Story Sharing to Engage & Connect"
THE ELEMENT HOTEL CONFERENCE ROOM

Sarah Elkins, Elkins Consulting, Author/Podcast Host

"Quiet Leadership - You can change your world with a whisper"
This high-energy session will help you figure out how - Both introverts & extroverts welcome!
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Karen Grosz, President – Canvas Creek Team

"Better Together: Creating Win-Win Business Partnerships & Collaborations" AC BRIDGER BALL ROOM

Kassi Strong, Program Director – Rocky Mountain Women's Business Center

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11:30 AM-12:00 PM International Women's Day POWER LUNCH Begins; Networking

12:00 – 12:15 PM Introductions & Welcome

12:15 – 12:30 PM An Update from the 2025 Legislative Session on Childcare in Montana

12:30 – 1:30 PM INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY LUNCHEON KEYNOTE

- Gry Rabe Henriksen Consul General of Norway
- Sophie Hattat Consul General of Belgium
- Paulina Kapuścińska Consul General of the Republic of Poland
- Renee Pea Consul General of Croatia
- Tammy Sandhu Consul General of the United Kingdom
- Moderator: Lieutenant Governor, Kristen Juras

1:30 – 1:45 PM Winners Announced: Raffle Prizes and Centerpiece giveaway

1:45 PM Lunch Concludes