

2005 American Issues Forum

The Year Ahead

Session I – Denver, Colorado

April 17-20

Session II – Washington, DC

June 26-29

Session III – Chicago, Illinois

September 18-21

Note: Each 2005 Session will begin promptly at 1 pm on Sunday and conclude at Noon on Wednesday.

Through its annual *American Issues Forum*, Leadership America uniquely distinguishes itself as the premier national women's program specifically dedicated to exploring the most provocative and impacting issues of the day.

Throughout your yearlong experience, which you will share with other women of accomplishment and achievement, you will expand your awareness of key issues facing America's private and public sectors, connecting local realities to national interests in the context of ever-changing global forces.

Through dialogue and debate, panel discussions and site visits, you will be inspired by leaders from all walks of life with both similar and divergent interests as you step ahead of the latest trends and add to your own ability to impact positive change.

As a participant, you will travel to three distinctly different American cities, each serving as the backdrop against which compelling successes and challenges of national and international significance are explored. Each of the three agendas is designed to give you access to leaders, new food for thought, and exemplary programs you may find useful in your own circles of influence.

Each city agenda will also include an interactive skills session designed to enhance your capabilities as a 21st century leader. Through expanded networks, leading-edge knowledge, and skills enhancement, you will add to the resources and support that you need to help fulfill your own leadership vision.

Themes now in development throughout 2005 are listed below. In response to timely issues and changing opportunities, topics and skills sessions may be subject to ongoing revision.

The Changing Face of America:

From aging baby boomers to a burgeoning minority population, America's shifting demographics are altering the business and cultural landscape.

As a participant, you will explore potential impacts on society and efforts to balance expectations from cradle to grave for everything from healthcare and education to economic development and retirement.

Through presentations, dialogue, onsite experiences and in-depth discussions, you will learn how to maximize the opportunities and overcome the challenges facing American businesses, communities, families and individuals.

Briefings from the Cutting Edge of Innovation and Invention:

A glimpse into the future, showcasing the latest in thinking, research & development and breakthrough technologies to help us live longer, feel better, work faster, compete globally, maximize resources and more.

21st Century Leadership Enhancement:

Interactive skills discussions will include:

- Leadership as a Habit of Mind
- Communicating Across Diversity
- Taking Inspiration into Action