WIB Seeks National Membership Vice-Chair (Submissions Requested By November 21)

Women In Bio (WIB) is seeking an engaging woman volunteer to serve as Vice-Chair of the national committee, supporting the sustainability of our organization. WIB supports diversity and inclusion for women employed in the field of life sciences from the classroom to the boardroom. Our organization supports women every step of the way with our Young Women In Bio, Executive Women In Bio, and Boardroom Ready Programs, as well as our growing Mentorship opportunities.

This woman must be able to build relationships between chapters to create an open dialogue on membership and best practices for engaging and retaining members.

Please view the Membership Vice-Chair profile, as well as information on how to apply, located here.

The WIB Founders Professional Scholarship Provides Great Opportunities and Experiences - Tomorrow is the Last Day to Apply!

WIB is accepting applications for this year’s Women In Bio Founders Scholarship which was established to advance the educational development of women in the life sciences industry by encouraging and supporting education on the business aspects of life science. The scholarship also honors WIB co-founders, Robbie Melton, Anne Mathias, Cynthia Wong, and Elizabeth Grey who all wanted to provide a forum for women to come together to celebrate and support each other's success. Doing so creates a dynamic and invaluable forum for the local community.

We are pleased to announce WIB will offer six $1,000 professional scholarships this year. Candidates must be women who are WIB chapter members and working within the life sciences. Scholarship money can be applied toward workshops, conferences, courses, seminars, and other similar educational programs.

Click here to download the application. The application deadline is tomorrow, November 1, 2019. Send completed applications to scholarship@womeninbio.org.

To donate money towards the WIB Scholarship Fund click here. We encourage companies to sponsor a full scholarship. We also invite individuals to donate any amount, and you can do so in honor or in memory of someone special to you.

WIB Welcomes Three New Board Members

We are pleased to welcome Babs Carryer, Faith Charles, and Kirsten Leute as new Board members! These women bring a wealth of experience and expertise in their fields and will be tremendous assets to WIB as we further our mission of promoting diversity and inclusion for women in the life sciences and beyond. Their contributions as WIB chapter founders and leaders have been transformational for the organization.

The WIB Board of Directors is comprised of individuals from the medical, business, law financial, entrepreneurial, and academic communities. The Board’s responsibility is to provide counsel, governance, and oversight in the direction and operation of WIB, as well as raise awareness of the organization’s mission to engage, educate and empower women from the classroom to the boardroom. We are so glad to have these women aboard!

Boardroom Ready News

EWIB and the Boardroom Ready program are proud to announce 2016 program alumna, Tara Nickerson, Ph.D., MBA, has been appointed to the board of directors for Inversago Pharma. https://www.womeninbio.org/page/BoardPlacements

Congrats to the 2019 Boardroom Ready program participants who have completed their course at George Washington University! The competitive and intensive curriculum provides these accomplished women key insights to serving on both public and private boards.
WIB-National: Volunteer Leadership Recognition

Congratulations to Lisa Hillman, our newest National Membership Committee Co-Chair. We are excited to have her on board and can't wait to see what her skills and expertise bring to our membership plans!

WIB welcomes Shobha Kothapalli on board as our new Member Benefits Chair. She'll be working under our Membership Committee to bring great benefits to all of our members.

Sponsor Spotlight

Horizon has been named to Crain’s Chicago Business Most Innovative Companies list, ranking number two out of 44 companies in the Chicago area. Being recognized in this way is a true honor for us and one we wanted to share with you, our trusted partner. The award spotlights companies who’ve found innovative ways to revitalize their brand and the markets they serve. For more information, click here.

In conjunction with the award, Horizon's Chief Scientific Officer Shao-Lee Lin, M.D., Ph.D., EVP and head of research and development, participated in Crain’s Chicago Business 2019 Most Innovative Companies breakfast panel where she talked about the importance of taking risks despite the high probability of failure, as well as how Horizon fosters innovation.

WIB Wants to Hear Your Success Story

Have a success story from your time with WIB? Were you able to land your dream job through networking at a WIB event? Were you able to earn a promotion thanks to guidance from a WIB presentation or WIB Mentorship? Tell us about the connections WIB has helped you make! We would love to hear from you and share your WIB story of success! Email communications@womeninbio.org.

