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Area Women's Professional Organization Partners with Howard University & Industrial Bank to Present Program Highlighting Experiences of Professionals of Color in the Housing & Finance Industries

Alexandria, VA - A DC professional organization has teamed up with the Howard University School of Business and DC-based Industrial Bank to offer students and young professionals an opportunity to hear from diverse professionals who have made a name for themselves in the housing and finance industries. The event, which will be the evening of October 5 at Howard University School of Business, is organized by Women in Housing & Finance (WHF). It will feature a panel of diverse professionals who will share their paths to prominence in their respective fields, noting both challenges and successes. Attendees will also have the opportunity to network and participate in short mentoring sessions with diverse area professionals in housing and finance.

“WHF is pleased to collaborate with Howard University School of Business and minority-owned Industrial Bank to showcase real-life stories of professionals of color who have achieved in the housing and finance industries,” said Joanna Girardin Shapiro, President of WHF. “Through the program we want to encourage students and young professionals from underrepresented groups to consider how they too can navigate careers in the industry.”

The panel will be moderated by prominent area labor economist Dr. Julianne Malveaux, president and founder of the nonprofit organization Economic Education. Confirmed panelists include Lynne Rowe, Senior Vice President at Industrial Bank, Groveta Gardineer, Senior Deputy Comptroller at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and Lee Stephens, Executive Vice President of Bank of New York Mellon.

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***About WHF:** Women in Housing & Finance is a premiere non-partisan, nonprofit forum for business and policy experts to share their views and insights. Since 1979, WHF has provided outstanding opportunities to learn about housing and financial services developments, network with other professionals in the field, and meet with regulators and other government officials.*

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