



2019 WELD Columbus Emerging Professionals' Series February



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Meet our **2019 Women WELDing the Way®!** These women have earned their accomplishments and their seat at the table. They have learned how to own their power and influence and use them. Their stories of leadership and impact will inspire you as they have inspired the many men and women who know them.

February 6, 2019
Wednesday

Networking
5:30pm-6:00pm

Program
6:00pm-7:30pm

GBQ Partners LLC
230 West Street
Suite #700
Columbus, Ohio 43215

- Registration Fees -
Member: \$30
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How to Stand Out – In a Positive Way!

We've often been told to "blend in," "conform" and "don't make waves" in the business environment and save what is uniquely you for after business hours. Yet, it is our unique qualities and experiences that improve team performance and result in better decisions. Join WELD for an interactive panel discussion moderated by 2019 WELD calendar committee co-chair, **Jennifer Borer, Manager, Communications, Store Operations, Big Lots, Inc.** that will feature our very first honoree panel discussion. 2019 Women WELDing the Way® honorees participating will be:

- **Dr. Laura Espy-Bell**, Associate Medical Director – Attending Physician, Mid-Ohio Emergency Services
- **Unhee Kim**, President & COO, Mount Carmel St. Ann's
- **Denise Robinson**, President and CEO, Alvis
- **Stella Villalba**, ELL Coach, Dublin City Schools

Attendees will learn:

- The key traits of successful stand-out leaders
- Quick tips to make their voices and ideas heard around the business table to deliver positive impact
- Strategies to build influence and use it "to make waves" in constructive ways

Registration closes at noon on January 31st! Late fees apply after registration closes. Contact Mindy Koenig at mkoenig@weldoh.org if you have questions.

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About Our Moderator...



Jennifer Borer
Manager, Communications, Store Operations
Big Lots, Inc.

A music education major, **Jennifer Borer** never planned for a career in retail. Working for a company she love makes it more than just okay to have changed her path along the way. Jennifer has been with Big Lots for 4 ½ years. She truly enjoys the work that she does and the teams she engages with on a daily basis. The values of the company align with her own and she owes so many worthwhile connections to Big Lots, including WELD.

Jennifer has worked for several retailers in various capacities – Bed Bath & Beyond, Dick’s Sporting Goods, TJX, American Eagle, but none have quite impacted her like Big Lots. She is inspired to serve the community in which she lives and her company truly makes it easy to do so. Jennifer tracks her community impact through their volunteer portal – she has served over 400 hours in the past two years! WELD scoops up the majority of that time but she tries to make it a priority to serve at local shelters such as Van Buren and the YWCA as well as Nationwide Children’s Hospital and Flying Horse Farms. She recently had the privilege of helping a young FHF camper discover his booger under a microscope for the first time. His seven year old description...“fascinating”!



Jennifer achieved a major milestone by becoming a certified instructor in barre3 in August 2017, engaged intensively in the field for over 3 ½ years. She describes this as a life-changing experience as she quickly realized barre3 is not just a workout. It’s a mind-body connection that is transformative, inclusive, and balanced and reinforces the importance of self-care. The time she devotes, whether teaching or taking class, is a dedication to her mental, physical, and spiritual self and she views it as a vital part of who she is today.

About Our Speaker...



Dr. Laura Espy-Bell **Associate Medical Director** **Mid-Ohio Emergency Services**

Laura Espy-Bell, MD, MHA, FACEP is a native of Columbus, Ohio. She is a graduate of Spelman College in Atlanta, GA where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Economics in 2003. Dr. Espy-Bell knew very early in her career, that she wanted to directly touch the lives of individual patients, however also had a strong desire to impact a greater population. As a result, she pursued a career that would afford her the opportunity to pursue both hospital administration and clinical medicine.

Dr. Espy-Bell received her Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2005, and then completed a graduate fellowship in healthcare administration at Emory Healthcare in Atlanta, GA in 2006. Dr. Espy-Bell graduated from The Ohio State University College of Medicine in 2011 and then completed her residency in Emergency Medicine, in 2014. Dr. Espy-Bell choose to specialize in emergency medicine because it gave her the opportunity to affect the most change and live out her life's mission of directly touching the lives of patients in the same community that raised her.



Dr. Espy-Bell has been an active member of the OhioHealth medical staff for the past four years as an Emergency Medicine attending physician with Mid-Ohio Emergency Services (MOES) and has provided quality health care in several OhioHealth emergency departments. More recently, she became the Associate Medical Director of two free standing emergency departments in Obetz, OH and Reynoldsburg, OH in 2017.

Dr. Espy-Bell is also the Medical Director of Community Partnerships at Grant Medical Center where she collaborates with various community organizations to develop and implement strategies to better care for the population that they serve. Dr. Espy-Bell's new role with OhioHealth is System Medical Director of the Clinical Guidance Councils in which she is the physician lead helping to align multiple specialties and service lines within OhioHealth and work toward minimizing unwarranted clinical variation.

Dr. Espy-Bell's passion is centered on leadership, mentorship, diversity, and health disparities. She is an active member of the Physician Diversity Steering Committee, working to increase diversity and promote inclusion among OhioHealth residency programs and medical staff. In addition, she is the co-founder of The Columbus Black Physician's Network, established in 2016, a social/service organization created to promote networking, provide mentorship, and volunteerism among black physicians in the Columbus, OH area.

