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MORE THAN 9,000 WOMEN WILL GATHER IN AUSTIN TO GAIN INSPIRATION AND PRACTICAL TOOLS FOR NAVIGATING AN EVER-CHANGING BUSINESS LANDSCAPE

America Ferrera, Hoda Kotb, Ilona Maher, Tunde Oyenehin and Codie Sanchez join more than 40 leading experts at the Texas Conference for Women on Oct. 5

AUSTIN, Texas, Sept. 16, 2026 — As rapid change reshapes workplaces throughout the region, more than 9,000 women will come together at the Moody Center in Austin on Monday, Oct. 5, for a day devoted to leadership, career growth, and wellbeing.

The 27th annual [Texas Conference for Women](https://www.conferencesforwomen.org) will bring together people from across industries, organizations, career stages and backgrounds to gain practical skills, explore new possibilities and build relationships that help them move forward.

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The gathering comes as Austin's workforce navigates rapid changes in hiring and work practices along with the growing influence of AI.

Against this backdrop, the Conference will offer inspiration, practical tools and fresh perspectives for navigating change, while reinforcing the value of a longstanding community that helps women move forward together.

"Texas has always been a place of opportunity, reinvention and possibility," said Tamara Fields, president of the board of the Texas Conference for Women and U.S. Public Service State of Texas Client Account Lead and Austin Office Managing Director for Accenture.



“The fact that more than 9,000 women are once again coming together for this nonpartisan, nonprofit event reflects a desire to learn, connect and help one another move forward. We’re excited to help them gain practical ideas, fresh energy and greater confidence in what they can do next.”

Keynote speakers will include:

- Actress, producer, and director **America Ferrera**,
- *New York Times* bestselling author and award-winning journalist **Hoda Kotb**,
- Two-time Team USA rugby Olympian and Olympic bronze medalist **Ilona Maher**,
- Bestselling author, Peloton instructor and Nike athlete **Tunde Oyenein**, and
- Entrepreneur and bestselling author **Codie Sanchez**.

More than 40 of the nation’s top experts will address the opportunities and challenges people are encountering in today’s workplace. Sessions will explore how to:

- Reinvent a career in a nonlinear world,
- Lead through restructuring, AI integration and shifting priorities,
- Manage up, down and across complex organizations,
- Build connection and reduce leadership isolation,
- Gain greater visibility at work,
- Regulate emotions in high-pressure situations,
- Find purpose amid uncertainty, and
- Sustain performance and wellbeing as responsibilities expand.

The Texas Conference for Women is proud of its longstanding relationship with Presenting Sponsor Liberty Mutual.

“There’s real power in bringing people together to learn from one another, challenge their thinking and build connections that can shape what comes next,” said Melanie Foley, Chief People, Purpose and Brand Officer at Liberty Mutual Insurance. “That’s what makes the Texas Conference for Women such a meaningful experience year after year. Through our ongoing support, we’re helping people gain new perspectives, build their networks and carry that momentum forward.”

Community will be woven throughout the day with opportunities to connect across industries, participate in interactive experiences, and meet authors. The day will conclude with a networking gathering on the Moody Center arena floor designed to help people deepen conversations and build lasting professional relationships.



The Texas Conference for Women will take place Monday, Oct. 5, 2026, at the Moody Center, 2001 Robert Dedman Drive in Austin. Limited tickets remain. Registration and the complete agenda are available at <https://www.conferencesforwomen.org/tx/>.

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