WIB Members May Access Recordings of Previous Webinars

Did you miss a webinar you wanted to attend? Don't worry! Members can access recordings of previous webinars located in the video library here.

RESOURCES

WIB SmartBrief

WIB SmartBrief is a weekly e-mail newsletter bringing the most important and timely news stories about women in all areas of the life sciences. Learn more and sign up for this free E-Newsletter!

WIB Career Center

WIB Career Center is dedicated to matching outstanding women with prime employers throughout the life sciences industry. Whether you are a job seeker or looking to fill a position, this is the resource for you! Visit wibcareercenter.com to get started.

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CHAPTER NEWS & EVENTS
Upcoming Events

- **WIB-RTP**: LaunchLabs AgTech Young Women In Bio Event, November 6, 2019 (Registration Closed)
- **WIB-Atlanta**: MAPS-U Seminar Series: A Step Towards Technology Transfer and Scientific Marketing, November 6, 2019
- **WIB-Atlanta**: Using and Building Your Network, November 7, 2019
- **WIB-RTP**: Young Women In Bio RTP: Speed Mentoring at Girl Scout TechnoQuest, November 9, 2019
- **WIB-RTP**: Careers in Medical Writing: A Panel Discussion, November 12, 2019
- **WIB-National Webinar**: Attributes of a Fundable Start-up and How to Master Due Diligence, November 13, 2019
- **WIB-Greater Montreal**: 7th Anniversary Celebration / 7ème anniversaire de WIB-Grand Montréal, November 13, 2019
- **WIB-San Francisco Bay Area**: 2019 East Bay Networking Happy Hour, November 13, 2019
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- **WIB-San Francisco Bay Area**: MAPS Fall Launch Networking Event, November 20, 2019
- **WIB-Southern California**: MAPS Mentoring Circles, November 30, 2019
- **WIB-Chicago**: Annual Meeting and Wine Tasting, December 5, 2019
- **WIB-San Francisco Bay Area**: Holiday Party at Alchemist Bar & Lounge, December 9, 2019
- **WIB-Greater Boston**: 2019 Annual Wine & Chocolate Holiday Party, December 11, 2019
- **WIB-Capital Region**: HERstory Gala, December 12, 2019

WIB-Atlanta: MAPS-U Seminar Series: A Step Towards Technology Transfer and Scientific Marketing

Join WIB-Atlanta to hear Ms. Lisa Marianni's career experience about technology transfer and scientific marketing. Ms. Lisa Marianni joined the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Technology & Innovation as a Health Scientist, Scientific Marketing. Lisa is responsible for facilitating the transfer of federally originated technology to the commercial market by conducting analytical assessments on the potential of inventions/technology; studying and evaluating market trends and needs; identifying strategies to facilitate and grow industry collaboration; enabling business development and technology commercialization; and providing assistance in guiding discoveries to market through new partner/venture creation and development.

WIB-Atlanta: Using and Building Your Network

Join us for an evening with Dr. Chris-Michelle Jones (The Life & Style Executive, LLC) and a discussion on how to grow and use your personal network, with additional advice on building your LinkedIn presence. The evening will include workshop-type activities, so please bring your phone! Refreshments will be provided.
WIB-Capital Region: Improving Your Professional Brand

"Communication is key" is a quote frequently used to describe your relationships, whether it be personal and/or professional. Communication involves more than just the words that you use, it also includes body language, articulation, projection, stage presence, and more. Join Women In Bio-Capital Region on November 16 at Bikram Yoga Works Studio, Mt. Vernon for a "professional branding" workshop lead by two phenomenal speakers on the topic.

