

2026 Women in Leadership Conference



Long Beach, Feb 03-04
Hyatt Regency

Develop essential leadership skills, build lasting relationships, and learn alongside dynamic leaders from across California's school business community.

Whether you're a seasoned executive or an emerging leader, this conference will equip you with the tools to unlock your full potential.

TUESDAY — FEBRUARY 3, 2026

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| 2:00 – 3:00 pm | Arrive, Register and Network |
| 3:00 – 3:15 pm | Welcome and Help Others Rise to Elevate Your Leadership with Aaron Heinz |
| 3:15 – 3:45 pm | Find Strength to Career Climb with Tatia Davenport |
| 3:45 – 4:15 pm | Difficult Leadership Lessons with Megan Reilly, and sponsors |
| 4:15 – 5:30 pm | Coaching Others...a Leadership Competency with Jen Lewi, Founder of Design Your Next Step Coaching and former School Nutrition Association Vice President |
| 6:00 – 6:45 pm | Mind Unwind...Serenity and Sounds for the Leadership Journey |
| 7:00 – 8:00 pm | Professional Networking and Dinner |

WEDNESDAY — FEBRUARY 4, 2026

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| 7:30 – 8:00 am | Healthy Start Breakfast |
| 8:00 – 9:15 am | <i>Breakouts:</i>
Perceptions and Performance: HR Issues with Gina Lance
<i>OR</i>
Dynamics to Love Your Work with Michelle Howe-Kelton and Marley Nelms |
| 9:30 – 10:00 am | Designing School Business Career Roadmaps with Tracy Petrillo |
| 10:15 – 11:45 am | Black Belt Leadership with Jenn Cassetta, high performance coach, author and podcast host of <i>The Art of Badassery: Unleash Your Mojo with Wisdom of the Dojo</i> |
| 11:45 – 12:30 pm | Lunch and Lead |
| 1:00 – 2:00 pm | Find Your Leadership Level |
| 2:00 – 2:30 pm | Closing Remarks with Tatia Davenport and Aaron Heinz |

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