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2024 CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN DRAWS BIG NAMES

Brené Brown, Former Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, Jennifer Siebel Newsom, and More to Headline Feb. 29th Event

SANTA CLARA, Jan. 26, 2024 – The fourth annual California Conference for Women will serve up a fresh look at women and the workplace with help from some of the biggest names in California and the world.

Addressing topics ranging from leadership to entrepreneurship and artificial intelligence, keynote speakers will include:

- Dame Jacinda Ardern, former prime minister of New Zealand
- **Brené Brown**, six-time *New York Times* best-selling author, known for her work on vulnerability, shame, and courageous leadership
- Dr. Joy Buolamwini, artificial intelligence expert and founder of the Algorithmic Justice League
- Kristen Kish, chef, restauranteur and host of Bravo's *Top Chef*
- Jennifer Siebel Newsom, First Partner of California.

Approximately 4,620 women are expected to attend the conference, which will be held on Thursday, February 29, at the Santa Clara Convention Center. Several dozen top leadership, career advancement, and personal development experts will also lead breakout sessions.

The <u>California Conference for Women</u> is part of the Conferences for Women, the nation's largest network of women's conferences, which also holds annual events in Pennsylvania, Texas, and Massachusetts. Its mission is to promote, communicate, and amplify the influence of women in the workplace and beyond.

"We are proud to bring together so many extraordinary women to support each other and advance women's leadership and equality in the workplace," said California Conference for Women board president Hillary Weingast, vice president, deputy general counsel and head of corporate social responsibility, at Juniper Networks, Inc.

"We are also grateful," Weingast added, "for the support of our loyal sponsors who continue to recognize that supporting women in the workplace is vital to the success of business and the economy of this state."

Google is once again the presenting sponsor of this year's conference.

"At Google, we champion advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion and are particularly committed to continuing to lead in efforts to promote gender equity throughout the tech industry," said Teena Piccione, Global Transformation & Operations Executive at Google. "The California Conference for Women is a vital forum for advancing women in the workplace, and we are proud to be the presenting sponsor.

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