



# Celebrating Women's *Firsts!*



**20** WOMEN'S fund  
*— fundraiser —*  
**23** luncheon

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*Pave the Way for Women and Girls!*

**Thursday, September 7, 2023**

10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Visit Grant Recipient Displays
10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Issue Spotlight Panel Discussion
10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Luncheon Check-In & Social Designer Purse Raffle
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Luncheon & Program
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	<i>New this year!</i> Networking opportunity in the hallway outside the ballroom

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**Hilton Paper Valley Hotel** 333 W. College Avenue, Appleton  
\$75/person | \$750/table of 10

Reserve your seat by mail, phone or online.

**920.702.7661 | [womensfundfvr.org](http://womensfundfvr.org)**

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Registration deadline is September 1 or until sold out.

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!**

Reservations are non-refundable.

**Featured on the cover (left - right, top - bottom):** Sally Ride - first American woman in space, Marie Curie - first woman to win a Nobel Prize, Charlotte Cooper - first individual Olympic gold medalist, Kamala Harris - first female Vice President of the United States, Amelia Earhart - first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic, Aretha Franklin - first woman inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Harriet Tubman - first woman to lead a major military operation in the United States, Regina Jonas - first woman to be an ordained Rabbi, and Katherine Switzer - first woman to officially run the Boston Marathon.

Proceeds from the Women's Fund for the Fox Valley Region's largest fundraiser of the year directly impacts women in our community, allowing us to continue to invest in women and girls through grants, advocacy, education and strategic initiatives.





# Featured Speaker

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## Laurie A. Carter

### EMBRACING AND MAKING A CAREER OF FIRSTS



Laurie A. Carter joined Lawrence University as its 17th president in 2021, making her the first female person of color to be president of the university.

Laurie's dedication to continuing the ever-changing higher education landscape is supported by more than 30 years of leadership experience in higher education.

Her accomplishment of being the first female person of color president is not her only first. Born in New Jersey, Laurie was a first-generation college student and would go on to be the first African-American woman to serve as director of residence life at Fairleigh Dickson University, the first African-American vice president at The Julliard School, and the first woman and African-American to serve as president of Shippensburg University.

Laurie continues to be a strong advocate for higher education through her service on various boards and committees throughout our community and country. We couldn't be more excited to hear her story!

## Issue Spotlight

### Women First

10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Join us for a panel discussion before the luncheon and be inspired when you hear from three local women who were the first of their kind in their position. Joining us is the first female City of Appleton Chief of Police Polly Olson, the first Latina Judge in Outagamie County Yaidra Rein, and the first Intercultural Relations Coordinator for the City of Appleton Dr. Pam Her.

Learn how about the challenges they faced as they broke the glass ceiling and thrived as they paved the way for other women in this panel discussion.





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