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## November 2019 CFW Touchpoints

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## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

WOW – it is already November!

It was truly wonderful to see many of you at homecoming. We had a great social event on a lovely Friday afternoon, a champagne welcome to new members and a time to catch up with fellow women. We are now moving into the full swing of the school year, and with that, the Council for IWU Women is in full swing preparing for the 2020 Summit.

My ask is that you join our **Nov. 20** conference call to learn more about the weekend plans and that you consider ways you can be a part of the weekend.

As we move towards Thanksgiving, I just want to personally express how much I appreciate each of you. CFW has meant so much to me over the past years. I cherish all that each of you give to the school, students, faculty/staff and each other.

We are a strong and vibrant team!

*- Marilyn Graves '79*



## SAVE THE DATE

- 11.13.19 | Titan Mixer - St. Louis  
5-8 p.m. @  
Up-Down Arcade Bar
- 12.4.19 | Titan Mixer - Minority Alumni  
5-8 p.m. @ Persona  
Chicago
- 1.26.20 | Titan Connection - Arizona  
12:30 - 3 p.m.  
McCormick Ranch Golf Club,  
Scottsdale
- 2.21-22.20 | CFW annual on-campus  
event
- 3.8.20 | Titan Connection - Naples, FL  
Stonebridge Country Club  
3-5 p.m.
- 4.9.20 | All in for Wesleyan

SAVE THE DATE



CFW Conference Call  
Wednesday, Nov. 20  
7 p.m. CT

# COMMITTEE UPDATES

**Engagement Committee:** The theme for our 2020 Women's Summit is Sharing Truths. Each of us has different perspectives, depending on experiences, passions and stages of life. These differences provide us with the opportunity to share lessons learned and to help each other as we journey through life.

As you may be noticing, we are using the title "2020 Women's Summit." We have received so many great suggestions for a new title that the Executive Committee felt it was appropriate to have a group vote on the final title that we use for 2021 and forward. To that end; during our CFW session in February we will present titles for a final vote.

Session planning is currently underway and we are excited to share a few of them with you:

- Join us for the Friday luncheon to hear from Interim President Georgia Nugent.
- Plan to share time and space with IWU women faculty over wine and cheese.
- Enjoy activities provided by our Mentoring Committee (see update below).
- Share truths with other women in The Lounge - back by popular demand!
- Support our students in the Blo-No Polar Plunge on Saturday morning.

**Mentoring Committee:** The committee held a successful CFW Book Discussion on Oct 22nd. We had a small, yet mighty, group participate in a wonderful discussion on the book *Educated* by Tara Westover. We utilized Google Classroom as the venue for our digital discussion, and it was a hit! Stay tuned for an announcement about our next digital book discussion this spring.

The committee is also currently planning two exciting activities for the Women's Summit. The first activity will be an alumna-to-alumna discussion with a theme along the lines of "myths and truths about being a women" (in the workforce, as a parent, etc.) The second activity will be alumna and students competition - Fact or Fiction about IWU, CFW, women's history, etc. We are in the early planning stages so if you have ideas or would like to help, please let us know.

Finally, we have "Adopt a Student Organization" sign-ups ongoing. Think about a student organization that you may want to mentor (<https://php.iwu.edu/clubs>), and fill in this sign up sheet: <http://bit.ly/studentorgcfw>

## 2019 NEW CFW MEMBERS

We're thrilled to announce the newest members of the Council for Women. Please join us in welcoming them!

- Gabriela Bantas, class of 2021
- Jessica Bondalapati, class of 2011
- Paige Buschman, class of 2017
- Kristina Dehlin, class of 2016
- Jordan Diehl Mann, class of 2012
- Jessica Frieburg, class of 2004
- Annika Fuller, class of 2020
- Erin Howes, class of 2012
- Erin Milligan, class of 2004
- Cynthia Perrine, class of 1988
- Linda Ruan, class of 2011
- Sue Seibring, class of 1982
- Rachel Slough-Johnson, class of 2007
- Tamara Snevely, class of 2020
- Alani Sweezy, class of 2019
- Lizette Toto, class of 2021
- Kimberly Wenger, class of 2017
- Amanda Wesche, class of 2020
- Blair Wright, class of 2015

## ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT SURVEY



In an effort to better connect with valued alumni, the Office of Alumni Engagement has created an alumni survey to gather your feedback about engagement opportunities at IWU. Your responses are very important as they will inform decisions for future programming. IWU is reviewing current and future engagement opportunities based on four key areas: Experience, Communications, Volunteerism, and Philanthropy. Click here to take the survey: <https://bit.ly/32wXYeX>