

## 2024 WOMEN AND ALLIES IN BANKING

JUNE 5-6 | CROSS INSURANCE CENTER, BANGOR

### SPEAKER BIOS



**Cathy Nestruck, American Bankers Association**

Cathy leads ABA's women's leadership initiative and provides guidance, thought leadership, and developing resources and tools for member banks. Cathy came to ABA after she transitioned from a legal career, first as a law partner in a Midwest firm where she represented banks and other businesses, and later as the Vice President and General Counsel of a global manufacturing company where she also founded the first Office of Diversity and Inclusion. She received a bachelor's degree in economics from Hanover College, a law degree from Indiana University, and a certificate in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Workplace from the University of South Florida. Cathy co-founded the Parity Podcast focused on the equitable advancement of women.



**Michelle Anderson, Junior Achievement**

Michelle, President & CEO of Junior Achievement of Maine, assumed leadership in 2015, following a journey that began as a JA intern post-college. With over 13 years dedicated to inspiring Maine students, Michelle has been instrumental in the organization's growth, increasing student impact by 50% and revenue by 110%. Her role encompasses strategic leadership, focusing on sustainability, partnership development, and extended student impact. Michelle is an experienced nonprofit leader who excels in fundraising, strategy, program management, and operations. She actively contributes to Maine's community, serving on the Advisory Council for Live + Work in Maine and the Employee Growth Services Committee of the Manufactures Association of Maine. A graduate of the Maine Development Foundation's Leadership Maine (Silver Class) and a MaineBiz 40 Under 40 Honoree, Michelle holds a magna cum laude degree in Child Development & Family Relations and Communication from the University of Maine.



**Melissa Denbow, Machias Savings Bank**

Melissa, VP of Community Impact at Machias Savings, is a leader in corporate philanthropy and employee engagement through volunteerism. She has been instrumental in advancing the bank's mission of building a thriving community by helping people and businesses prosper. She is responsible for investing over \$1 million annually into Maine's communities and helps to keep the bank's volunteer program at a 91% participation rate, well above the national average of 37%. Melissa's 29-year career at Machias Savings Bank spans commercial lending, branch management, customer service, and community experience. Melissa is an active member of Boston College's Center for Corporate Philanthropy. She has spoken at national conferences on financial literacy and volunteerism and at the State level through the Olympia Snow Women's Leadership Organization. She serves on the boards of Mano en Mano, Healthy Acadia, Jobs for Maine Grads (JMG), and the Maine JumpStart Coalition. In 2018, she was humbled to receive the Junior Achievement Volunteer of the Year.

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**Kimberly Sherman Stamler, Related Beal**

Kimberly is President of real estate development and investment company Related Beal, where she is responsible for the overall management of the firm. She leads the company in its pursuit of new developments and opportunities across New England, and oversees the firm's financing activities, partnerships, growth and operations. Related Beal is active in various asset classes, including housing, life science, office, hotel & hospitality, retail, public realm, and mixed-use developments. Related Beal is a fully integrated real estate firm with in-house expertise in development, finance, construction and property operations. Kimberly is a board member of several associations and councils.



**Jeanne Hult, Maine Community Bank**

Jeanne has over 30 years of banking experience in addition to her experience leading a Maine-based manufacturer and several years in the public sector at the state and federal level. She had the privilege of serving in leadership roles at the U.S. Small Business Administration, serving New England Regional Administrator and Associate Administrator for the SBA's Office of Capital Access, prior to being named Acting Administrator by President Obama. Jeanne joined Maine Community Bank in 2018. Within her first 18 months, she orchestrated the successful merger of Biddeford Savings and Mechanics Savings into divisions of Maine Community Bank. Her prior banking experience includes serving as President of Community Banking for Northeast Bank, Senior Vice President for Commercial Lending at Citizens Bank, and Vice President of International Banking and then Commercial Lending at Key Bank. She is active in the community and currently serves several Boards.



**Dr. Kylie Bragdon, The Kynd**

Kylie is a highly accomplished content creator, educator, and motivational leader who has dedicated her life to empowering others to reach their true potential. With a strong background in education and leadership, she specializes in offering motivation, support, and resources for personal and professional growth. Kylie's journey began as a high school math teacher. Upon recognizing the powerful impact she had on her students and the broader community, Kylie decided to take her passions further. She pursued a Doctorate in Educational Leadership, focusing on transformational leadership. This in-depth program allowed her to hone her skills in communication, conflict management, motivation, and strategic planning, ultimately preparing her for success in various leadership positions. Kylie's profound understanding of human potential has led her to become a sought-after media influencer in the realm of personal empowerment where she continuously shares valuable insights and strategies to help individuals unlock their inner greatness.