Speakers

Dr. Kristin Backstrom

Stephanie Lynn Williams

WIB-Capital Region: HERstory Gala

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE EXTENDED THROUGH TODAY - OCTOBER 31!
HERstory: Honoring Outstanding Women in Biotech. The HERstory Gala is the premier event for our chapter and it's supporters. This elegant event attracts men and women from industry, government, non-profits organizations, and academia from across the Capital Region Metro Area and provides unique opportunities to meet with some of the region’s most successful women. This event is focused on highlighting women trailblazers in the life sciences who have made significant impact in the region. Click here to see coverage of last year’s inaugural event. Also, click here to see information about the affiliated Rising Star Award.
Ticket price includes a cocktail reception with open bar, a seated dinner, and networking with biotech industry leaders in the Capital Region. Organizations purchasing tables will be acknowledged in the program and during the opening remarks.

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Capital Region - Deadline for WIB Capital Region Rising Star Award Nomination is November 22

The Rising Star Award recognizes life sciences women in the early to mid-stage* of their career. Recipients of this honor represent various sectors of the life sciences who have made significant contributions within the Capital Region. The award is presented during the annual HERstory Gala on December 12, 2019. The awardee(s) must be able to attend and will receive a complimentary ticket. For more information click here. Nominations must be submitted by November 22nd to Lindsay Ryan at capitalregion@womeninbio.org.

*Mid-stage career is defined as up to 15 years of life sciences industry experience, including post-doctoral

WIB-Capital Region: Volunteer Opportunity with GWIS

We would like to encourage members to consider volunteering for a speed mentoring event sponsored by The Hood College Graduate School and the Greater Maryland Chapter of Graduate Women In Science. The event will be held November 14 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Hood's Whitaker Commons with a Mentor Wine-n-Dine beginning at 6:00 p.m. Mentees will explore new ways to grow their network and optimize their career savvy. If interested in participating, please email April Boulton: boulton@hood.edu

WIB-Capital Region Facebook Group

Stay up-to-date with all the events at WIB-Capital Region. Please join our Capital Region Facebook group.

WIB-Chicago: Annual Meeting and Wine Tasting

Calling all WIB-Chicago members! Please join us for our annual members-only meeting followed by wine tasting/networking. At the members meeting, we will review the status of our chapter and discuss our future 2020 events and goals. Stay after the meeting to enjoy the company of fellow WIB members and a casual wine (or beer) tasting.

In the spirit of holiday sharing, please bring a favorite wine or beer to share with other members in a “potluck of libations” networking event. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. The event is open to current members and is free; however, registration is required in advance for building security reasons.

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WIB-Chicago: Call for Programming Vice-Chair!

Do you want to get more involved with the local life science community and WIB-Chicago? We are looking for a volunteer for our Programming Committee. No experience? No worries! Our current Chair will be more than happy to get you up to speed and pass on her year-long experience from organizing events. All you need is a
WIB-Chicago: Ethics in Business and Science - Save the Date (November 20, 2019)

During this program, which will take place on November 20, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. CST, we will explore the topic of Ethics in Business and Science with a panel discussion that includes Theranos Whistleblower, Erika Cheung (via video from Hong Kong), and diagnostics and device science experts Dimitra Georganopoulou from Baxter and Lili Zakaria from EdgeOne Medical. Erika Cheung is featured as one of the whistleblowers in the bestseller Bad Blood by John Carreyrou and HBO Documentary The Inventor, which covered the rise and fall of Theranos, the multibillion-dollar healthcare company. WIB-Chicago is partnering with Liem Le, Little Lion, for this event.


The Chicago Chapter of Women In Bio hosted a great event on Wednesday, October 16, 2019. Julie Lopez, Vice President, Merrill Lynch led a discussion on women's financial health, especially regarding what's different, financially, for women and how do women invest differently than men. The audience included members and their guests from a variety of career stages, all the way from post-docs to senior executives. Julie provided tips to empower investment decisions through various life stages, including the fundamentals of risk management. Women entrepreneurs also benefited from the advice Julie provided during the program. The discussion was lively and interactive! The event was held at CARA, a not-for-profit organization that helps Chicago's unemployed find gainful employment. Gotta B Crepes was on-site with their founder, Ryan Jones cooking up sweet and savory crepes for our attendees and Eric Scott was at the meeting to provide head shots and capture the event with his photography services. Everything added up to be a great event for WIB-Chicago and we are most appreciative to Merrill Lynch for their sponsorship of our Chapter!

