We at Women In Bio are united in the quest to help eradicate inequality, racism, and bias and are developing an actionable plan to create true change. We had been in contact with several organizations at the beginning of 2020 to discuss how we can partner to involve the African American community in WIB’s educational and leadership programming…from STEM all the way to the Boardroom! We plan on creating an intentional pathway of awareness that will serve as a springboard for meaningful engagement.

The goal is to act and make equality the "new normal"! Please watch for updates as our action plan unfolds to see how you may want to get involved.

Thank you, WIB members, sponsors, and supporters, for all you do to move WIB’s mission forward!
Women In Bio (WIB) is heartbroken by the injustice, inequality, racism, and violence during this dark moment. We empathize with the African American community during this time, and wholeheartedly support the continued fight against racism and marginalization of communities of color.

The WIB community continues to show our collective strength by remaining allies and advocates for one another. We recommit to our mission - to promote diversity and inclusion across the life science sector - and our work has never been more critical, as diversification of all kinds fuels creativity and drives innovation.

We will continue to ensure that our membership and events remain inclusive of all who support WIB's mission to ensure that we foster a culture of inclusion, equity, and respect for one another.

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**WIB-National Webinar Reshare: "Uncovering Unconscious Bias"**

We want to reshare with everyone our January 2019 WIB-National Webinar "Uncovering Unconscious Bias." Led by Kelsey Pytlik, Co-founder and CEO of Gild Collective, this webinar provides participants with the opportunity to discover, explore, and understand their unconscious biases--where do they come from, how we accept their presence without letting them drive our key decisions, how have these biases impacted our decisions and actions thus far, and how can we interrupt them going forward.

Please click here to view the recording.
Join WIB at BIO Digital - Don't Miss Our Dynamic Lineup of Events!

BIO Digital is underway and it's not too late to participate! This virtual gathering of the global biotech industry is providing access to key partners via BIO One-on-One Partnering, educational resources to help drive your business, and the insights you need to continue critical research and development. Explore the entire event [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4165160).

Plan to join us virtually at our educational and networking events:

**Today:**

**WIB-National: Virtual Speed Networking at BIO Digital 2020**

(12:00 p.m./3:00 p.m. EDT):

Women In Bio chapters unite to offer a speed networking event that will connect you with
like-minded people that are interested in fostering connections! WIB is all about engaging communities within our 13 chapter cities, but with this virtual event, we will be able to reach across the country...the world...to connect. Utilizing our Zoom platform, we have created breakout rooms that will allow three to four participants to introduce themselves and briefly share what they do. You will engage, educate, and empower each other through conversation and then move to another room to meet new people. This event is open to the general public.

Click here for more information.

Hosted by Michelle Zorrilla
WIB-National Special Events Chair

Friday, June 12:

**WIB-National MAPS Panel Discussion: The Benefits of Executive Mentoring Cohorts w/Sanofi ELEVATE eMAPS**

Webinar (9:00 a.m. PDT/12:00 p.m EDT):

Executive mentoring cohorts accelerate leadership advancement through action learning projects, executive sponsorship, mentoring and tapping into employee and business resource groups. Learn how programs like Sanofi’s ELEVATE cohort program and Women In Bio’s eMAPS program are developing internal and industry wide pipelines of talented women executive leaders fueling the success of the life science industry. This event is open to the general public.

Click here for more information.
Friday, June 12:

**WIB-Southern California: BIO Digital Chapter Panel Discussion - What Makes SoCal a Leading Hub?**

Webinar (12:00 p.m. PDT/3:00 p.m EDT):

David H. Crean  
Dr. Lisa Haile  
Mr. Julio de Unamuno IV  
Elizabeth Hewitt Gibson

What is Southern California's secret sauce? Why is it near the top US biotech cluster, with key areas of VC dollars, patents, lab space, employment, and NIH funding, all trending up? Meet panelists in each of these key areas, and join us for a interactive discussion and thought leaders' perspectives on what's coming next to Southern California. This event is open to the general public. Click [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4165160) for more information.

**Thank you to our BIO Digital Sponsors:**
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Women In Bio welcomes you to attend any of the amazing virtual events all of our dedicated chapters are holding.

