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Event to galvanize the next generation of women into political leadership

Atlanta, February 7, 2016 -The recent election yielded little to no change in the number of women in office. For those of us who care about political parity, there has never been a more important time to organize. With women holding only 22% of the 500,000 offices across the US we need 140,000 more women in office. That means we need hundreds of thousands of women to run. That is a next generation proposition, and IGNITE is the only national organization reaching young women across the country and providing them with the inspiration, tools and networks to become the next generation of political leaders.

In response to the women’s marches and the growing need for a community wide effort that fills the pipeline with politically ambitious young women, IGNITE and The Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University are teaming up to host a Political Engagement Breakfast from 8:00-9:30 AM on February 15, 2017. Breakfast speakers include Stacey Y. Abrams, House Minority Leader for the Georgia General Assembly and State Representative for the 89th House District and Lynne Riley State Revenue Commissioner. Both will share strategies for supporting young women as the step into political power.

“In this current political climate, young women are waking up and becoming more politically active. Post election IGNITE has heard from thousands of young women from across the United States. They are undaunted, they are hopeful, and they are ready to get to work. IGNITE wants them to know that they should never give up, and that we have their backs.” says Anne Moses, Founder and President of IGNITE.

“In the Andrew Young School, we instill in all our students the value of public service and the importance of good governance. It’s our mission to educate the next generation of young women to run for political office. Women still occupy fewer political positions than men, despite the remarkable gains that we have made.” says Mary Beth Walker, Dean of the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies.

For more information visit: http://www.ignitenational.org/atlanta_political_engagement_breakfast

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About IGNITE

IGNITE is building a national movement to dramatically increase the pool of women who are ready and eager to become the next generation of political leaders. To date we’ve trained over 5,000 young women. As a nonpartisan 501c3, IGNITE builds political ambition in high school and college-aged young women in their own communities. We provide civic education,
exposure to women in political leadership, hands on training and work opportunities, and a peer network of women who support and nurture each other’s aspirations for civic and political leadership.

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About Andrew Young School of Policy Studies

The Andrew Young School and its graduates, students, faculty and staff strengthen communities in Georgia and across the globe through policy research, scholarship, public engagement and the development of leaders.