

POWER President, Selected as Visionary Delegate for Vision 2020

Congratulations!



Deirdre Joy Smith, Founder and President of POWER: Opening Doors for Women was selected as a Visionary Delegate for Vision 2020: An American Conversation about Women and Leadership™; a project of Drexel University College of Medicine's institute for Women's Health and Leadership.

Vision 2020 will bring 102 delegates representing the United States and the District of Columbia to the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, October 21-22. The delegates will draft the Declaration of Equality, Vision 2020's 10-year action agenda. Vision 2020 takes on the unfinished business of the suffragists by inspiring new generations of women to shape what we (Click for Bio.) we value as a nation. At the heart of what the suffragists believed is that participation in democracy is essential to social, economic, educational and political equality.

Deirdre is one of 13 women who were selected out of 1,000 nominations to be given the special designation as Visionary Delegate. The distinguishing characteristic of the visionary delegate is to advise and assist the National Delegates by connecting them to organizations and resources that will assist in the implementation of the Declaration of Equality in their various states. Visionary delegates serve a three-year term.

The national conversation will cover the following eight topics:

- Arts & Culture
- Business, Law & Finance
- Communications & Media
- Education
- Politics & Government
- Health
- Philanthropy, Faith & Volunteerism
- Science, Technology & Engineering

The national delegates from Illinois are Connie Lindsey, Executive Vice President, Northern Trust and National Board President, Girl Scouts USA and Nuria Fernandez, Vice President, CH2M Hill.

For more information about Vision 2020 and to learn about the delegates from your state, [click here](#).