



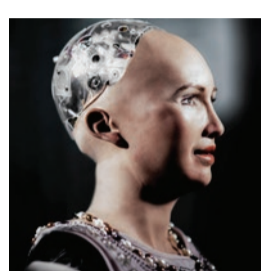
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# FOUNDATIONS

## HALL OF FAME LAUNCHES WOMEN'S CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP WITH MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO BUILDING FUND

The Hall of Fame has received an additional gift of \$500,000 from Stephen Knight Pond, the founder of Furniture Today, to establish the Women's Center for Leadership. Located on the first floor, it will serve as a space to foster the advancement of women through studies of women in the industry, and as a gathering space for women and their guests.

"Women by far outpace men in buying furnishings, and we as an industry need to do a better job of not just attracting female talent but of mentoring and promoting them into positions of leadership," Pond says. "Peer learning and networking are key to any business, and even more so in an industry based on relationships. Furniture Today was founded on these principles and we put women into leadership positions when there were very few in the industry. It is also where I can honor my wife, Karen McNeill, for her lifelong commitment to the industry."



## SOPHIA: THE FUTURE IS HERE AND HER NAME IS SOPHIA, THE WORLD'S VERY FIRST HUMANOID CELEBRITY

From Hong Kong to the U.S., Europe and Australia, Sophia has sung in concert, addressed audiences in Mandarin, debated the future of the human race (against another robot), and generated billions of views and social media interactions. She is now going to speak to us at the Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Induction Celebration.

She will answer questions and address how robotics and artificial intelligence are becoming a part of our lives and work.

# MASTER THE CHALLENGE

PLEASE JOIN US

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022**

SHERATON GREENSBORO AT FOUR SEASONS  
3121 W. GATE CITY BLVD, GREENSBORO, NC

COCKTAIL RECEPTION 5:30PM  
DINNER & INDUCTION 6:30PM  
AFTER PARTY 9:15PM



### KEYNOTE ADDRESS



**Sophia**  
The First Humanoid  
Celebrity

### HOSTS



**David Santiago**  
Industry Ambassador  
and Founder of Casa Santi



**Aviva Stanoff**  
Innovator, Creator  
& Inspirationalist

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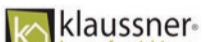
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