WIB-Chicago: Follow us on LinkedIn!

We are happy to invite you to follow us on our LinkedIn page here. Read about WIB Chicago event updates, news and events from other local organizations and interesting articles about women in the life sciences. We also welcome you to our LinkedIn group here for informal discussions and your input and our Twitter account (@CHIWomenInBio) for short and crispy content.

WIB-Greater Boston: Science Career Exploration for Young Women In Bio

WIB-Greater Boston invites girls in middle school to a Young Women In Bio event at Alexandria LaunchLabs to learn more about careers in biotech and pharmaceutical companies.

Alexandria LaunchLabs is the premier, full-service startup platform designed to dramatically accelerate the growth of early-stage life science and agtech companies. With life science sites at the Alexandria Center® for Life Science in New York City and the Alexandria Center® at One Kendall Square in Cambridge, as well as an agtech site at the Alexandria Center® for AgTech in the Research Triangle, Alexandria LaunchLabs provides move-in-ready office/laboratory space, first-class support resources, shared equipment and services, creative amenities and access to startup capital through the Alexandria Seed Capital Platform to drive life-changing innovation. Alexandria LaunchLabs is currently accepting applications for future members in New York City, Cambridge, and the Research Triangle. For more information or to apply, please visit www.alexandrialaunchlabs.com.

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WIB-Greater Boston: What's Your Strategy?

Do you clearly know the difference between strategies and tactics? How do you know if your strategy is a good one? Join WIB-Greater Boston for a panel discussion on strategy and how best to use it to reach your business objectives and career goals. We expect to have an interactive discussion of a nebulous and oft-confused topic, so bring your best thinking for a lively conversation.

Click Here for More Information or to Register
WIB-Greater Boston: 2019 Annual Wine & Chocolate Holiday Party

The WIB-Greater Boston chapter will be celebrating the holiday season at The Allsteel on December 11, 2019, in Boston. Join us for a night of wine, chocolate, and cheer as we bid farewell to 2019 and look ahead to another successful year in the hub!

Click Here for More Information or to Register

WIB-Greater Boston: Volunteer Leadership Recognition

A big thank you to Sophie Chappelle for all her work as the Greater Boston Sponsorship Chair. She is leaving the position, and we wish her well in all her future endeavors.

WIB extends a warm welcome to Birgit Schoeberl, who is our new Greater Boston Sponsorship Chair! Birgit has hit the ground running and is already bringing in sponsorships. We are excited to have her energy at WIB.

WIB-Greater Montreal: 7th Anniversary Celebration / 7ème anniversaire de WIB-Grand Montréal

Join WIB-Greater Montreal as we celebrate our 7th anniversary with a cocktail dinner at Fasken, high atop the Stock Exchange Tower in downtown Montreal. Our keynote speaker, Shelley Epstein, Vice President, Corporate and Public Affairs at Imagia, will discuss her journey from pharma to tech and the role of women in Artificial Intelligence (AI). Shelley is a business leader with extensive commercial experience in global healthcare, honing her expertise over 20 years at Merck and Co. At Imagia, Shelley shapes and implements initiatives to advance government and NGO strategic partnerships that support global AI in healthcare development. The evening is a celebration of our chapter’s successes these past years and an opportunity for us to showcase what we have planned for the year to come. Everyone is welcome. There will be ample time for networking, where you will meet women and men from all areas of the Life Sciences sector. It is a perfect chance for you to connect and reconnect with your professional colleagues. We look forward to seeing you there!

