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AGENDA

8:30 a.m. | Registration with Sponsors and Exhibitors

9:00 a.m. | Welcome and Overview

Ashli Watts, President & CEO, Kentucky Chamber
Kimberly Halbauer, Regional President, Kentucky, Fifth Third Bank

9:15 a.m. | Women Leading Through Crisis

Kathy Stewart O'Nan, Mayor, City of Mayfield, Kentucky
Interviewed by Renee Shaw, Director of Public Affairs and Moderator, Kentucky Educational Television (KET)

10:15 a.m. | Women in Business

Candace McGraw, CEO, Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport
Kimberly Halbauer, Regional President, Kentucky, Fifth Third Bank
Amy Spiller, President, Ohio and Kentucky, Duke Energy
Moderator: Felicia Cummings Smith, Ed.D, President, National Center for Families Learning

11:15 a.m. | Say YES to YOU

Colene Elridge, CEO, Be More Consulting

12:00 p.m.

Luncheon Opening Comments

Ashli Watts, President & CEO, Kentucky Chamber

Luncheon Keynote: Women in Government

The Honorable Kelly Craft, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations

Luncheon and Presentation of the Woman in Leadership Award

The Honorable Elaine Chao, former U.S. Secretary of Labor and former U.S. Secretary of Transportation
Ashli Watts, President & CEO, Kentucky Chamber

1:45 p.m. | Interview with Woman in Leadership Award Winner Elaine Chao

The Honorable Elaine Chao, former U.S. Secretary of Labor and former U.S. Secretary of Transportation
Interviewed by Jennifer Barber, Office Member-in-Charge, Frost Brown Todd LLC

2:30 p.m. | Women in Politics

Rep. Samara Heavrin, State Representative, Commonwealth of Kentucky
Amanda Mays Bledsoe, Council Member, Lexington-Fayette Urban Co. Government
The Honorable Crit Luallen, Former Lieutenant Governor, Commonwealth of Kentucky (invited)
Moderator: Kate Shanks, Senior Vice President of Public Affairs, Kentucky Chamber

3:30 p.m. | Closing Comments

Ashli Watts, President & CEO, Kentucky Chamber

3:35 p.m. | Networking Reception

5:00 p.m.

2nd Annual Women's Summit Concludes

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Tickets

\$199/Non-member
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\$825/Member

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Former U.S. Secretary of Labor and former U.S. Secretary of Transportation

The 2022 Woman in Leadership Award winner Elaine Chao is an inspiring, consequential leader who has served in two cabinet positions: **U. S. Secretary of Labor and U. S. Secretary of Transportation.**

History will record that she is the **first Asian American & Pacific Islander woman to serve in a President's cabinet.** The first Kentuckian to be appointed to the President's cabinet in 56 years, she served 12 years in the cabinet, making her the longest tenured cabinet member since World War II.

Early Life:

Elaine was born overseas and came to America when she was eight years old, not knowing how to speak English. She received her citizenship 11 years later when she was 19 years old. After college, she attended Harvard Business School. In recognition of her life's work to ensure that everyone can access the opportunities in this country, she's been honored with 37 honorary degrees.

Career:

Elaine was initially a banker in the private sector, working as **Vice President** of Syndications at **BankAmerica Capital Markets Group** and at **Citibank.** Beginning her public service as a **White House Fellow,** she was promoted in rapid succession to **Deputy Maritime Administrator, U. S. Department of Transportation; Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission; and, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation.**

As the former Soviet Union imploded, Elaine Chao was asked to serve as **Director** of the **Peace Corps,** where she launched programs in Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia and the former republics of the Soviet Union, including Ukraine.

Following the Peace Corps, Elaine Chao was brought in after a nationwide search of over 600 candidates as the **President and CEO** of **United Way of America** to restore public trust and confidence in an organization buffeted by scandal. By reforming the governance structure and embedding a new culture of accountability and transparency, she led the organization to recovery within four years.

As **Secretary of Labor,** Elaine worked to increase the competitiveness of America's labor force and set new records for workplace health and safety, compensation, and retirement security.

At the **U. S. Department of Transportation,** Secretary Chao focused on safety and productivity; infrastructure investments; and promoting the safe development of new technologies such as autonomous vehicles, drones, commercial space, high speed rail. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Secretary Chao's strong actions kept America's transportation networks safe, open and moving.

Today:

Currently, she's on the board of Kroger and a number of new technology companies in the mobility space. She is also a director on a number of nonprofit boards such as Harvard Business School Board of Dean's Advisors, Harvard Business School Global Advisory Board, Ford's Theater, The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center.

Kentucky is proud to claim her as our own. Elaine Chao lives in Jefferson County. Please visit her website: www.elainechao.com.

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