**Cornerstone League Announces Soledad O’Brien as Keynote Speaker for 2022 Annual Meeting**

*O’Brien will join Cornerstone League at IMPACT: Annual Meeting and Council Forum*

**PLANO, TEXAS, Dec. 10, 2021** – The Cornerstone League has announced Soledad O’Brien as the featured keynote speaker for the 2022 IMPACT: Annual Meeting and Council Forum, April 20-22 in Grapevine, Texas.

O’Brien is an award-winning documentarian, journalist, speaker, author, and philanthropist, who founded Soledad O’Brien Productions, a multi-platform media production company dedicated to telling empowering and authentic stories on a range of social issues. She anchors and produces the Hearst TV political magazine program *Matter of Fact with Soledad O'Brien* and is a correspondent for HBO Real Sports. Additionally, she is host of the Quake Media podcast *Very Opinionated with Soledad O’Brien*.

Known for her innovative and forward-thinking work, O’Brien will share her insight on a variety of issues during her keynote session, including the media and giving voice to those who are often excluded from the national conversation. View her [welcome video](file:///C:\Users\tdittberner\Downloads\﻿﻿https:\vimeo.com\641909067) as she introduces topics to be featured next spring.

“During our time together, I look forward to sharing stories about my reporting over the years and projects that are currently underway,” said O’Brien. “My work frequently focuses on people who are often overlooked, discounted, or not given enough credit and I am very excited to have this discussion with attendees at IMPACT.”

The IMPACT: Annual Meeting and Council Forum will focus on trending topics and various sectors within the credit union industry. The three-day event will hold sessions on board volunteers, compliance and audit, finance and accounting, human resources, lending and collections, marketing and business development, operations and payments, and technology and cybersecurity.

Cornerstone League President and CEO Caroline Willard notes that IMPACT is a great opportunity to engage in council forum sessions, learn new techniques from industry experts, and hear pioneering insight from O’Brien.

“Like journalists such as O’Brien, credit union leaders, staff, and volunteers serve an important community purpose,” said Willard. “The 2022 IMPACT: Annual Meeting and Council Forum gives credit union professionals a chance to learn new methods that promote financial well-being through honest, critical conversations.”

Registration for IMPACT: Annual Meeting and Council Forum is now open. For more information on the event, [visit the website](https://cornerstone.swoogo.com/impact2022).

**About Cornerstone League**Cornerstone League is one of the nation’s largest regional credit union trade associations, serving approximately 400 credit unions in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. Cornerstone exists to advance the success of credit unions in the region through legislative and grassroots advocacy; regulatory and compliance support; training, educational, and networking opportunities; essential communications related to news and information affecting the credit union industry; and other products and services that establish Cornerstone as the essential partner for credit unions. For more information, visit [cornerstoneleague.coop](http://www.cornerstoneleague.coop).

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