Joignez-vous à WIB-Grand Montréal pour célébrer notre 7ème anniversaire lors d’un cocktail dînatoire chez Fasken SENCRL au sommet de la Tour de la Bourse au centre-ville de Montréal. Notre conférencière d’honneur, Shelley Epstein, Vice-Présidente Affaires Publiques et Corporatives, nous présentera son parcours de la pharma à la technologie et du rôle des femmes dans l’Intelligence Artificielle (IA). Shelley est une dirigeante possédant une vaste expérience commerciale dans les soins de santé mondiaux. Elle a développé pour 20 ans ses compétences chez Merck and Co. Au sein de Imagia, Shelley élabore et met en œuvre des initiatives destinées à faire progresser les partenariats stratégiques des gouvernements et des ONG qui soutiennent l’IA mondiale dans le développement des soins de santé. Cette soirée est une occasion pour nous de célébrer les succès que notre chapitre a connus au cours des dernières années et l’occasion de dévoiler notre programmation pour l’année à venir. Tous sont les bienvenus. Une partie de la soirée sera dédiée au réseautage entre femmes et hommes œuvrant dans divers secteurs des sciences de la vie. Voici l’occasion parfaite pour renouer avec vos collègues professionnels. Au plaisir de tous vous y voir!

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**WIB-Metro New York: Regulatory Affairs Trends, Risks, and Strategies to Succeed**

Join WIB Metro New York for an after-work networking and panel event hosted by BioLabs@NYULangone. This month’s event will include a panel of regulatory affairs leaders at small to large companies. Learn about top regulatory trends, risks, and strategies to succeed when developing, launching, and maintaining drug, device, and biotech innovations in the market. There will be opportunities to network before and after the panel session with other attending professionals and panelists. Join us for an inspiring evening full of learning and networking to advance your career!

**Speaker Bios**

- **Anna Maria Gambino**, Director of Regulatory Affairs at Pfizer
- **Melody Eble**, Senior Director of Global Regulatory Affairs at The Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson
- **Chung Lee-Sogaard**, Director of Regulatory Affairs at Regeneron
- **Dunni Odumosu**, Senior Director of Regulatory Affairs at BridgeBio Gene Therapy & Chapter Chair of WIB-Philadelphia Metro Chapter
- **Panel Moderator: Jana D. Oberman**, VP of Global Regulatory Affairs at Ovid Therapeutics & Steering Committee Member of WIB-Metro New York Chapter

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**WIB-Philadelphia Metro: Cell and Gene Therapy: Building Blocks…to Buildings**

Join Women In Bio for a dynamic line-up of speakers discussing the evolution of the cell and gene ecosystem in and around Philadelphia. Our discussion will include a range of topics including why good manufacturing practices (cGMP) are paramount to success for cell and gene therapy manufacturing, as well as regulatory and commercialization concerns.

**Speaker Bios**

- **Joanne Meloro**
- **Allison Montalvo**
- **Elizabeth Shreve**

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WIB-Pittsburgh: Leveraging LinkedIn To Launch Your Career (Free Professional Headshots)

Learn how to utilize LinkedIn in your professional position, business development, job search, networking, and more! Join WIB-Pittsburgh for an evening of networking and skill-building with our speaker Amylyn Kyler. You will learn how to quickly differentiate yourself from the competition and network effectively to promote yourself and your business. Amylyn will be joined by Jeff Kyler of A-J Kyler Photography, who will be offering FREE professional headshots for your LinkedIn Profile. Photos will be available before the workshop presentation from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for anyone that would like to take advantage of this opportunity. No laptops needed, but be prepared to take notes! Light food and refreshments will be provided. Follow #WIBPghNetworking and #WIBPgh on Twitter for more updates and connect with Amylyn on LinkedIn here.

WIB-Pittsburgh: eMAPS (Executive Mentorship, Advisors, Peers, and Sponsorship) Program Announcement

We are excited to announce a new executive small group program for WIB members known as eMAPS (Executive Mentorship, Advisors, Peers, and Sponsorship). We have extended the application period, and the deadline is now tomorrow, November 1, 2019. The first round of this group mentoring program will focus on the advancement of women in industry and begins this fall. And, after building a successful program for industry women, we anticipate rolling out a similar program to focus on advancing in an academic career path.

The goal of this industry eMAPS small group mentoring is to prepare middle to senior level career women for transitions into the executive level. Participants will be seeking to transition to the Sr. Manager/Director/VP level within five years and have the desire to build knowledge and competencies that will enable them to move beyond their current roles and advance their careers. The theme of the inaugural program is Lift While You Climb, and will entail a workshop series including speakers on topics relevant to career growth. The application form has more details and is attached.

