

## 2017 Women Of the World Symposium Panel Dialog

### Trailblazing Across the Globe: Why Toledo?



Sara Asaeed

Sara is 16 years old and an exchange student from Lebanon. Soon to be 17, she is studying as a junior at Rossford High School. After this year is over, Sara looks forward to getting back her home country for her senior year. After high school, Sara plans to apply to an American college and complete her studies here. A big goal to study medicine and be a surgeon, she plans on working hard to achieve it. The society in Lebanon lacks any interest in sports, Sara became interested in training for basketball and soccer. Working with kids in the U.S., Sara is thinking of opening a gym for kids for free in her home country. She has some friends that may be willing to help, that's the first thing she will work on back in Lebanon.



Ana Carretié

Ana is from Madrid, the capital of Spain and is a senior at Whitmer High School. When she gets back to Spain she plans to go to a university. Not sure what she will study yet, but wants to do something that matters, helping the environment or people who aren't as lucky as she is and don't have the same opportunities.



Pamella Makini

Pamella Makini is an ACES exchange student from Nairobi, Kenya. She is 17 years old, and a junior at Scott High School. Pamella says, she has many dreams to make this world a better place, she aspires to be an engineer and would like to serve in the military.



### **Nailya Weber**

Born and raised in Kazan, Russia, Nailya came to the USA in May 2011 for a summer job. She met her dear husband Chris, who instantly fell in love with her and after knowing her for 3 weeks – He proposed. It was the hardest decision in her life, but she said "yes" and stayed. She has 5-year degree in Economics, Management and Tourism. She is an outgoing person and love meeting new people! Things she enjoys: spending time with her daughter and husband, traveling, baking/cooking, knitting, taking pictures, yoga, working out with her husband, reading poems and spending time with Women of Toledo! Recently this year 2017 Nailya become a USA Citizen.



### **Nina Corder**

Nina is originally from Malaysia; but resides in Toledo for the past 20 years with her husband, KC and daughter, Isabella Corder. She earned both her Masters and Bachelor Degree from the University of Toledo. She is the Founder of an educational nonprofit organization, Inclusive for Women Inc that advocate for Diversity & Inclusion. Now, the organization provide a platform in which individuals and groups can become more effective in their own right. She is also the President of American Association of University Women (AAUW)-Toledo Branch and UN Women's Empower Women Champions for Change working on The Hub Project in Greater Toledo. In her lifetime, Nina has worked and lived in five countries, and traveled to more than 20 countries around the world.

### **MODERATOR - Audrey L. Johnson**

Audrey was born in Canton Ohio, 1961. She attended, BGSU majoring in Visual Communications Technology, specializing in Photography. Audrey has resided in Toledo, Ohio for over 25 years which has been an extra ordinary opportunity of service and joy! Ms. Johnson has been employed with such youth organizations as, Boy's and Girl's Club, Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority, YMCA, and Girl Scouts. "My belief is that as an Elder of the community it is my responsibility to guide the youth of the village and share my wisdom." Ms. Johnson is the founder of Jamil Lewis Multicultural Center for the Arts, Toledo Ohio. She has served as Executive Director of Collingwood Arts Center, Toledo Ohio. At this time she is employed by The Leona group, Ms. Johnson is parent liaison and career instructor for Achieve Career Preparatory Academy. Audrey Johnson has one son, Tillman and four stepdaughters (Karen, Kelly, Kimberly and Patience) all living in different parts of the US.