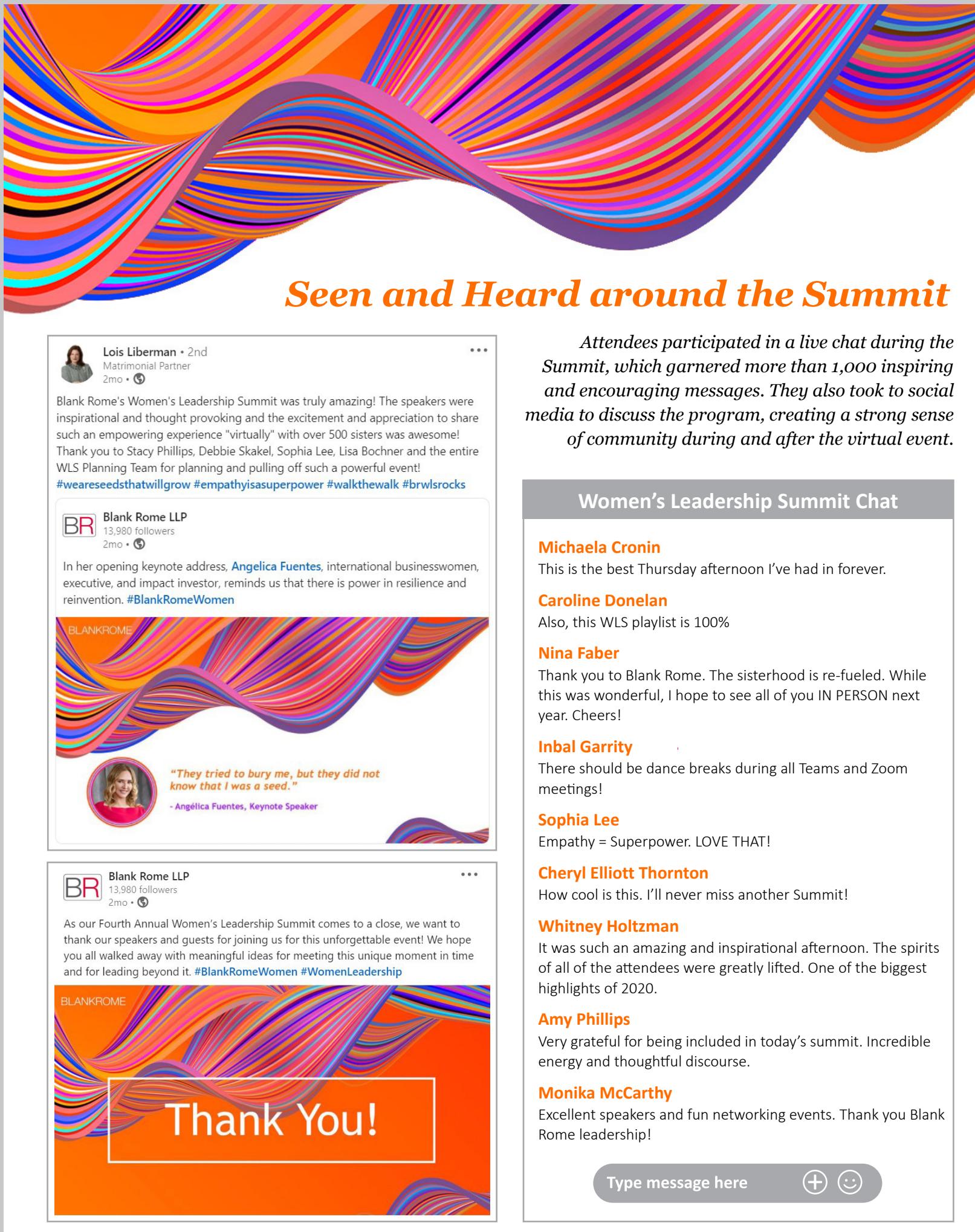


# Webinar Summation Piece

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## Introduction



**Seen and Heard around the Summit**

Attendees participated in a live chat during the Summit, which garnered more than 1,000 inspiring and encouraging messages. They also took to social media to discuss the program, creating a strong sense of community during and after the virtual event.