If you know of other women who may be interested in this program, please help us reach them by forwarding this email with the attached application. Feel free to contact us at pittsburghmaps@womeninbio.org with any questions.

Deb Burks, Beth Shaaban, and Claire Kampman
WIB-Pittsburgh MAPS Committee

WIB-Pittsburgh: Wine Tasting with Palate Partners - Save the Date (December 4, 2019)

Join WIB-Pittsburgh at Palate Partners in Lawrenceville for networking, appetizers, and a private wine tasting lesson. We'll sample five different wines while learning the science behind wine making and how to choose a wine you like. Additional event details and registration will be available soon!
their background and experience with Girl Scouts. The girls will get to spend five minutes with each volunteer to learn about their STEM careers and interests.

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WIB-RTP: Careers in Medical Writing: A Panel Discussion

Do you wonder what a career in medical writing or scientific writing would be like? Join the WIB-RTP chapter for an engaging career panel featuring four local female medical writers who will share their experiences in the rapidly expanding field of medical writing.

With over 20 years of combined experience, Women In Bio-RTP is proud to feature Dayle Cohen from PPD, Lara Skwarek from Eva Garland Consulting, Jacqueline Powell from Syneos Pharmaceuticals, and Erica Allen from EAllen Pharmaceutical Services on our Medical Writing Career Panel. They will discuss their personal career trajectories and what opportunities and trials medical writers proudly embrace! Wynne Long, Territory Alignment Manager at PPD will moderate.

WIB-RTP: Volunteer Leadership Recognition

WIB wishes to extend a thank you to Alicia Kobiansky, who has been serving as our RTP Communications Chair. She is leaving this role, and we wish her well as she moves on from her volunteer position!

Kathleen Finn, our RTP Membership Vice-Chair, is moving on from her position. WIB thanks her for her service! Kathleen, we wish you well as you move into new opportunities.

Our RTP chapter is welcoming several new board members onto their team! Natalie Patzlaff has been appointed Chapter Vice Chair, Zahra Heidari has been appointed Communications Chair, Rebekah Watkins Schulz has been appointed Membership Vice Chair, and Julia DiFiore has been appointed Volunteer Coordinator. We look forward to seeing what things these wonderful women have in store for WIB-RTP!

WIB-San Francisco Bay Area: 2019 East Bay Networking Happy Hour

WIB-San Francisco Bay Area invites you to join us for a networking happy hour in the East Bay at Rosenblum Wine Cellars. Join us over drinks and food and grow your network with the larger community of women in the sciences in the Bay Area.

WIB-San Francisco Bay Area: MAPS Fall Launch Networking Event
To celebrate the launch of the Fall 2019 cycling for MAPS, WIB-San Francisco Bay Area is hosting a MAPS-focused networking event for current participants and interested members.

Come meet up with fellow peer group members or your 1:1 mentor or mentee in person over light bites and drinks. If you're not yet in MAPS but want to learn more about mentoring or participating in peer groups to build your personal and professional community, come by and meet the MAPS committee who will be there to provide more information!

Small appetizers, beer, and wine will be provided.

Click Here for More Information or to Register

**WIB-San Francisco Bay Area: Holiday Party at Alchemist Bar & Lounge**

Come celebrate with us at our annual holiday party at Alchemist in downtown San Francisco. Join us to share in drinks, food, and holiday cheer as we come together as a larger community of women in the life sciences in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Click Here for More Information or to Register

**WIB-San Francisco: Call for Volunteers for the Membership and Communications Committees**

Build a network without even trying - come volunteer with the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of Women In Bio! Our committees are run and staffed by amazing women you should get to know. By volunteering, you can make connections in the life sciences as part of the Membership Committee, hone your speaking and writing skills on the Communications committee, and more.

Please email SanFrancisco@womeninbio.org for more information about volunteering with us!


