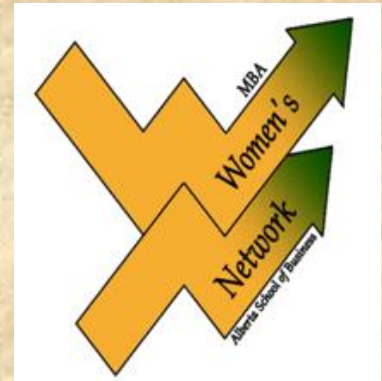


**University of Alberta, School of Business**  
**MBA Women's Network 2014/2015 Recap**

The MBA Women's Network was co-chaired by Padmaja Meduri (Full time MBA) and Michelle Parai (Part time MBA) during the academic year 2014/2015. The network had an opportunity to host female leaders representing different sectors such as human resources, marketing, finance, politics and entrepreneurship during the year.



## Fall Semester

The Women's network had a great start in September 2014 with a "Meet and Greet" kickoff event with three guest speakers -Anna Maria Cuglietta, Kristina Williams and Rupri Randhawa who were all alumnae of the MBA program. The speakers shared their own experiences from the MBA program and gave valuable advice to the students on having an enriching experience during the MBA program and dealing with challenges of career transitioning.



**Kristina Williams**  
CEO-Alberta Enterprise Corporation

The second event of the semester was hosted in October with the Right Honorable Kim Campbell- the first and only female Prime Minister of Canada. Ms. Campbell took time to chat one on one with the students followed by a talk on women in leadership roles and the positive impact on organizational performance. Ms. Campbell was impressed with the diverse professional background of the student group.



**The Right Honorable Kim Campbell**  
Canada's 19<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister

## Winter Semester

In the winter semester, the network hosted Zahra Somani who is an entrepreneur and a seasoned director. She shared her entrepreneurship story and gave very practical insights on successfully pursuing entrepreneurial ventures.

A recap of the guest speakers for 2014-15 is given below.

### Recap of Guest Speakers for 2014-15

Speaker	Date	Sector Represented	U of A Affiliation
Anna-Maria Cuglietta	September 16, 2014	Human Resources in transportation, insurance, construction	MBA U of A (1999)
Kristina Williams	September 16, 2014	Marketing, financing and legal aspects of technology ventures	MBA U of A (2005)
Rupi Randhawa	September 16, 2014	Municipalities (Edmonton Airports), Project Engineer	MBA U of A (2008)
The Rt. Honourable Kim Campbell	October 20, 2014	Political background (1 <sup>st</sup> female Prime Minister, Attorney General), Peter Lougheed Leadership Institute	Political Science (UBC), London School of Economics, LLB (UBC)
Zahra Somani	March 24, 2015	Entrepreneur (retail and hospitality), Seasoned Director	B.Ed (U of A), MBA, ICDD