

Sports & Entertainment



Shop for a Cause: Women’s Foundation’s 10th Annual Power of the Purse, presenting sponsor Bank of America

An unforgettable evening of food, fun, fashion, and live entertainment—all to support women and families in Memphis.

MEMPHIS, TN, September 24, 2025- Guests will enjoy an evening of luxury auction items, live music and art demonstrations, and the chance to give back to a great cause at the Women’s Foundation for a Greater Memphis’ (WFGM) 10th Annual Power of the Purse™. The signature fundraising event will be held Thursday, October 23, from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Grand Carousel Pavilion of the Children’s Museum of Memphis.

The Power of the Purse™ guests will enjoy elevated cuisine, complimentary wine and beer, live music by saxophonist Alexis Cole, and live painting by local artists **Jamond Bullock** and **Alexis Miché**. The evening also features a live auction, emceed by WMC Action News 5 Anchor **Joe Birch** and **Valerie Morris Bearup**, President and CEO of Morris Marketing Group. Auction items include purses, vacation packages, local



dining and entertainment experiences, health and beauty packages, and more. This year’s presenting sponsor is Bank of America.

Now in its 10th year—and part of WFGM’s 30th Anniversary celebration—Power of the Purse™ unites supporters, business leaders, and community members to champion social and economic mobility. Proceeds benefit WFGM’s grantmaking and Vision 2025 Strategic Plan. This fiscal year, WFGM will grant \$1.9 million to 36 local nonprofits and invest in advo-

cacy and research initiatives, funding programs that strengthen pathways for thousands of women and families across our community.

Denise Carpenter, retired Hilton Worldwide, Inc. executive, and **Mary Tate Lee**, President and CEO, Mary Tate Lee Consulting, LLC, are the Co-Chairs for this year’s event. Both are members of WFGM’s Board of Directors. The Honorary Co-Chairs are **Darrell and Mikki Cobbins** and **Rob and Jenny Roberston**, who also serves on the Board of Directors.

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of the Purse Co-Chairs, Honorary Co-Chairs, and Planning Committee for organizing an incredible event that helps us fulfill our mission and support programs empowering women and children to reach their full potential,” said **Shante K. Avant**, WFGM President and CEO. “As we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of WFGM and the 10th annual Power of the Purse, we honor the power of uniting people from diverse backgrounds to make a meaningful impact on Memphis—the city we all love.”

Tickets are \$75 and available now at <https://event.gives/2025pop>.

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Space is limited, so early purchase is encouraged.

About The Women’s Foundation for a Greater Memphis

For 30 years, the Women’s Foundation for a Greater Memphis (WFGM) has played a major role as a backbone organization aligning people, resources, and coordinating community-based services through the Two-Generation approach to reduce poverty. The mission of WFGM is to encourage philanthropy, foster leadership among women and support programs that enable women and children to reach their full potential.

Memphis Grizzlies host Grizzlies Garage Sale to benefit their Grizzlies Preparatory Charter School

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Memphis Grizzlies announced the team will host the Grizzlies Garage Sale, benefiting Memphis Grizzlies Preparatory Charter School, on Sunday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Grand Lobby of FedExForum.

Garage sale items include Grizzlies clothing, sneakers, novelty items, pictures, posters, banners, furniture and various autographed items from numerous seasons.

Food trucks will be on-site from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and complimentary parking in Gossett Motors Parking Garage will be available to all participants. All sales are final, and shoppers are responsible for same-day transportation of each purchase. The Grizzlies Garage Sale is a cashless event.

The Grizzlies Den, a Fanatics experience, will also open at 10 a.m. for fans to score 40% off all remaining 191 Collabs inventory, City Edition product and select

American Conference releases the women’s basketball schedule

Memphis slated to begin conference play on December 31 in Charlotte

IRVING, Texas – The American Conference released the conference slate for all 13 women’s basketball teams on Thursday afternoon, with Memphis slated to begin conference play on December 31 at Charlotte.

The Tigers’ first week of conference season will be spent in North Carolina, as they take on East Carolina on January 3 in Greenville. They will return home to host Florida Atlantic on January 7 and South Florida on January 10.

Their first bye week will come between road games at North Texas (January 13) and Wichita State (January 20), and they will host UTSA (January 24) and Tulane (January 27). Alex Simmons’ third team at Memphis will close out the month at Tulsa on January 31 before hosting Rice on February 7.

Memphis will travel to Birmingham to battle UAB on February 10 and host a return fixture with the 49ers on February 14. They’ll play Tulane in New Orleans on February 19 before a trip to Philadelphia to play Temple on the 22nd.

Three of the final four regular season games will be at Elma Roane Fieldhouse, with East Carolina coming to town on February 25. March will open with a road game at UTSA before host-

ing UAB (March 4) and Wichita State (March 7) to conclude the regular season.

The full conference slate can be found below and on the schedule page; tip-off times and broadcast information is still to be determined. Season tickets can be purchased at by visiting gotigersgo.com

2025-26 Memphis Women’s Basketball Conference Schedule

Dec. 31 at Charlotte
Jan. 3 at East Carolina
Jan. 7 vs Florida Atlantic
Jan. 10 vs South Florida
Jan. 13 at North Texas
Jan. 20 at Wichita State
Jan. 24 vs UTSA
Jan. 27 vs Tulane
Jan. 31 at Tulsa
Feb. 7 vs Rice
Feb. 10 at UAB
Feb. 14 vs Charlotte
Feb. 19 at Tulane
Feb. 22 at Temple
Feb. 25 vs East Carolina
March 1 at UTSA
March 4 vs UAB
March 7 vs Wichita State

For complete information on Memphis Tigers Basketball, visit www.GoTigersGo.com and follow the team’s social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

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