Please click here to view the full list of virtual events.

WIB-National Webinar: Growing Your Career and Personal Brand in Life Sciences and Biotech

Today’s biotech market is extremely competitive and riddled with difficult career-growth obstacles. Some are within our control, others that are not. Stefan Werdegar and Grace Lanni will discuss how now more than ever, networking and relationships dictate career success. This presentation provides participants these learning objectives:

• Identify the six keys to career development/transition success
• Build an impactful, results-oriented bio
• Learn how to develop a strategic network
• Understand where there are market opportunities for new career positions and how to approach them
• Gain insight into best practices for moving up within your organization
• Marketing yourself and communicating your value proposition
• Discover the value of your personal brand
• Learn how to become a thought leader and expand your market presence

Click here for more information.

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WIB's Entrepreneur Center in Partnership with Biocom Presents: Current Trends in Venture Funding: Perspective on Investments Post-Pandemic
Everyone in the life sciences industry has had to deal with a new reality after the pandemic hit. Clinical trial plans have been postponed, moving from in-person to virtual, adapting to a new normal. But through it all, life sciences experts are adapting to the new normal and continuing to be innovative. We’ll talk to a panel involving some experienced investors as they discuss managing investment opportunities in a new and different world.

Click here for more information.

Thank you for all you have done to engage, educate, and empower women in the life sciences!

New YWIB Online Modules

We are pleased to announce the recent addition of the following YWIB Online Modules to our YouTube channel:
YWIB Volunteer Leadership Recognition

Stephanie Allen is the new National YWIB Communications Co-Vice Chair. We are all very excited about the work that YWIB is doing with YWIB Online and the YWIB Ambassadors program. Stephanie will be an amazing resource as we grow these initiatives!

Would You Like to Be a National Leader for Women In Bio?

WIB-National seeks volunteers for the National WIB Entrepreneur Center Co-Vice-Chair position. WIB supports diversity and inclusion for women employed in the field of life sciences from the classroom to the boardroom. We are with our members 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. To apply for this position, or to express interest in volunteering in general, please complete the form located here no later than June 25, 2020.

- **National WIB Entrepreneur Center Co-Vice-Chair**: Will work alongside the TEC National Chair and will be responsible for planning meetings and events to help educate and engage the entrepreneurs and founders within our chapter membership. The candidate will be expected to participate on the MAPS National monthly call and will need to be available to attend a few other internal committee meetings during the month. An entrepreneurial spirit is an important element for the candidate.

June Almeida, the Woman Who Discovered the First Coronavirus

Check out this very inspiring story about June Almeida, a pioneer of virus imaging who was largely forgotten until the current COVID-19 outbreak.

Have a Speaker or Topic Idea?

Please share your ideas for an upcoming event topic, an idea for an event, or recommend a speaker by filling out the form located here. WIB will share your ideas with National & Chapter.
leaders to determine future events.

**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! **We are also looking for brief quotes from members willing to share their testimonials.**

Email communications@womeninbio.org.

**RESOURCES**

**WIB Career Center - A Member Benefit for Job Seekers**

The WIB Career Center is a member benefit available at all times, but we’d like to take a moment to spotlight the many aspects that will help job seekers in the weeks and months to come. These are some of the unique ways Women In Bio is here for you if you need help seeking out new opportunities:

**Free resume review** – Take advantage of a free, basic resume critique available right through the WIB Career Center.

**Valuable job seeker articles, tips and recommendations** – Dozens of articles and other content like resume writing tips, interview tips, job search ideas, tips on social networking and more, are offered.

**Career coaches** – We provide access to certified career coaches that can help our members with job search strategies, CVs and resumes, cover letters and more.

**Job Alerts** – By simply checking a box while searching for jobs, members can sign up to have jobs matched to your preferences and qualifications and sent directly to your inbox whenever
those jobs are posted. Be the first to discover and apply for new opportunities.

**Professional Education** – Expand your network at upcoming events or conferences. Check out relevant online learning courses, and credentials that will make you more qualified for the jobs you seek.

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](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4165160).

WIB Video Library

*This Member-Only benefit* allows you to view previously recorded WIB events from any chapter. Simply log into your WIB account to take advantage of this great resource and access the videos in our WIB video library!

