Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver Center for the Advancement of Women in Communication

MISSION
To empower both women professionals and academics in all the fields of communication, in order to develop visionaries and leaders who can make a difference in their communities and their professions.

VISION
To be the premier national organization dedicated to diversity and equity for women communicators.

RECOGNITION & VISIBILITY
Three national academic Kopenhaver Center satellite centers across the U.S.
2021 Finalist in the Google Impact Challenge for Women and Girls
Women Faculty Moving Forward Kopenhaver Center Fellow scholars represent 150 universities across the U.S and internationally.
Women in News Network (WINN) partnership, a network of 3,500 female Spanish journalists expanding our reach to Latin America.
Rowan University Lifetime Service Award 2021 (Kopenhaver)
Organization of sessions on women and leadership at AEJMC, 2018-2022

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Serving our community through a variety of programs that ensure diverse, inclusive voices of women are heard and represented.
Leadership Council represents those at prominent media outlets and organizations nationally.
Satellite Centers: Rowan Univ., Marymount Univ., and Stephens College, bring national networking to FIU students.
Partnership with AEJMC, through organizing panels and workshops on women and leadership.
Partnership with AEJMC – Commission on the Status of Women, to empower women in the academy.
Co-sponsorship of South Florida Journalism Day with FSPA bringing over 500 middle and high school students.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Students
- South Florida Journalism Day
  4,700 scholastic students, since 2013
- Leadership Bootcamp
  49 students, since 2020

Faculty
- Kopenhaver Center Fellows
  324 faculty, since 2013

Alumni
- Leadership Fellows
  29 alumni, since 2019

Community
- Workshops
  28,201 participants in 100 workshops, since 2013

PROGRAMS
- Leadership training programs
- Monthly Virtual Workshops with Thought Leaders
- Women in Communication – Annual National Conference
- Leadership Boot Camp
- Leadership Fellows Program
- South Florida Journalism Day Annually
- Women Faculty Moving Forward Workshop (WFMF) Annually
- Virgil and Joann Smith Thought Leaders Forum for Women’s History Month
- Females on the Mic Podcast: The Power of Giving Voice
- Big Ideas from Exceptional Women
- Kopenhaver Center Conversations
- Perspectives from the Industry

HIGHLIGHTS
Unique academic center in the U.S. serving both young women in the academy and the profession.
Kopenhaver Center Leadership Council, nationally recognized executives and professionals.
Three Kopenhaver Center university satellite centers across the U.S.
Women Faculty Moving Forward program training young women PhD’s worldwide
South Florida Journalism Day program, celebrating 50 years of training local middle and high school students
Signature programming celebrating Women’s History Month
Over 42 educational workshops offered both in person and virtually to student and alumni
Annual national conference on Women in Communication
Empowering a network of 3,500 female Spanish journalists in Latin America

SCHOLARSHIP & CREATIVE ACTIVITY
Kopenhaver Center Report 2018: Women earn less, experience negative company cultures, and still face glass ceilings in the communications industries.
Kopenhaver Center Report 2015: The Status of Women in Communication
Campus media reflect changing information landscape: Efforts to serve their communities strengthening, College Media Review, 2015.
A Journey in College Student Media: Challenges, Opportunities, and Implications for the Future, College Media Review, 2014.
College student media advisers fare well despite uncertain times, College Media Review, 2014.
Journal Reviewer – Feminist Media Studies (Abreu)
Associate Editor – College Media Review (Kopenhaver)
Organization of panels on women in leadership at AEJMC annual convention, four years

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