On September 19, 2019 the WIB San-Francisco Bay Area Chapter and Foley & Lardner LLP hosted a panel discussion on the future of pharmaceutical pricing and its impact on public health. The roundtable was moderated by Sara Singer (Professor of Medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine and Professor, by courtesy, at the Stanford Graduate School of Business and Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies), Panelists included Katie Gudiksen (Senior Health Policy Researcher for The Source on Healthcare Price and Competition), Robin Howard (V.P. of Commercial Planning at Global Blood Therapeutics), and Allison Dupuy (Managing Partner and U.S. Head of Life Sciences at Simon-Kucher & Partners).

Click here for more details and additional photos

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**WIB-Seattle: Dive Into Marine Biology w/ Young Women In Bio at the Seattle Aquarium**

YWIB-Seattle is heading to the Seattle Aquarium to experience hands-on marine biology and to learn how to inspire conservation of our marine environment. During this unique program, students in 9th through 12th grade will have the opportunity to perform squid dissections and plankton tows, as well as participate in a career panel discussion with guest speakers who are thriving in the field of marine biology. All equipment will be provided.

**WIB-Southern California: MAPS Mentoring Circles**

Invest in your career! Mentor circles are a powerful career advancement tool. Face challenges, obstacles, and celebrate new opportunities taking advantage of the advice, counsel, and mentorship from women in your field who are vested in your success. WIB-SoCal Mentoring Circles are a part of the Mentorship, Advisors, Peers, and Sponsorship (MAPS) portfolio of programs. Mentees complete a personal plan identifying their goals at the start of the program that is worked and reviewed consistently with their mentor.

Matches between mentees and mentors will be made creating circles built around common career interests with no more than five people in each circle (two mentors and three mentees). A launch event in January 2020 will introduce the mentors/mentees and train participants on best practices to maximize success. Carefully designed to respect busy schedules, participants commit three hours per month, over a six-month timeline, in a combination of face-to-face meetings and conference calls. Apply to join a mentor circle and in your application share your interests, personal career goals, and prioritize professional topics that interest you.

This is an exciting new addition for the Southern California chapter and we encourage you to join a circle today. You do not have to be a WIB member when you apply, but membership is required to participate at the start of the program. You must be willing to commit to the process and be motivated to give and receive professional support.

**WIB-Southern California: Volunteer Leadership Recognition**

Thank you to Elizabeth Velez for your work in our Southern California chapter as Sponsorship Chair. We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors!

**WIB-Southern California: Digital Health, October 23, 2019, Event Recap**

The October 23, 2019 WIB-Southern California event was a panel discussion on digital health, an industry that is gaining more and more importance in healthcare. The conference room of the law firm Cooley, the premier event sponsor, was the perfect space for the networking reception with wine and beer, a variety of appetizers, cheeses, salami, and crackers, and fabulous desserts. The panel discussion was moderated by Linda Strause, one of the founders of the WIB’s Southern California chapter. The panelists were Ilana Brand, VP of Business Development Digital Health at Cooley; Cindy Salas Murphy, MPH, CEO of WithHealth, and Amy Bernal, MBA, Chief Experience Office at Aira.
About Our Chapter

The Texas chapter of WIB was founded in 2015 and provides a supportive community for professional women in all walks of life to interact and exchange information and ideas. Our membership base includes academic and clinical researchers, sales professionals, venture capitalists, legal advisors, intellectual property advisors, technology transfer specialists, policy experts, clinical trials professionals, doctors, medical/science communicators, educators, students, and many other experts that support the health, pharmaceutical and science industry.

OTHER INTERESTS

Applicants needed for Equalize 2020: National Women’s Pitch Event & Symposium to Empower Academic Women Entrepreneurs

Equalize is a national symposium and pitch event to empower academic women inventors and entrepreneurs! The event will bring together academic researchers, investors, and corporate partners. It will be held in St. Louis on June 24 through 25 in partnership with Osage University Partners. The following criteria are required for pitching:

- At least one woman founder with an academic appointment at a research institution
- Product concept no more than 4 years from regulatory approval or product on the market
- At least one presenter holds a pending or issued patent or copyright

Click here for information and/or to apply. Applications are due November 15.

To take advantage of a free subscription to WIB SmartBrief, a weekly newsletter that will keep you updated about women making a difference in biotech and life sciences, please sign up here.

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