**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!**

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• WIB-San Francisco Bay Area: **Pioneering Women in Personalized Medicine**, September 14, 2020

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**WIB-Atlanta: Young Women In Bio - GEMS STEM Day at Agnes Scott, February 28, 2020, Event Recap**

On Friday, February 28, 2020, students from Alcovy High School came to Agnes Scott College and spent the day attending classes, touring the campus, and participating in different STEM activities with ASC faculty and students. The 20 high school students in attendance were members of the “Gifted Girls” group at Alcovy. The Agnes Scott students who organized the day are representatives of the Generating Excellence in Math and Science (GEMS) living and learning community.

Read the entire recap [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4165160).

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**About WIB-Atlanta**

Atlanta is the regional hub for the hospital technology and medical device industries and is the home of a burgeoning biotech industry that some have likened to a potential “Silicon Valley” of Biotechnology. The city has a strong reputation in global health, housing the CDC, Carter Center, and the Taskforce for Global Health.
The Atlanta chapter of WIB was founded in 2012, to cater to the women in the burgeoning life sciences sector here. WIB-Atlanta provides women a space to interact and exchange information and ideas, through a wide range of social gatherings and educational workshops. Our membership base includes researchers, sales, law professionals, business, technology transfer specialists, supportive staff, policy experts, doctors, medical/science communicators, educators and other experts.

Connect with our leadership! CapitalRegion@WomenInBio.org
Volunteer Opportunities with the WIB-Capital Region Chapter

Are you looking to get involved in WIB-Capital Region? Volunteering for WIB is an excellent way to gain leadership experience, give back, support our fellow WIB members, and reach out to the community. There are many opportunities at different levels of involvement across all of our committees including Programs, Membership, Communications, Sponsorship, MAPS, Young Women In Bio. Fill out this brief survey here to get started.

- WIB-Capital Region is looking for a Volunteers Chair to link volunteers with relevant events and activities. This person will track individuals who want to volunteer with WIB-Capital Region, and connect those volunteers with other chapter leaders for participation in events (such as monthly programming, communications, or YWIB activities). This person will play an important role in facilitating involvement and broadening participation of members with WIB. Please reach out to capitalregion@womeninbio.org to learn more.

WIB-Capital Region Announces Executive Women In Bio (EWIB)

The Capital Region is happy to announce Executive Women In Bio (EWIB). EWIB champions greater diversity and is committed to supporting female leadership through professional development programs. EWIB strives to be a foundational resource for women in executive roles, by fostering achievement and empowering women to be the best leaders and influencers they can be.
be through formal education, training, and structured networking. Please reach out to capitalregion@womeninbio.org to learn more about the group and upcoming events.

WIB-Capital Region Volunteer Leadership Recognition

Wendy Perrow is joining the Capital Region EWIB team as the new Co-Chair. Welcome, Wendy! We look forward to seeing how you will help Capital Region grow our EWIB programming.

WIB-Capital Region COVID-19 Update

Due to the ongoing coronavirus outbreak, and with the health and safety of our members in mind, we will be postponing all March and April events. Please stay safe and take care - we will look forward to resuming programming in later months.

WIB-Capital Region Twitter and LinkedIn pages

Stay up-to-date with all the events at WIB-Capital Region by following us on Twitter and LinkedIn.

WIB-Capital Region: The Art of Negotiating Compensation With Kunal Chadha and Maura Kahn, May 7, 2020, Event Recap

Kunal Chadha, Managing Partner and Principal at Nimbus Search Partners, and Maura Kahn, Senior Vice President Business Development and Marketing at Noxilizer, shared strategies for successfully negotiating compensation in a recent webinar hosted by WIB-Capital Region.

Read the entire recap here.

Finally – it all comes down to you!!
WIB-Chicago: Webinar - Embracing the Virtual World: A Women In Bio Netgiving Event

Jennie Moreau will design and facilitate a 90-minute interactive virtual “Netgiving” event to encourage women to become more relational, more strategic, and higher performing professionals. This will be an opportunity for WIB members to build relationships by sharing their stories—professional and personal, challenges, and triumphs—as a means to netgiving. We’ll explore how the virtual world is impacting our lives and ways to embrace technology as a tool for thriving, not just surviving.