Over the past three years, Dr. Espy-Bell has been a national representative for the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physician's (ACEP). She completed the Ohio ACEP Leadership Development Academy and OhioHealth Physician Leadership Academy in 2017, and currently involved in the OhioHealth Medical Staff Leadership Development program in an effort to expand her leadership skills. She volunteers in Columbus city schools to exposure students to the medical field and has mentored countless young physicians and aspiring physicians all the while living out her mantra "to reach as I climb." Dr. Espy-Bell was recently selected as one of the honorees for Columbus Business First - Top 40 Under 40 in 2018.

Dr. Espy-Bell is an active member of multiple professional organizations and continually gives back to her community as a member of The Columbus Chapter of The Links, Incorporated through her work as the chair of the Health and Human Services Facet. Dr. Espy-Bell resides in Blacklick, OH with her husband Stephen and three children, Kendall, Jackson, and Ellis Bell.

About Our Speaker...



Unhee Kim
President & COO
Mount Carmel St. Ann's

Unhee Kim is a Healthcare Executive experienced in hospital and system leadership, service line management, and strategic business development. Unhee began her career as a Registered Nurse at University Hospitals of Cleveland with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Akron and advanced in a variety of leadership roles including Vice President of Operations and Nursing. During this time, she obtained her Masters of Business Administration degree from Cleveland State University.

Unhee was fortunate to be referred to Summa Health System in Akron, Ohio where she served in several executive leadership roles such as System Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer. Her scope of responsibilities during her tenure included hospital operations, system service lines, medical group operations, system ambulatory development, and physician joint venture development. Unhee has been able to combine her passion for patient care and business to advance healthcare improvements and service in Northeast Ohio and now in Central Ohio. Unhee was further blessed to join Mount Carmel Health System in Columbus, Ohio in August 2015. She is the President of Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital, a 389 bed full service regional medical center.

In addition to her enthusiasm for patient care, she also demonstrates her commitment to communities by serving as Board member for the American Heart Association, Columbus division; 2016 Executive Heart Walk Champion for Mount Carmel Health System; and Board member for the Westerville Area Resource Ministry.

In addition, Unhee has special interests in women's issues, social justice, and healthcare disparities. She is also blessed with husband, Vince, and son, Ian.



About Our Speaker...



Denise Robinson **President and CEO** **Alvis**

Denise Robinson is the President and CEO of Alvis, a nonprofit human services agency that has been turning lives around for more than 50 years. Alvis serves individuals and families by providing highly effective reentry treatment programs and by providing substance abuse and mental health treatment services. Alvis also offers services to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities who face difficult challenges as they seek to live an independent life.

Since becoming CEO in 2005, Robinson has grown Alvis at a rapid pace in order to meet the increasing demand for the agency's services. In 2005, Alvis had a \$7 million annual budget. Today, Alvis has a \$33 million budget and a staff of over 600. The agency provides services to over 8,000 men, women, young adults and children each year. Under Robinson's leadership, Alvis has received numerous awards for the high quality of its programs, including the Crystal Eagle Award from the American Correctional Association (ACA), Clifford Skeen Award for Excellence in Communitary Corrections an unprecedented three years in a row (from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction [ODRC]); and named one of the top 5 nonprofits to watch in 2017 by the Columbus Foundation.



Robinson chairs the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections (American Correctional Association [ACA]) and previously served as a Commissioner. Robinson has contributed her expertise to many organizations, including serving on the Advisory Board for Columbus State Community College; being Chair of the Community Corrections Network (International Corrections and Prisons Association [ICPA]); and serving on the Board of the International Community Corrections Association (ICCA), where she is also a Past President. She also serves on Executive Committee of the Franklin County Reentry Coalition; Board of Trustees for LifeCare Alliance; and Franklin County Criminal Justice and Community Corrections Planning Board.

Robinson is a highly recognized, award-winning practitioner and advocate of community-based programs, and as such has been published in numerous professional journals and presented at conferences from Columbus, Ohio to Bangkok, Thailand. Robinson's professionalism, hard work, dedication to the field of corrections, and determination to succeed has earned her respect and admiration across the spectrum of stakeholders. Robinson works with public and private officials on a local, state, national and international level to educate them about community corrections, promote the expansion of behavioral health treatment services, and advocate for programs serving individuals with developmental disabilities.

Robinson's personal professional recognition includes the ER Cass Award from ACA; Margaret Mead Award from ICCA; President's Award from ICPA; Jonathan Jasper Wright Award from the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice; Pillar Award for Community Service; and she is a member of the YWCA-Columbus' Academy of Women of Achievement. Robinson is proud to be a Buckeye, having earned her degree at The Ohio State University.

About Our Speaker...



Stella Villalba
ELL Coach
Dublin City Schools

Stella Villalba, born in Argentina, moved to the United States 17 years ago. Stella holds a Master Degree in Language, Literacy and Culture from The Ohio State University.

Stella has been working with international families for over 20 years, bridging the world of education, literacy and cultural competencies among educators, administrators, students and their families. She has been recognized by The Columbus Council on World Affairs as a Distinguished Educator Nominee.

Stella serves as a Board Member for The Literacy Connection and is serving her first year as an Ambassador for the National Council of English of Teachers. Stella also served as a mentor at The Latina Mentoring Academy for several years. .

Stella's passion for the arts allows her to also be a bridge between the Latino community in Columbus and the art scene in our city.

