



2016-17 Women's Leadership Institute (WLI)

Participant Expectations

Congratulations on your selection as a participant in the 2016-17 **Women's Leadership Institute (WLI)**. You will join approximately 40 other professional women from our 21 Consortium institutions. You can learn more about the Women's Leadership Institute and the Consortium at www.wnycollegeconnection.com/wny-consortium-of-higher-education. Your leadership strengths and your potential to advance at your institution makes you an excellent candidate for this program.

The Steering Committee wants to do everything we can to assist you in obtaining maximum value from your participation in WLI. The committee has developed the following set of expectations for WLI participants derived from our observations of those who seem to gain the most from the program:

- Give yourself permission to leave your work behind and truly engage in the sessions. A WLI session is not just one more meeting in the day...it's your professional development.
- Leave your cell phone in your purse/briefcase and mute it to avoid distracting yourself and other participants.
- Attend all sessions. Remember, a significant fee is paid for your participation in WLI.
- Arrive on time and stay through the end of each session. Your time is valuable and we promise not to waste it. Remember, our counts for refreshments and materials are based on your being in attendance.
- Allow yourself plenty of travel time so that you can arrive, park and get settled at least a few minutes before the scheduled start time. We encourage you to carpool when possible. You'll be surprised how well you'll get to know your colleagues and how helpful that will be in the future.
- Make sure you are fully engaged in the group work. This is an outstanding opportunity to build your network and to engage a wider audience on topics critical to their development.
- Have fun, ask questions, and continue your development beyond sessions by enhancing your professional network with your classmates.
- If you must miss a session, please provide notice to your steering committee representative as soon as possible.

We look forward to getting to know you and working with you to advance your development, achieve your goals, and enhance the leadership at our campuses across Western New York.

Sincerely,

The Women's Leadership Institute Steering Committee