



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello, you EWI of Omaha superstars!

Those storms Thursday night were crazy! I hope you and your families made it through safely and your homes weren't damaged. Has your car ever been stuck in a pile of hail on your driveway? I can now cross that off my bucket list. Midwestern springs are just a hoot.

I thoroughly enjoyed our April program by Alexander Cayetano with the Greater Omaha Chamber about values-based leadership. He condensed his usually 4-hour workshop into 30 minutes for us but if you can participate in the full version through the Omaha Chamber's Leadership Lab, I highly recommend it. For more information, visit www.omahachamber.org/leadership-lab.

April was a very productive month for our chapter. We hosted a regional forum April 4-5 for the Kansas City and Des Moines chapters and it was a rousing success! Thank you to all who took time out of their Friday night to have dinner with us and/or their Saturday for a wonderful day of networking and collaborating on how to make our chapters stronger. An extra big thank you to Susan Hussey for all her help pulling everything together at Blue Cross Blue Shield, as well as Amy Ayer, Jonna Radtke, Amy Bodenner and Lindsay Christiansen who led portions of the program. Next year's forum will be in Kansas City, and I hope to have a big delegation from Omaha attend!

We had a booth at the ICAN Women's Conference on April 16 and it was BUSY. Talking up EWI so much was equally exhausting and energizing from all the positive interactions. Nearly 3,000 people attended the conference, and it felt like we chatted with at least half of them! So many were impressed with what EWI does and signed up to hear more. We will be following up with them in the coming weeks and are excited to see how many we can add to our membership. Hopefully we will see some of these new faces at our next Thrive at Five on May 14. We will be kicking back with some local brews at Kros Strain Brewery. More info can be found later in this newsletter. Fingers crossed for patio weather!

Last but certainly not least is the ASIST Scholarship Banquet on May 21 at Burlington Capital. This is our why! Thanks to Kristin Gochenour and her committee for their help in poring over the 35(!) completed applications: a chapter record! We have backpacks for our five scholarship recipients but are still collecting items to fill them so if you have any supplies to donate in multiples of 5, please contact Kristin.

I look forward to seeing you all on May 21 to witness how we are changing lives. Bring tissues for the happy tears. Thank you for all your generosity and support!

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EWI of Omaha's Regional Forum 2025







We hosted a regional forum the first weekend of April and were joined by representatives from EWI of Des Moines and EWI of Kansas City. We had a blast over dinner at Jimi D's on Friday night followed by a full Saturday of thought-provoking sessions (our minds are still blown about AI) and lively roundtable discussions about how to make our chapters even better. We learned, we laughed, and we're looking forward to doing it again next year!



April Meeting

IDENTIFYING YOUR CORE VALUES 

Our core values...

-  Bring out the best in us
-  Challenge & motivate us
-  Influence significant roles in our lives
-  Represent the unique contribution we can make
-  Reflect our vision for the future

Alexander Cayetano, Chief Talent Officer at the Greater Omaha Chamber and a Gallup-certified strengths coach, condensed his half-day workshop into a 30 minute program for our April chapter meeting. We honed down what our three most important values are and how to incorporate them better into our work and our lives. We also learned the importance of our firms having core values and exemplifying those in the workplace. Thanks to HDR for hosting and A Catered Affair for catering our dinner. Thanks also to Amy Ayer for providing the interactive inspiration and Nora Plambeck for being our Member Spotlight. Let's get out there and live our values!

EWI of Omaha
THRIVE AT FIVE

The only item on the agenda is fun!
Come relax mid-week with your EWI sisters.
We will be on the patio if weather permits.

Wednesday, May 14th 5-7pm

Kros Strain Brewing
10411 Portal Rd, Suite 102
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May Birthdays


<i>Loy Flanagan</i>	<i>05.26</i>
<i>Nora Plambeck</i>	<i>05.28</i>

We are collecting items for the ASIST Scholarship recipients' goodie bags. Please bring five of each item. We are looking for:

- school supplies
- gift cards
- company logo items

Please let us Kristin Gochenour know if you have any items to donate. Items will need to be collected before the banquet on May 21st.

Thank you!



Mark Your Calendars!

EWI Board Meeting
May 13, 2025
5:30pm – Omaha Steaks

EWI Chapter Meeting
May 21, 2025
Burlington Capital

UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS

May 21st – ASIST Banquet

June 25th

July 23rd

Newsletter Tidbits



Have you signed up yet?

You can raise funds for EWI of Omaha simply by buying gift cards from 750+ brands. Our chapter earns 2-20% from each card purchased! No extra money spent. No selling needed. It's that easy.

Click this [link](#) to register and learn more!



Meeting Space

If your firm has space to accommodate an EWI of Omaha Chapter meeting and/or you would like to help with future meetings by joining the Programs Committee, please reach out to our Program Directors, Amy Ayer at amy.ayer@hdrinc.com and Sheila Fitzgerald at sheila@anewleafomaha.com.



Got News?

Would you like to give kudos to a fellow member? Brag about an award you or a fellow member won? Is your firm hosting a special event? Spread the word in our newsletter! Email your newsletter submissions to Jordan Stocking at jstocking@burlingtoncapital.com.

Share Our News!

Forward a copy of the EWI of Omaha Connect to your Firm Executive and let them know how our chapter is promoting member firms, enhancing personal and professional development, and encouraging community involvement.

Tell Us the News!

If you know of any EWI member who could use some support, please email Pam Yenke at pyenko@accessbank.com.

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Member Firms and Representatives

A View Venues – Britney McLaughlin

Access Bank – Pam Yenko

Agile Mindfulness – Nora Plambeck

Bankers Trust Company – Angie Peters

Bland & Associates, PC – Hilary Allen, Diana Busche

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska –Susan Hussey

Borsheims – Chris Buckingham

Burlington Capital –Jordan Stocking, Ruth Utman

CHI Health – Valencia Gammage

Elegant Edge Events – Natalie Kotrc

Green Plains Inc. – Lindsay Christiansen

HDR – Amy Ayer

Hemphill Search Group – Susie Hemphill

Lund Company, The – Jessica Diamond, Jonna Radtke

Marriott Downtown at the Capitol District – Karlie Van

Meter

McFarlin & Brokke, P.C. – Melissa Travis

MK Swan, Inc. – Melissa Swan

Omaha Steaks – Kristin Gochenour, Molly Murphy

Outlook Collaborative – Lori Mitera, Susanne Waltermeyer

Outlook Enrichment – Nina Rongisch

Pinnacle Bank – Alisha Nash

Power UP Leadership Coaching – Sandy Spady

Signature Performance – Stacie Robertson

Stratum Live Event & Productions – Tori Anderson

Streck – Alexis Boyd

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Our Mission

Executive Women International (EWI) brings together key individuals from diverse businesses for the purpose of promoting member firms, enhancing personal and professional development, and encouraging community involvement.



Our Vision

To enhance professional growth and development within a diverse group of women while empowering them to make a difference as they inspire others.

Our Values

Integrity | Excellence | Respect | Collaboration