

Marquette University: Receives \$1 million gift to advance women in business

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Speaker series named in honor of June and Herman Loebli

MILWAUKEE — Marquette University's College of Business Administration has named its Women Business Leaders speaker series in honor of June and Herman Loebli, thanks to a generous gift of \$1 million to advance women in leadership within the college.

The newly named June and Herman Loebli Women Business Leaders Speaker Series highlights women in business and leadership roles making a difference in the community and puts fresh support behind the powerful series launched last year.

"Among the very best ways to demonstrate we're all equal regardless of our gender is to highlight successful women in roles often perceived to be better suited for men," Marquette President Michael R. Lovell said. "This gift will help us illuminate biases, some of which may be unconscious, and work toward equity."

"We are grateful for the gift and its underlying vision, which will impact and inspire our students, not only through this speaker series but through other leadership development activities for our female students," Keyes Dean of Business Administration Brian Till said.

"This gift is a powerful example of how our growing culture of philanthropy expands opportunities for Marquette students," added Tim McMahon, vice president for university advancement.

The Loebli's legacy

Herman Loebli, professor emeritus, received his undergraduate degree in business administration from Marquette in 1941. After attending the Harvard Business School and serving in the U.S. Navy, he was recruited by Marquette as an accounting instructor in 1946. During his 38-year career at Marquette, he served as chair of the accounting and finance departments, director of the MBA program, assistant dean and associate dean. Herman and his wife, June, were deeply committed to making education available to all, in the spirit of the Jesuit mission.

The gift will also fund the June and Herman Loebli Endowment for Excellence for the Advancement of Women in the College of Business Administration.

Marquette University admitted women in 1909 and was the first Catholic institution of higher education to admit both men and women. Today, Marquette remains committed to ensuring it has the right support systems and leadership development activities available for emerging women leaders.

Read more about [the Loebli's story online](#).