**Women's Leadership Summit Chat**

**Michaela Cronin**  
This is the best Thursday afternoon I've had in forever.

**Caroline Donelan**  
Also, this WLS playlist is 100%.

**Nina Faber**  
Thank you to Blank Rome. The sisterhood is re-fueled. While this was wonderful, I hope to see all of you IN PERSON next year. Cheers!

**Inbal Garry**  
There should be dance breaks during all Teams and Zoom meetings!

**Sophia Lee**  
Empathy = Superpower. LOVE THAT!

**Cheryl Elliott Thornton**  
How cool is this. I'll never miss another Summit!

**Whitney Holtzman**  
It was such an amazing and inspirational afternoon. The spirits of all of the attendees were greatly lifted. One of the biggest highlights of 2020.

**Amy Phillips**  
Very grateful for being included in today's summit. Incredible energy and thoughtful discourse.

**Monika McCarthy**  
Excellent speakers and fun networking events. Thank you Blank Rome leadership!

**Thank You!**

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## Timeline



## Fourth Annual Women's Leadership Summit

**WELCOME**  
The Summit kicked off on October 8, 2020, with a special introduction video and performance of "A Million Dreams" by the **Philadelphia Girls Choir**.

**EMCEE**  
The Summit was emceed by Blank Rome Partner and Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer **Sophia Lee**.

**BRING YOURSELF: HOW TO HARNESS THE POWER OF CONNECTION TO NEGOTIATE FEARLESSLY**  
Blank Rome Partner **Michelle Gervais** joined author and negotiation expert **Mori Taheripour** for an important fireside chat on the art of negotiation. Mori shared with us that empathy is our superpower and that staying curious and learning the experiences of others is what makes exceptional negotiators.

**RESILIENCE AND REINVENTION**  
In her opening keynote address, **Angélica Fuentes**, international businesswoman, author, and impact investor, shared her powerful personal story of resilience and reinvention and encouraged us to embrace the challenging moments in life, because they empower us to learn and grow.

**ENTERTAINMENT**  
Summit attendees enjoyed a fun and interactive dance break intermission brought to us by the talents of nationally recognized twin duo **DJs Amira and Kayla**.

**DOING WELL AND DOING GOOD: THE BUSINESS CASE FOR ESG**  
Blank Rome Partners **Yelena M. Barychev** and **Stacy H. Louizos** gave an update on Blank Rome's new Environment, Social, and Governance ("ESG") Team and introduced our ESG session. Panelists **Betty Liu**, Executive Vice President of NYSE; **Carole Laible**, CEO of Domini Impact Investments; **Nancy Smith**, Senior Vice President and Corporate Secretary at Lincoln Financial Group; and **Shawn M. Wright**, Partner at Blank Rome, engaged us in a timely discussion on ESG issues and strategies for businesses.

**LEADING AND COMMUNICATING DURING CRISES**  
In her empowering closing keynote address, **Soledad O'Brien**, award-winning journalist, author, and philanthropist, shared how we can stand up, lean in, and lead bravely during a challenge or crisis. She reminded us that there's always an opportunity for leadership in chaos if we opt-in to find a solution.

**THE 19TH AMENDMENT CENTENNIAL**  
Blank Rome Partner **Katherine Franco** honored the 19th Amendment Centennial and extended an exclusive exhibit invitation to guests.

**MY SISTER'S PLACE**  
Blank Rome Partner **Shawn M. Wright** discussed her work with, and encouraged guests to give back to, My Sister's Place, an organization that shelters, supports, and empowers survivors of domestic violence and their children in Washington, D.C.

**CLOSING AND SPEED NETWORKING**  
Following closing remarks from the women of Blank Rome, Summit attendees participated in a live chat with guest speaker **Mori Taheripour** and in interactive speed video network sessions.