



Speak Out - Thanks for Saving the Date!

Kindly RSVP to Nicole.folwell@calgarygirlsschool.com by 4:30 pm March 12

See you on Thursday, March 15

Lakeview School Learning Commons

Agenda

- 6:00 pm Arrival & name tags. Self-serve light supper available. Mix and mingle.
- 6:30 pm Opening & Welcome from Board Chair – Natalya Nicholson
 - Distinguished Panelists (Audience question/response following presentations)
- 7:30 pm Community Engagement – Facilitator Margo Purcell from *Open to Possibilities*
 - World Café Rounds (small group conversations in response to key questions)
- 8:20 pm Summary Sharing and What's Next
- 8:35 pm Wrap Up

Our Panelists:

Patricia McLeod, Q.C. is a lawyer and corporate director with extensive legal and governance experience in the areas of corporate/commercial, compliance and securities law, corporate strategy, privacy, ethics, sustainability and social responsibility, and board governance. Patricia has an MBA from Queen's University, is a Certified Compliance and Ethics Professional and a graduate of the Institute of Corporate Directors accredited directors program. She was appointed as Queen's Counsel in 2014 and to the Alberta Order of Excellence Council in 2015. She is currently the Chair of the Board of Directors of Calgary Co-op and is also a board director of Bradley Air Services Ltd., Alberta Innovates and the Beverage Container Management Board. She is past Chair of the YWCA and past Vice Chair of the Board of Calgary Economic Development.

Dr. Jo-Anne Brown is currently an associate professor in Physics & Astronomy, at the University of Calgary. Her path to this position was highly non-linear. After graduating from high school in Lethbridge, she did a BSc in Physics at the University of Alberta, followed by an MSc in Electrical Engineering at Queen's University in Kingston. She then accepted a position as a hardware designer at Nortel Networks in Ottawa. She worked at Nortel for almost 3 years, before returning to school to do a PhD in Astrophysics at UC, for which won the national thesis prize in astronomy and astrophysics in Canada (the second woman to do so in the history of the award). While her research is focused on Radio Astronomy and Galactic magnetism, she also studies psychology and trains in karate. She continually endeavours to balance life between her work, being a mom, and remembering to play outside as often as possible.

Esmahan Razavi is a mediator who specializes in the resolution of civil, corporate and family disputes. She understands the value of listening to all sides and creating solutions through collaboration. Esmahan co-founded *Ask Her*, a multi-partisan, nonprofit with a mission to increase the participation of women in municipal politics. She ran in Ward 6 during the 2017 municipal elections. Esmahan also founded *Ahlain*, an information service for newcomers to Canada. She engages in pro-bono mediations for neighborhood disputes for Community Mediation Calgary Society. She is the loving owner of a 7-year-old Pomeranian named Mia.