Click here for more information.
About WIB-Greater Boston

WIB-Greater Boston, located in the world’s leading biotechnology supercluster, welcomes women working in the life sciences to events created to support professional development, leadership, and mentoring. These events provide invaluable networking opportunities to build professional relationships for those just beginning their careers to industry veterans.

The Mentorship, Advisors, Peers, and Sponsorship (MAPS) Program provides mentorship in small group settings.

Our Leadership Ready Development Program comprises of educational sessions and practical advice for women aspiring to, or just entering leadership positions, focusing on topics specifically for female professionals in the biotech industry.

Young Women In Bio (YWIB) organizes educational programs for middle and high school girls to encourage ongoing interest in life science and to improve awareness around the breadth of career opportunities in the field.

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WIB-Greater Montreal: Career Management During a Crisis – is COVID-19 a Different Kind of Crisis?

COVID-19 has jolted many of us out of our comfort zones - our social lives, work routines, economic security and thoughts about the future have been put into question. This is not first economic crisis that the world has ever faced. How does this collision between economic downturn, social distancing and uncertainly differ from prior crises?

Please join us as our international panelists discuss similarities and differences between our current COVID-19 experience and previous crises. Click here for more information.

WIB-Greater Montreal Volunteer Leadership Recognition
Deb Blake will be doing double duty for the Montreal chapter. In addition to her Vice-Chair duties, she is now the Programming Chair for the chapter. Thanks, Deb, for all the work you do for WIB-Greater Montreal!

WIB-Montreal would like to thank Azadeh Shohoudi for all her work as the Programming Chair. She is stepping down and we wish her well as she moves on to other projects. We appreciate all the work she has done to create great, meaningful programs for the women of Montreal.

Céline Chabée is joining WIB-Montreal as the Co-Vice Chair of Programming. Welcome, Céline, we can't wait to see what great ideas you have as we pivot to virtual events during this time of COVID.


Once more we had an informative online MAPS event on the topic of the many types of consulting and how to approach this career path. In addition to the key takeaways from the panelists, we asked our attendees what their take-home messages were:

- Start networking as early as you can, while you are a student and even while at work. Expand your circle, don’t stay within the university or life sciences sector, network in other areas as well. Both extroverts and introverts can be successful consultants. Given that entrepreneur consultants need to promote themselves and go to a lot of events, a good way for introverts to recharge is to remember to schedule personal time.
- Whether you are a sole proprietor or work in a consulting firm, identify and nurture your soft skills in order to manage clients / employers.
- You can start from many different educational backgrounds but the key thing is having a strong desire to succeed and enjoyment in the work. It is important to feel fulfilled if you want to build your own business.

Thank you to our four panelists (Elizabeth Cooper, Richa Sharma, Julie Wilkinson, and Jennifer Zimmons) for the insightful messages and lessons shared with us!
WIB-Metro New York: Wealthcare for Health – Because Life Pivots

Amy Marchitello, Founder of Wealthcare for Health and formerly a successful Healthcare Advertising Executive is impassioned about educating and empowering women on key and critical financial matters. Through her personal narrative, and "Life Pivots" story she will share key considerations and concepts to create a strong and sound financial plan. Regardless of where you are in your financial picture, you can always positively pivot to improve and optimize your decisions.

For more info, click here.

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WIB-Metro New York: Putting Your Best Self Forward: Tips for Resumes and LinkedIn Profiles, May 27, 2020, Event Recap

On May 27, 2020, WIB Metro-New York hosted Michelle Mlynaryk and Jenna Sandker from the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Human Resources department for the webinar: "Putting Your Best Self Forward: Tips for Resumes and LinkedIn Profiles". The webinar centered around presenting a uniform brand across all social media channels with a particular focus on LinkedIn. Some key points included: 1) using professional photos; 2) creating an engaging headline; 3) identifying what makes you unique; 4) developing a personal story, and 5) optimizing keywords. The speakers provided great insights on how we can use this time of “sheltering in place” to polish up our professional image to attract new career opportunities.

