

## **Academy for Women Leaders**

2025-2026 Program Overview

## Theme: Leading with Courage, Influencing with Integrity, and Speaking with Power

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Location & Schedule	Focus Areas
Loews Chicago O'Hare 5300 N. River Road, Chicago. IL  October 6, 2025  Travel Day and Informal Social  October 7, 2025  Morning and Afternoon Sessions Breakfast, Lunch provided onsite Group Dinner offsite  October 8, 2025  Morning Session, ends by Noon Breakfast provided onsite	Empowered Women Shaping the Future with Purpose and Passion  • Day 1: Identity, Courage, and Influence • Day 2: Storytelling & Commitment
November 13, 2025  • 2:00- 3:30 PM Eastern Time  • Zoom Meeting	Leading with Courage: Step into bold leadership by navigating change, making tough decisions, and taking value-driven risks.
Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO  • December 4, 2025  • Annual Conference & Expo  • In-Person Networking Lunch	Leading with Purpose: Crafting your journey through reflection and authentic connections
January 2026 ● No Academy Meeting	
February 2, 2026  • 2:00- 3:30 PM Eastern Time  • Zoom Meeting	Influence with Integrity: Strengthen your impact by building trust, fostering collaboration, and guiding others without relying on positional authority.
Hilton Pennywell St. Louis at the Arch 400 Olive St., St. Louis, MO  • March 9, 2026  • Travel Day and Informal Social • March 10, 2026  • Morning and Afternoon Sessions  • Breakfast, Lunch provided onsite  • Group Dinner offsite  • March 11, 2026  • Morning Session, ends by Noon  • Breakfast provided onsite	Speak with Power: Strengthen your communication presence and practice powerful language, framing, and delivery.
April 29, 2026	Integrating Courage, Integrity, and Power: Apply the experiences to complex, adaptive, real-world ESA challenges and opportunities.