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Kruger & Reith to Speak at Women's Leadership Series

MASON CITY, IA – The next session of the *Breaking Glass Leadership Series* features Janelle Kruger, plant manager at Kraft Heinz, and Jessica Reith, plant manager at Cargill. The series is offered by the Chamber's program committee and is scheduled at 8AM on Thursday, February 20 at the North Iowa Regional Commerce Center.

Breaking Glass offers a unique learning experience to help women stretch their leadership potential, drive their careers with vision and purpose, and make a greater impact within their organizations. These workshops challenge attendees to optimize their role as women in the workforce.

Janelle Kruger has more than 15 years of experience at Kraft Heinz and 23 years of manufacturing expertise. Kraft Heinz Company is the world's fifth largest food and beverage company. As a global powerhouse, the company strives for the "best brands, best practices and, most importantly, the best people." Kruger has proven to be the best of the "best." Currently, she is overseeing a \$62 million expansion of the Mason City facility.

Jessica Reith has 14 years of manufacturing experience at Cargill Protein. The company started with a single grain elevator in Conover, IA and has expanded to 70 countries representing 160,000 professionals in the business of food, agriculture, nutrition, and risk management. Reith recently took the lead on the \$12 million Cargill expansion, creating more than 40 new jobs. She oversees multiple plants across the region, which employ hundreds of people.

Thursday's attendees will learn from their leadership journeys in the male-dominated manufacturing industry, and why they encourage more women to pursue careers in manufacturing.

Tickets are \$10 each for employees of Chamber member businesses and \$20 for non-members. Register online at masoncityia.com or contact Kativa Weitzel (kweitzel@masoncityia.com) at the Chamber for more information.

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