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WIB-Philadelphia Metro: Mentorship, Advisors, Peers, and Sponsorship Happy Hour: Time to Reset!

Join Women In Bio-Philadelphia Metro for a Happy Hour to kick off the 2020-2021 MAPS groups! During these uncertain times, it is
important to stay connected and continue to support each other through common topics of career planning or transitioning, maintaining work/life balance, managing teams virtually and more. Come learn about what the MAPS groups accomplished last year and how you can get involved this year!

Click here for more information.

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**WiB-Philadelphia Volunteer Leadership Recognition**

The Philadelphia Programming team has an influx of Committee Associates! Welcome Kate Shay, Marcia O’Connor, Meghan Alonso, and Article Arkar. We can't wait to see what great things you have in store for Philadelphia.

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**WiB-Pittsburgh: Get to Know Krystal Biotech – A Pittsburgh Based Gene Therapy Company**

Join our GoToWebinar for an in-depth look at Krystal Biotech with SVP Product Development, Pooja Agarwal, Ph.D.

Krystal Biotech, Inc. (NASDAQ:KRYS) is a gene therapy company dedicated to developing and commercializing novel treatments for patients suffering from dermatological diseases.

Dr. Agarwal will share her insights on the corporate vision, overall business philosophy as well as provide an update on their therapeutic pipeline. She will also speak to her perspective on key business skills necessary to succeed as a leader.
Member Spotlight - Zoe LaPalombara

Zoe LaPalombara
Co-Vice Chair, Membership Committee

Career position: Ph.D. Candidate, Center for Neuroscience at the University of Pittsburgh

Education: B.S., Yale University

Research interests: Translational neuroscience, psychiatric disorders

Fun facts: I enjoy playing music (guitar, piano, drums, saxophone)

Click here for full spotlight.

WIB-Pittsburgh Volunteer Leadership Recognition

Our Pittsburgh chapter welcomes Claire Kampman to their leadership team! She is coming on board as the new MAPS co-chair. We look forward to seeing how she will drive Pittsburgh MAPS forward.

Beth Shaaban has done a fabulous job as the MAPS co-chair of the Pittsburgh chapter. She is stepping down at this time, and we wish her well in all her future endeavors. Thank you for your work, Beth!

Pittsburgh is also updating our Membership Committee. Andrea Dobbs is passing the Membership Chair torch to Lisa Beppu. Lisa will be assisted by two new Vice-Chairs, Mary Philbin and Zoe LaPalombar. Andrea, you will be missed! We wish you well in all your future endeavors. Thank you for leaving Pittsburgh Membership in great hands with Lisa, Mary, and Zoe.

YWIB-Pittsburgh welcome Joie Marhefka to their team! Joie is coming on as the YWIB Communications Chair. We look forward to her assistance as Pittsburgh continues to grow YWIB programming with great virtual events and collaborations!

WIB-Pittsburgh: Fine Tuning Your Resume and Professional Network

May 20, 2020, Event Recap

On May 20, 2020, WIB-Pittsburgh hosted its first virtual webinar with a guest speaker Melanie Robb from Melanie Robb Consulting. Amidst the Covid-19 pandemic and changes to the global economy, this was a timely event...
to learn strategies on how we can present our career achievements to future employers. With over 20 years of recruiting and career coaching experience, Melanie provided perspectives and real-world examples of what we should be focusing on, in our resumes and LinkedIn profiles. While there is a lot of uncertainty in the job market right now, we hope this event provided the attendees a positive reinforcement on things we could be doing to position ourselves better for the changes ahead.

**Sponsor Spotlight - Cybergenetics**

Cybergenetics is a twenty-year Pittsburgh based biotech company that focuses on solving complex DNA evidence. WIB-Pittsburgh thanks Cybergenetics for sponsoring their programming.

Here is what Ria David, President of Cybergenetics had to say about her experience engaging with Women In Bio.

- **Can you summarize your career path and tell us about your role in Cybergenetics?**

  My background is in humanities and business culture: I traveled around the world living and working on multiple continents and have a Ph.D. and MBA. My husband and I started a biotech company based on his technology automating DNA analysis. We work in the forensic DNA space helping to interpret complex crime scene DNA evidence and identify victims of mass disasters.

