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Nov. 4 keynote speaker breaks barriers in baseball and beyond

MILWAUKEE (September 9, 2021) – As the first female and Hispanic owner of a major league baseball team, Linda Alvarado takes a strong stance on defying convention.

Her speech on Thursday, Nov. 4, "Breaking Barriers," is part of Voices of Leadership, an event bringing together and engaging Milwaukee's professional community around topics and ideas that underscore the mission of Mount Mary University. It will be held from 8 to 10 a.m. in the Alumnae Dining Room on campus. [Registration is now open.](#)

In addition to her ownership of the Colorado Rockies, Alvarado is founder, president and CEO of one of the fastest growing commercial general contracting companies in the nation.

"Alvarado broke societal standards and has set the stage for many women to follow," said Executive Director of Mount Mary's Women's Leadership Institute Anne Kahl.

Alvarado's numerous awards include:

- Named in Hispanic Business Magazine as one of the 100 Most Influential Hispanics in America
- Inducted in the National Women's Hall of Fame in 2003 and recipient of the Horatio Alger Award
- Voted by viewers as the "Most Inspiring American Latino" for the American Latino Television Award in 2009
- Honored along with US Attorney General, Janet Reno, and Maya Angelou as a recipient of the prestigious Sara Lee Corporation Frontrunner Award for exemplary achievement and leadership.

The keynote will be followed by a question-and-answer session moderated by Sandra Dempsey, founder of Estamos Unidos US, a bilingual Spanish-English multi-platform company for Latinos in Milwaukee and surrounding areas.

Since 2013, Voices of Leadership has fostered conversations with women leaders who have broken ground in entrepreneurship, innovation, social change, and leadership. This speaker series fosters conversations with leaders from all walks of life to inspire community partners and students.

Past presenters include author Nilofer Merchant; activist Jessica Shortall; Julia Landauer, a NASCAR champion; Malala Fund co-founder Shiza Shahid; fashion model, designer, activist, social innovator, and entrepreneur Lauren Bush Lauren; Betsy Myers, White House advisor to former President Barack Obama; media executive and former SoulPancake CEO Shabnam Mogharabi.

Sponsors for this year's Voices of Leadership event include Aurora Health Care, Johnson Controls, Baird, Chr. Hansen, Marsh & McLennan Agency, Zimmerman Architectural Studios, Virginia Cornyn '62, Nancy Cheski '65, VJS Construction Services and the Milwaukee Business Journal.

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