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NAWBO Chicago Empowers Women Business Owners Through Community



By Melissa Lagowski
NAWBO Chicago Executive Director,
Founder & CEO of
Big Buzz Idea Group

Women helping women in the business world fosters a culture of equality, diversity and empowerment, which benefits not just female entrepreneurs, but society and the economy at large. At the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) Chicago Chapter, the mission is to propel women entrepreneurs into economic, social and political spheres of power worldwide. And every step taken to achieve that vision is reflected in the data.

According to NAWBO National, more than 14 million businesses are owned by women. Those businesses generate \$2.7 trillion in sales and employ 12

million people.

Angie Noll, NAWBO Chicago President and principal of Reconciled Solutions, said the biggest impact on fellow women business owners simply comes from being encouraging and authentic.

“I have been most inspired by other women business owners who were not afraid to share their flaws and mistakes. Claiming ownership to both our successes and our scars is empowerment in action, we can pay it forward by participating in a safe community like NAWBO Chicago. We are each validated and bolstered in strength by engaging in the heartfelt exchange of both flubs and triumph. This is a heroine’s journey,” Noll said.

Mastermind groups is a member benefit that provides women business owners the time to connect on a regular basis with the same group of like-minded entrepreneurs. This confidential space is meant to share wins, failures, seek input and new ideas.

NAWBO Chicago member Mary Lawrence, president of Richards Graphic Communications, said creating the type

of tightknit community built through a Mastermind allows women to feel support.

“The most rewarding aspect of helping other women succeed in business is the empowerment and sense of community it fosters. When you support another woman in achieving her goals, it’s not just about her success – it’s about creating a ripple effect that extends to families, communities, and even entire industries,” Lawrence said. “When another woman succeeds in business, I think it is a victory for all because it contributes to a broader shift toward equality, representation, and collective progress as a society.”

NAWBO Chicago Immediate Past President Cheryl Vargas, founder and creative-in-chief of Studio 928, said being in the position of a mentor is especially rewarding.

“One memorable experience I had was at a networking event where I met an inspiring woman navigating her own business journey. I’ve always believed in the power of collaboration and the importance of sharing resources and opportunities. Each



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of us walks a unique path, filled with discoveries and challenges, and it was a true joy to be able to support her in her aspirations,” Vargas said. “Witnessing her progress brought a profound sense of fulfillment, knowing that I played a small part in helping her move closer to her dreams. We created a bond through this experience as sister business owners.”

NAWBO National is honoring 49 years of impact and will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2025. Secure a seat at the table and join NAWBO Chicago today. Visit nawbo.org/chicago/membership for more information.



NAWBO Chicago is devoted to supporting female CEOs in the growth of their businesses through resource sharing, forging relationships with fellow CEOs and leadership development.

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Preeti embodies the six core values of Kiddie Academy - Integrity, Relationships, Responsibility, Curiosity, Passion, and Impact - in everything she does. Her integrity shines in her unwavering commitment to excellence.

Her ability to foster relationships has built strong, lasting connections within her schools and community. Her passion for education is the foundation of her success.



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A passionate advocate for meaningful connections and positive influence, Gregg-Brooke is dedicated to fostering growth and collaboration within her community.

Throughout her career, she has led with intention, inspired others, and nurtured meaningful relationships.



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Bonnie Lane is a graduate of National Louis University with a master's degree in developmental psychology, counseling psychology and special education. She is also a certified mediator and domestic violence counselor.

In addition to serving families, Bonnie is active in the community and in advocating for legislation in support of those with mental illness. Twice a month, she hosts a free support group for families and also runs a "boot camp" for families whose children are heading for college with a mental illness.

Families and loved ones are grateful for all she does.



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Jessica Medrano is a dedicated and passionate leader and owner of RJ O'Neil Mechanical Contractors. Her journey into the construction industry began while attending Waubensee Community College, where the constant buzz of construction around her sparked an enduring curiosity.

Under Jessica's ownership, the company has grown in reputation and scope, solidifying its status as a reliable provider of essential HVAC-R, Plumbing and Piping services.

Her leadership has been instrumental in ensuring their growth while maintaining a strong focus on customer satisfaction.



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Jennifer Prell has been working to help others since 2003, when she started her first company, focusing on specialty moves. It was in 2006, after watching families go through huge amounts of stress try to help loved ones, that she began guiding older adults and families navigate senior housing, care, benefits, and supportive services available to them.

As a connector, she has met thousands of people and has built lasting relationships through networking groups, senior programs and educational groups.

Jennifer has created many companies to help others throughout her career and finds joy in seeing others succeed.



HELENA TRACHTENBERG
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Helena Trachtenberg is an attorney that has dedicated her professional practice to family law and to guiding couples through the complexities of marital dissolution, family law decision and prenuptial agreements.

She mentors young legal professionals from associates, law clerks and interns within their office. In addition, Helena is routinely appointed by the courts in Cook County and Lake County on behalf of minor children to serve as a Child's Representative and Guardian Ad Litem.

Helena enjoys working with clients and developing strategies tailored to achieve their goals.



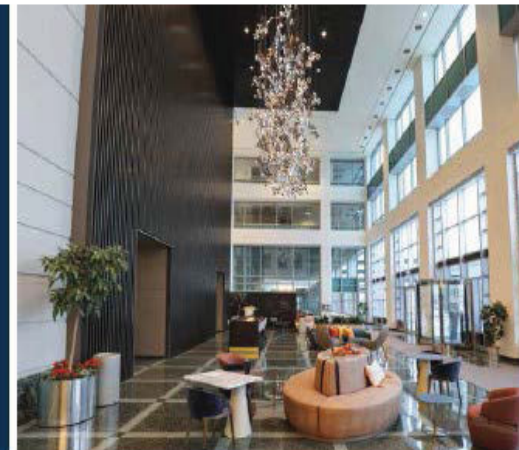
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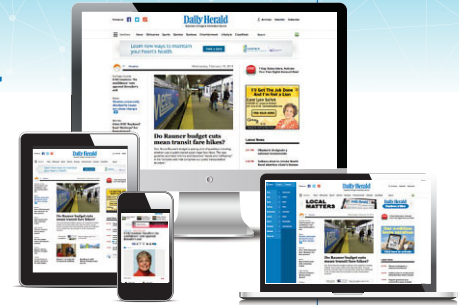
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