

Empowering Communities: Celebrating Female Leadership in the Mayors' Partnership for Progress

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As the world celebrates International Women's Day, it's an opportune moment to shine a spotlight on the remarkable women who are leading the charge within the Mayors' Partnership for Progress (MPP). These individuals, with their diverse backgrounds and wealth of experience, exemplify the spirit of innovation, collaboration, and resilience that defines the MPP's mission. Amista Lipot, Tracy Galway, Misty Crosby, and Alyssa Manning stand at the forefront of the MPP, each bringing a unique set of skills and insights to the table.



Amista, working in the public sector for over 20 years and serving as the Executive Director of the MPP for the past five years, brings a wealth of experience in external relations, communications, and organizational development. Her strategic vision and commitment to nonpartisanship have been instrumental in guiding the MPP toward achieving its goals.



Tracy Galway, with over 30 years of experience in public administration, serves as a Senior Project Manager for Member Services within the MPP. Her extensive background in project management, budgeting, and government services has been invaluable in supporting member cities and fostering collaboration across diverse stakeholders. Tracy's dedication to building strong partnerships and promoting effective governance has been a driving force behind the MPP's success.



Misty Crosby, a Visiting Professor and Senior Executive In Residence for Local Government Services at the Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Service, brings a wealth of experience in government administration and nonprofit management. Her 34 years of experience, two of which have been with the MPP, and expertise in relationship building, volunteer management, and organizational leadership have enriched the MPP's initiatives, contributing to the advancement of local governments and communities.



Alyssa Manning, a senior at Ohio University and the Undergraduate Research Scholar for the MPP, brings a fresh perspective with her academic pursuits in war and peace global studies and political science. As a member of the Red Cross Disaster Action Team, a Community Outreach intern at the Ohio Valley International Council, and an international emergency management researcher, Alyssa's passion for making a meaningful impact on disaster response efforts resonates deeply with the MPP's mission of building resilient communities.

As we commemorate International Women's Day, let us celebrate the contributions of these strong female leaders within the Mayors' Partnership for Progress. Their dedication, expertise, and unwavering commitment to driving positive change inspire us all to work towards a more inclusive and equitable future, both within our communities and beyond.

In addition to the dynamic women leading within the Mayors' Partnership for Progress (MPP) organization, there are also seventeen female mayors who are actively engaged in shaping the future of their communities. These mayors bring a wealth of experience, passion, and innovative ideas to their respective roles, further enriching the collaborative efforts within the MPP.

As part of the MPP's ongoing efforts to highlight exemplary leadership within its member cities, Mayor Spotlights featuring Mayor Renner and Mayor Lyle offer insightful glimpses into their

leadership journeys, accomplishments, and visions for the future. Be sure to check out the Mayor Spotlights to learn more about the remarkable contributions of Mayor Renner and Mayor Lyle to their respective communities and the MPP network as a whole.

As we commemorate International Women's Day and reflect on the invaluable contributions of women within the MPP, it becomes evident that their collective leadership, expertise, and unwavering dedication are driving forces behind the organization's success. Each woman brings a unique perspective and set of skills that enrich the collaborative efforts aimed at building resilient and thriving communities. As we look to the future, let us continue to celebrate and support the incredible women within the MPP and beyond, recognizing their vital role in shaping a more inclusive, equitable, and prosperous world for all.