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CBS Morning Host Jane Pauley Highlights Career Path at The Chicago Network Luncheon

Chicago, April 20, 2018— In a deeply personal narrative - light-hearted, self-effacing, and serious - Jane Pauley, Host of CBS Sunday Morning, today spoke of the obstacles she's overcome to reach the pinnacle of journalism, and stressed the importance of perseverance and building networks of support. She was the featured speaker at The Chicago Network's 29th annual, sold-out Women in the Forefront Luncheon. As the first woman to co-anchor an evening newscast, at Chicago's WMAQ, she faced an array of critics, mostly male, and later the challenges of being diagnosed with bi-polar disorder at the age of 50. Throughout her career, Pauley talked about the uncertain moments and, especially for women, the importance of recognizing you are not alone. "While there still may be glass ceilings, look at it as a challenge. See all of these women in this room who care about you. You should be strengthened by that."

She has neither been dissuaded by the patronizing comments, nor health setbacks, noting to the crowd of 1,600 that, at the age of 65, "I started the best job of my career at Sunday Morning." She spoke of the influence of Michael J. Fox, actor and now a leading spokesman for those with Parkinson's disease on her outlook on life and as an important message to others. She used to be a naysayer. "Now, I try to say yes as often as I can. As Michael J. Fox told me, 'No doesn't move you forward.'"

Pauley was in conversation with her longtime friend and industry colleague Carol Marin, Political Editor, NBC5 Chicago and Director, DePaul University Center for Journalism Integrity and Excellence, College of Communication. Marin said it was "an honor to be here with a sister, who understands her north star."

The luncheon was opened by Elizabeth J. Connelly, Head of Healthcare, Higher Education & Not-for-Profit Banking at JPMorgan Chase & Co., and Chair of The Chicago Network, and Kate Bensen, President and CEO of The Chicago Network, Chicago's preeminent organization of leading professional women. Irika Sargent, co-anchor of CBS2 Chicago served as emcee.

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