

OPTIMIZED PAYMENTS ANNOUNCES SECOND ANNUAL WOMEN IN PAYMENTS HONORARY LUNCHEON

The event returns to Nashville, ahead of the MAG Payments Conference

ATLANTA, GA, UNITED STATES, August 20, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Optimized Payments, a leader in payments analytics and cost optimization, announced the return of the Women in Payments Honorary Luncheon for its second year. The event will take place on Sunday, September 27, 2026, at the Gaylord Opryland in Nashville, Tennessee, before the MAG Payments Conference begins.

The Women in Payments Honorary Luncheon recognizes outstanding women across the payments and finance industry through seven award categories spanning innovation, leadership, legacy, rising talent, and community impact. The 2026 event builds on the success of last year's inaugural luncheon, which brought together more than 100 payments professionals and honored eight recipients across the industry.

This year's event will feature Dr. Gail Burgos, Chief Executive Officer of PayTech Women, as keynote speaker. Dr. Burgos brings more than 25 years of leadership in financial services, diversity, equity, and inclusion, and is widely recognized as one of the most prominent voices advancing women in the fintech and payments space.

The 2026 luncheon will include a cocktail reception, keynote address and awards ceremony recognizing women across seven categories. Nominations for all seven award categories are open to the public, and attendance is by application.

"When we launched Women in Payments last year, we wanted to create something that felt



Optimized Payments founder Anand Goel with attendees at the inaugural 2025 Women in Payments Honorary Luncheon. The event returns to Nashville on September 27, 2026.

different from a traditional industry event - something centered on recognition, celebration and community," said Ashleigh Nails, Director of Marketing at Optimized Payments. " The response to the inaugural event exceeded our expectations, and we're excited to build on that momentum this year with Dr. Burgos, our sponsors and the broader payments community. "

"The goal of Women in Payments is simple: to recognize the women who are making a meaningful impact on our industry and give their accomplishments the visibility they deserve," said Anand Goel, CEO and Founder of Optimized Payments. " The response to our first event showed us how much the payments community values this kind of recognition. We are proud to bring it back for a second year, and grateful to everyone helping us make it possible."

The 2026 Women in Payments Honorary Luncheon is sponsored by Plaid, Adyen, Equifax, Basis Theory, Airwallex, Gr4vy, Riskified, Sticky.io, and Zip.

Award nominations are open at optimizedpayments.com/wip-award-nominations Attendance applications and full event details are available at optimizedpayments.com/women-in-payments-2026.

ABOUT OPTIMIZED PAYMENTS

Optimized Payments is a global leader in payment analytics, empowering businesses with actionable insights for smarter decisions. The company has helped merchants save \$2+ billion in card processing fees, improve authorization rates, and streamline back-office operations such as reporting, reconciliation, and chargeback management. With a distinguished team of industry veterans and a comprehensive suite of solutions, Optimized Payments delivers unparalleled analytics and expertise to merchants and payment facilitators worldwide.

ABOUT DR. GAIL BURGOS

Dr. Gail Burgos is the Chief Executive Officer of PayTech Women, the premier organization supporting the advancement and empowerment of women across the payments industry. With more than 25 years of leadership experience in financial services, diversity, equity, and inclusion, Dr. Burgos brings a bold vision and a deep commitment to building inclusive, impactful communities for women in fintech.

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