

The Bellevue Police Department is committed to the empowerment and professional advancement of women. Come take part in this thought-provoking conference, by hearing from four amazing women leaders from various communities, share their life experiences and stories of adversity and perseverance. Come be encouraged and empowered to break down barriers that women have faced for many years in society. Come and be educated on the importance of women not only in the workforce, but in society as a whole.

Get To Know Our Speakers

Hope Valentine, LMHP

Mental Health Practitioner



Hope Valentine is a Licensed Mental Health Practitioner (LMHP), serving the Bellevue/Omaha Metro area as a Mental Health Therapist for over 21 years. She also serves as Mental Health Coordinator for the Lift Up Sarpy County Collaborative Group. Her efforts substantially contribute to the currency of Mental Health resources through Networking with various Agencies as well as providing Counseling services for all inquirers. Her most recent accomplishment arose as a response to COVID-19, when she hosted a Monthly Zoom she named “Synergy” that targeted 1st Responders and other nation-wide Participants seeking Mental Health support. Additionally, she has offered her time & expertise to assist Banister Leadership Academy Healthy Kids Movement weekly meetings by providing in-person, creative, interactive activities centered around Mental Health topics/pillars for K-8 Students attending Sarpy County Schools. Hope is a 20-year Air Force Veteran, a Wife of 32 years, Mom and Grandma. She is also an active member of her local Church, Bellevue Christian Center and can often be found teaching, speaking, organizing events or just hanging out with people at a Monthly “Koinonia” Group she started in 2016. At the top of her list of favorite past times would be “dirt therapy” (tinkering around in her yard). Hope is considered to be fun, genuine, and a lover of people.

Deputy Chief Anna Colón Omaha Police Department



Deputy Chief Anna Colón hails from Dayton, Ohio. She joined the United States Air Force after graduating high school and was assigned to several overseas installations before eventually being transferred to Offutt Air Force. During her Air Force career, Anna deployed to Balad Air Base, Iraq, supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. At Balad, Anna worked in the notorious ‘tent hospital,’ treating frontline soldiers wounded in the field. In addition, Anna participated in humanitarian assignments in Guatemala and at several stateside Indian Reservations. Midway through her career, Anna transitioned from Active Duty to the Air Force Reserves, where she retired from in 2009.

Anna began her career with the Omaha Police Department in October 1999. She was promoted to Sergeant in 2007, Lieutenant in 2015, Captain in 2018, and Deputy Chief in 2021. She has worked in the various precincts while in Uniform Patrol. Anna served in the Homicide and Gang Unit as a detective and as a Sergeant. Anna also worked in Internal Affairs. As a Lieutenant, she served as the shift commander for the Northwest Precinct and as the Administrative Assistant to the Criminal Investigations Bureau Deputy Chief. Anna was promoted to Captain in 2018, where she served as Commander of the Special Investigations Section. In 2021, Anna was promoted to her current rank of Deputy Chief and is the Commander of the Professional Oversight Bureau.

Anna is the secretary for the Nebraska State Fraternal Order of Police, the Black Police Officers Association, and the State Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Officers (NOBLE).

Deputy Chief Colón has a Bachelor’s degree in Human Resources, a Master’s degree in Management, and an MBA degree in Management.

For her dedication and service to the Air Force and to the Omaha Community, Deputy Chief Colón was twice nominated for the Martin Luther King Living the Dream Award. She is a recipient of her 2020 nomination.

Special Agent Brittany M. Swift, OSI with USAF



Brittany M. Swift is the Commander of the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) Detachment 204, 2nd Field Investigations Region, Offutt Air Force Base (AFB), Nebraska. She leads a unit charged with identifying, exploiting, and neutralizing criminal and counterintelligence threats to Air Force personnel and assets across three states, in support of the 55th Wing; USSTRATCOM; Sioux City Air National Guard (ANG), Sioux Falls ANG, Lincoln ANG and Des Moines ANG bases; and tenant units at Offutt AFB. Special Agent Swift is the key advisor to the 55th Wing Commander on counterintelligence, integrated force protection, and criminal related matters. She also represents USAF interests with counterpart agencies.

Special Agent Swift received her commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 2010. She has conducted combat missions in Operation Enduring Freedom and International Security Assistance Force. Prior to her current assignment, Special Agent Swift was the Director of Staff, OSI 5th Field Investigations Region where she provided functional and administrative expertise and support for twenty-five geographically separated units within Europe and Africa, as well as, was responsible for the application of the Commander's Inspection Program as the Director of Inspections.

