WELCOME TO IGNITE’S
ELECTED NETWORK
An invitation from IGNITE’s Founder and President

As a young woman I watched as Anita Hill was eviscerated by an all-male Senate judiciary committee on national television and it changed my life. I realized that without having women in power, our rights were meaningless. Here we are almost 30 years later and we are still nowhere near political parity as a country.

After many years working in the women’s political equity arena I came to realize that to achieve parity we must reach women younger. And so, ten years ago I started IGNITE, to build political ambition when women are forming their identities and aspirations. Since our inception we have established powerful evidence that IGNITE builds political ambition, and that declaring ambition moves young women towards candidacy.

Most important, we have found is that the critical ingredient to our success is you: elected women who can inspire our participants by modeling what leadership looks like.

The time for this work is now. In the history of our democracy, young women have never demonstrated such a widespread and profound impatience with the existing power structures. IGNITE has been deluged by young women across the country who are requesting our programs and training. There has never been a more opportune moment to galvanize young women to step into political leadership and I hope you can join us as a role model to inspire the next generation of women to own their fair share of political power.

Thank you for joining this effort.

Anne Moses
Founder and President, IGNITE National

I was lucky to have strong role models when I ran for office. But, not every young woman has access to that kind of support. IGNITE is critical because it provides tomorrow’s leaders with the mentorship and the skills they need to hit the ground running.

- Congresswoman Nanette Barragan
IGNITE is building a movement of young women who are ready and eager to become the next generation of political leaders.

A nonpartisan 501c3, IGNITE builds political ambition in high school and college-aged young women in their own communities. Our vision is to build a movement of young women who are civically engaged and ready to own their fair share of political power.

IGNITE participants are incredibly diverse. Close to 80% are women of color and the majority are the first in their families to attend college. These are ambitious young women who are positioning themselves for significant leadership in the political, civic and business sectors.

During the 2019-2020 academic year IGNITE will train 10,000+ young women on the ground in communities across the country.

**K-12 CURRICULUM** An interactive curriculum focused on how government works, why gender parity matters, and how to analyze policy. Students build transferable leadership skills and define their call to service. The curriculum is available to license at ignitenational.org/curriculum_purchase.

**YOUNG WOMEN’S POLITICAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES** Regional convenings for young women to network with elected women and participate in sessions on civic engagement, running for office, and policy solutions.

**COLLEGE CHAPTERS** Student-led campus organizations that build political engagement and ambition among college women. A toolkit and webinars guide students to organize chapters on their campuses.

**COLLEGE COUNCIL** Quarterly retreats for politically ambitious college women from campuses across a region that offer intensive policy education, political leadership training, and networking with female electeds.

**FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM** A competitive fellowship for women who plan to run for office. Fellows strengthen their expertise and network with elected women while organizing College Councils and local College Chapters to build political ambition in thousands of young women in their community.

**ALUMNI NETWORK** A network to fuel the political ambition of past participants. Alumni receive ongoing training and a platform to connect with each other and elected women who provide opportunities in the political realm and prepare them for candidacy.
If you can’t see it you can’t be it, which is why role modeling is integral to the IGNITE model. Female elected officials, candidates, and policymakers speak with young women at high schools, on college campuses, and at IGNITE conferences and convenings. Elected women also provide civic and political engagement opportunities in the form of internships, jobs, and invitations to events. Our Elected Network will shape the next generation of political leaders.

IGNITE launches women’s political careers by building political ambition when they are young. We request that you join the IGNITE Elected Network to invest in nurturing the next generation of women leaders, enhancing their skills and opportunities. Thank you so much for your generosity and your commitment to ensuring that young women can follow in your footsteps!

What our members do:

- Speak at an IGNITE event
- Mentor a young woman
- Create internships for IGNITE participants
- Facilitate a college meeting
- Lead a conference session
- Sit on conference panels

And more! Tell us how you can be involved

Have questions?

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To join IGNITE’s Elected Network please complete and return this form. Submit the form to Tierra Stewart.

(1) Email to tierra@ignitenational.org or
(2) Mail to 510 16th St, Oakland, CA 94612

You can find and complete the form online at ignitenational.org/elected_network. Thank you!

NAME: ___________________________ Ms / Mrs / Mr / Other: ___________________________

CITY/STATE: ___________________________

EMAIL: ___________________________

OFFICE HELD OR CURRENTLY HOLDING: ___________________________

TERM: ___________________________

WEBSITE: ___________________________ TWITTER: ___________________________

SOCIAL MEDIA

FACEBOOK: ___________________________ INSTAGRAM: ___________________________

By joining the Network you agree to any or all of the following activities when they coincide with your availability (please check all that you can commit to):

[ ] Listing my name as part of the IGNITE Elected Network
[ ] Attend an IGNITE conference in my region to meet with politically ambitious young women
[ ] Speak to young women at an IGNITE college or high school program
[ ] Join and cross promote IGNITE social media events like facebook live, twitter chats, or webinars around your experience running for or serving in elective office
[ ] Provide testimonial (written or taped) encouraging young women to declare their political ambition
[ ] Granting up to 3 informational interviews to young women across the span of a year
[ ] Tapping into the IGNITE network to source interns or employees in your legislative office or on your campaign
[ ] Other activites that you would be able to commit to: _______________________________________

SIGNATURE: ___________________________ DATE: ___________________________

SUBMITTED BY (Print name): ___________________________

Upon receipt, an IGNITE team member will connect with you to discuss next steps. Thank you!