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## **12-12-2012 - 2020 Women on Boards hosts luncheon events in Boston**

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Be part of the national conversation on gender diversity in U.S. corporate boardrooms on December 12th, when 2020 Women on Boards hosts luncheon events nationwide.

Join them to share ideas, strengthen and grow the network of champions for more women on boards, and change business for the better. These events will promote the work being done to increase the number of women on U.S. company boards and raise awareness and funding for the 2020 Women on Boards campaign.

Register to attend one of the two lunches in the city at Simmons College and Babson College for an expert panel discussion with industry leaders and sitting board members.

"Companies with a strong proportion of women on their Boards of Directors perform better - it's just that simple. Consistently, research finds that companies with women on their boards have higher returns on equity, lower relative debt levels, higher stock valuation and higher average growth" said Stephanie Sonnabend, Chair and Co-Founder of 2020 Women on Boards.

Simmons College Moderator: Helen Drinan, president of Simmons College and board member at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mass.; Roslyn Watson, president of Watson Ventures and board member at Hydro One Inc., American Express Centurion Bank and Dreyfus High Yield Strategies Fund; Joanna Lau, Founder and CEO of LAU Technologies and board member at DSW and ITT Education Service; Carolee Friedlander, CEO of AccessCircles and board member at DSW Inc.

Babson's Center for Women's Entrepreneurial Leadership Satellite Campus speakers: Stephanie Sonnabend, president of Sonesta International Hotels Resorts Suites and co-founder and chair of 2020 Women on Boards; Karen Kaplan, president of Hill Holiday, chairman of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, and president of the Massachusetts Women's Forum.

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