

Cardinal Health Earns Distinction as a 2018 "Top 70 Companies for Executive Women"

National Association for Female Executives recognizes Cardinal Health for its dedication to drive female leaders forward

DUBLIN, Ohio, March 6, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- As a company who embraces the knowledge and diverse perspectives of all employees, Cardinal Health was again recognized among the nation's best workplaces for female advancement as a **Top Company for Executive Women** by the National Association for Female Executives (NAFE).

"NAFE's annual scrutiny of women's progress offers essential data about the movement of women into top leadership," said Betty Spence, president of NAFE. "The list shows us what progressive organizations are doing to ensure women's advancement into executive positions," Subha V. Barry, senior vice president and managing director at Working Mother Media continued.

Cardinal Health was selected for its work to help develop female executives and prioritize these efforts with the same importance as any other business imperative. NAFE recognizes the company's employee resource groups, specifically its Women's Initiative Network, access to formal mentoring, improved benefits for all employees, and leadership workshops focused on gender partnership.

"We acknowledge that companies with more gender, ethnic and cultural differences in their leadership attract top talent and as a result, perform and serve their customers better," said Cardinal Health Chief Human Resources Officer, Pam Kimmet. "We're proud of this recognition and will continue to support initiatives that help maximize the career potential of all employees."

Cardinal Health has shown their commitment to gender partnership through the co-ed program, Partners Leading Change. This two-day course is designed to help male and female leaders discover new ways to lead with a gender lens and encourage their colleagues to be fully engaged in diversity efforts.

"When leaders identify their own blind spots and how to overcome these barriers together, they are more supportive and accountable for sustaining change for the entire organization," said Lisa Gutierrez, chief diversity officer at Cardinal Health. "This program has empowered people to advance in their careers and have a significant impact on business success."

This marks the seventh consecutive year Cardinal Health was listed among the NAFE Top Companies for Executive Women. The full list of this year's winners is available at workingmother.com/nafe and featured in the April/May issue of *Working Mother*.

About the Methodology

The 2018 NAFE Top Companies application includes some 200 questions on female representation at all levels, especially the corporate officer and profit-and-loss ranks. The vetting process includes tracking access and usage of programs and policies that promote the advancement of women as well as the training and accountability of managers in relation to the number of women who advance. In order to be eligible for the NAFE Top Companies survey, entrants must have a minimum of 1,000 employees, two women on the Board of Directors and be a public or private company. NAFE also separately names the Top 10 companies in the nonprofit sector.

About NAFE

The National Association for Female Executives (NAFE), founded in 1972, serves 20,000 members nationwide with networking, tools and solutions to strengthen and grow their careers and businesses. [Working Mother](#) magazine publishes the annual NAFE Top Companies list. [NAFE.com](#) provides up-to-date information, a community for women in business, and access to member benefits. NAFE is a division of Working Mother Media, owned by the Bonnier Corporation.

About Cardinal Health

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