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## **Real Estate Finance Association program highlights - Annual golf tournament and gala save-the-dates**

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Boston, MA On Wednesday, March 1, REFA held its first Women's Seminar program of the year at the Union Club Boston featuring speaker Alyssa Dver, co-founder of the American Confidence Institute. This program, followed by a book signing and networking reception, focused on learning and building techniques to help boost every-day confidence. The presentation took place at 4:00 p.m., and there were over 50 women in attendance.

Formed in 2015, REFA's Women's programs are held throughout the year for women to hear from prominent female leaders and discuss challenges they face as women in the industry.

Shown (from left) are: Erin Channel, Brookline Bank; Natalie Herald, Fidelity Investments; Hayley Suminski, KeyBank Real Estate Capital; Claudia Piper, Webster Bank and Martha Nay, HFF at REFA's Women's Seminar on March 1.

National Real Estate Conference Highlights was the topic of discussion for REFA's first Quarterly Education program which took place on March 9 at 100 High St. This program included a panel of industry leaders who shared their take-aways and outlook from the real estate conferences that have been taking place over the past couple of months, as well as what highlights and trends they have been seeing from a national level. Panelists for this program included Moderator Paul Nasser, CFO & COO, Intercontinental Real Estate Corp., 2017 REFA president and speakers Alan Suzuki, Director, HFF; Nat Heald, executive vice president, JLL; Brian Butler, senior managing director, Newmark Grubb Knight Frank; Biria St. John, vice chairman/partner, CBRE/New England.

Save The Dates:

This year's Annual REFA Charitable Golf Tournament will be taking place on Monday, July 24 at the Dedham Country and Polo Club.

The Annual REFA Gala will be held on Wednesday, October 4 at the Westin Copley Place.

REFA hosts close to 40 programs and events per year with the help of its Committees. Interested in helping develop and shape a program while networking with other REFA Members? If so, we encourage committee participation. There are several committees to choose from, including: the annual events committee, emerging leaders committee, refa committee, membership committee, programs committee and the strategic programming committee.

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