EDUCATION

2010 Bachelor of Science, Behavioral Science, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

2010 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2017 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2010 – September 2014, Counterintelligence Program Manager, Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) Detachment 217, Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

(December 2012 – July 2013, AFOSI Expeditionary Detachment 2405, Counterintelligence Officer, Task Force Crimson, Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan)

2. September 2013 – October 2014, Operations Officer, AFOSI Detachment 623, Kadena Air Base, Japan

3. October 2014 – April 2016, Chief, Criminal Investigations Branch, AFOSI 7th Field Investigations Squadron, Joint Base Andrews, Md.

4. April 2016 – May 2017, Chief, Economic Crimes Branch, AFOSI Detachment 331, Joint Base Andrews, Md.

5. May 2017 – June 2020, Director of Staff, OSI 5th Field Investigations Region, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

6. July 2020 – Present, Commander, OSI Detachment 204, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal

Army Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Coach Chevelle Saunsoci

CEO of DVLP LLC.



Coach Chevy is the CEO of DVLP LLC, a sports tech company based out of Omaha, NE. DVLP is an Elite training and advising platform for driven student-athletes and coaches.

In 2010 Coach Chevy graduated from Creighton University with a Bachelors degree in Public Relations from Creighton University. She was also part of the women's basketball team where she was a 1,000 point scorer.

COACHING CAREER

Her first position was as an assistant coach at Benson High School in Omaha. She also coached for an AAU program in South Dakota.

Her first collegiate position at Midland University, an NAIA school followed shortly after that in 2012. After one year at Midland, she took on the Assistant Women's Basketball Coach role at her alma mater, Creighton University.

During her seven years, she recruited and developed Creighton's first every WNBA draft pick, Jaylyn Agnew and was part of two NCAA tournament teams.

COACH TO CEO

With the desire to help younger athletes, Coach Chevy made the decision to resign from her college coaching position to pursue DVLP Basketball.

One year into her new role as CEO, Coach Chevy has worked with and impacted over 150 young student-athletes.

Her focus is to continue to be a resource for young athletes with an emphasis on those in under resourced communities starting with North Omaha.

FAMILY

Coach Chevy married Edward Saunsoci in July of 2017. Together they have a 2 year old daughter, K'Ali Asha Saunsoci.

Agenda

07:00 a.m. – 08:00 a.m.	Check-in
08:00 a.m. – 08:30 a.m.	Welcome – Officer Ashley Meyers / Chief Ken Clary
08:30 a.m. – 09:00 a.m.	Master of Ceremonies Presentation – Sgt. Lindsey Betsworth
09:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Guest Speaker
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Guest Speaker
11:45 a.m. – 01:00 p.m.	Lunch (Catered by Chick-fil-A) / Networking Time
01:00 p.m. – 02:15 p.m.	Guest Speaker
02:15 p.m. – 02:30 p.m.	Break
02:30 p.m. – 03:45 p.m.	Guest Speaker
03:45 p.m. – 04:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks / Door Prizes

“Women have a unique power of being able to look at the world’s problems and discover solutions that transform lives and make the world a better place.”

~Dr. Anyanna Howard

Message from Chief Ken Clary

THE BELLEVUE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS PROUD TO HOST THIS THOUGHT PROVOKING AND EMPOWERING CONFERENCE.

THROUGHOUT HISTORY WOMEN HAVE BEEN UNDERREPRESENTED IN THE REALM OF LAW ENFORCEMENT – REMAINING AT APPROXIMATELY 12 – 13% SINCE THE MID-1980'S. EVEN MORE DISPARATE IS THE PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN IN LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS – AT UNDER 6%.

WOMEN FACE SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES THROUGHOUT NUMEROUS CAREER FIELDS ACROSS THE NATION.

IN AN ATTEMPT TO HELP REMEDY THIS PARODY NATIONALLY – THE BELLEVUE POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS THE FIRST POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE NATION TO SIGN-ON TO THE 30X30 INITIATIVE (WWW.30X30INITIATIVE.ORG). THIS INITIATIVE IS FOCUSED ON RECRUITING AND RETENTION OF WOMEN POLICE OFFICERS THROUGH INTENTIONAL AND TARGETED WAYS – CHANGING LONG-STANDING PRACTICES AND CULTURE. ONE STEP IN DOING SO IS PROVIDING LEADERSHIP TRAINING SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR WOMEN – PROVIDING EXAMPLES OF WOMEN WHO HAVE FORGED A PATHWAY TO SUCCESS – AND SHARING THEIR SUCCESS STORIES WITH OTHERS.

AS THE POLICE CHIEF IN BELLEVUE, I AM HONORED TO HOST SUCH AN AMAZING GROUP OF WOMEN ON THIS STAGE & THANK YOU FOR YOUR BEING A PART OF THIS EVENT.