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## **Cher, Cynthia Erivo, Nicole Kidman, and More Headline National Conference for Women**

### **More Than 10,000 Attend Fully Immersive Digital Experience Focused on Leadership, Advancement, and Wellbeing**

BOSTON, March 4, 2026—An estimated 10,000 people gathered today for the National Conference for Women, a fully immersive digital event featuring top women leaders, networking, and skill-building in leadership, advancement, and wellbeing.

At a time of high workplace depletion, digital fatigue, and widespread uncertainty, speakers addressed confidence, risk-taking, and resilience.

“Confidence is not my strong suit,” said **Cher**, the award-winning singer, actress, director, author, and humanitarian. “But I can do things, even without it.”

“I guess I must have some sort of confidence,” she added, “but it’s not the normal kind because every time I do a job I think, ‘Oh God, I’m not going to be able to do this.’ But if I just go one more step or two more steps, I’m doing it and it’s fabulous.”

**Cynthia Erivo**, the Emmy, Grammy, and Tony Award–winning performer who starred in *Wicked*, spoke about meeting criticism with empathy and self-possession. “Anyone who is opposed to me being myself is probably opposed to being themselves,” she said.

**Nicole Kidman**, Academy Award–winning actress, addressed the importance of backing emerging leaders.

“You have to be willing to take a chance; to recognize talent, give them space to grow, to fail, and to try again,” Kidman said. “I was lucky to have that chance. I started off okay, but I blossomed because the people around me believed in and supported me.”

Olympic gymnast and mental health advocate **Jordan Chiles** spoke about transforming doubt into drive.

“When I was younger, I was told I could never win, I was told I was not good enough,” Chiles said. “Flipping it was how I got comfortable. You tell me ‘I can’t win.’ I say, ‘Watch me.’”

Other speakers include bestselling author and life coach **Martha Beck**; *New York Times* bestselling author and award-winning journalist **Hoda Kotb**; marketing executive **Bozoma Saint John**; and Paralympic silver medalist **Ali Truwit**.

Many of the nation’s top experts were also on hand to address timely topics, including AI, longevity, thriving through change, resilient relationships, and more.

### **A Fully Immersive Digital Experience**

Rather than replicate a webinar or static livestream, the National Conference for Women unfolded inside a fully immersive digital environment that enabled attendees to:

- Navigate to keynotes, breakout sessions, an interactive hall, a networking lounge, a learning stage, and a bookstore,
- Participate in live Q&As with speakers, and
- Use a new AI assistant that tailors the experience to relevant sessions and insights based on your unique interests.

### **About CFW**

CFW is the nation’s premier nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to accelerating leadership, career growth, and wellbeing. For over two decades, we’ve empowered professionals at every stage and across every industry to reach their full potential. CFW’s in-person events attract more than 55,000 attendees a year.

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