  Click [here](#) for full spotlight.
WIB-RTP: Book Club – Catch and Kill: Lies, Spies, and Conspiracies to Protect Predators By Ronan Farrow

"Catch and Kill" is an industry term used mostly in tabloid publications as a practice of purchasing a story, and then burying it. Ronan Farrow claims NBC did something similar with his reporting of the Harvey Weinstein allegations. Many at NBC told him that his reporting "was not solid." Yet, no one at NBC – Farrow's producers, news directors, anyone in the chain of command; provided proper guidance and training for honing success as a news reporter. Farrow discovered the lengths Harvey Weinstein, NBC News, and the NYC district attorney's office would take to make the story simply go away.

A discussion led by Michelle Jon Nauerth, Ph.D. via Zoom.

Click here for more information.

WIB-RTP: Young Women In Bio - COVID-19 Question and Answer with Local Virus Experts

Young Women In Bio-RTP is hosting a free, virtual webinar for middle and high school students on Wednesday June 23 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m to gain insight into the COVID-19 pandemic. This webinar will be led by two virus experts, Dr. Stephanie Langel (Ph.D.) and Dr. Julie Steinbrink (M.D.). The webinar will start with a brief update on where the COVID-19 pandemic stands since our last COVID-19 focused webinar in April. We will discuss if social distancing is working and the likelihood of a second COVID-19 outbreak. We will also provide an update on new scientific and therapeutic breakthroughs since our last webinar. The majority of the webinar will be focused on allowing student participants to ask questions about COVID-19 to our two virus experts!

Click here for more information.
WIB-San Francisco Bay Area: Pioneering in Cell Therapy - A Journey from New Frontier to Mainstream

Join the San Francisco Bay Area chapter of Women In Bio on June 24, 2020 for a special event featuring local women executives in cell therapy. The panel will discuss the science and patient benefits behind cell therapy. What differentiates gene and cell therapies from the traditional biotech and pharma medicines? What are the challenges facing this new wave of companies to take this into the mainstream? What are some of the lessons learned?

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WIB-Seattle: Bubble Tea at Home Happy Hour with The Works Seattle

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Join WIB-Seattle and The Works Seattle, a local, women-owned, small business, for an on-demand boba tea making class and instructional happy hour. The class is available at any time after registering. The happy hour on June 25 will be an opportunity to connect, relax, and share stories with others in the WIB community over homemade boba tea. The class can be completed before or after the event date depending on your preference/availability.

Click here for more information.

WIB-Seattle Volunteer Leadership Recognition

Seattle is making a lot of changes to our membership team! Victoria Chinnell will be leaving as Membership Chair and moving into a position as Director at Large in the chapter. Breanna Murphy will be moving up to Membership Chair with Natalie Scarella joining her as Membership Vice-Chair. Thank you, Victoria, for all your hard work in growing the Seattle chapter. We are grateful you are staying on as a Director at Large. We are thrilled to have Breanna and Natalie continue their good work.

Connect with our leadership! SouthernCalifornia@womeninbio.org
WIB-Southern California: BIO Digital Chapter Panel Discussion - What Makes SoCal a Leading Hub?

What is Southern California’s secret sauce? Why is it near the top of US biotech clusters, with key areas of VC dollars, patents, lab space, employment, and NIH funding, all trending up? Meet panelists in each of these key areas, and join us for an interactive discussion and thought leaders’ perspectives on what’s coming next to Southern California.

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WIB-Southern California: Young Women In Bio - Genomes, Germs, and Jewelry - Part 1: DNA on Display!

YWIB and its partners are offering three experiential learning sessions this summer! Come and Chat with STEM Influencers, while learning and making your own STEM-inspired jewelry designs. This event is for all skill levels - if you have not studied STEM before, come join us and learn; if you are used to STEM, hope you will still join us and have fun. STEM is a movement.

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[![NEW ENGLAND BioLabs](image3.jpg)](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4165160)
WIB-Southern California: Virtual Sip & Paint Night

A virtual painting happy hour, guided by artist Kimball Willson. This event is for all skill levels. If you've never painted before, come join us and learn. If you are used to painting, we hope you still join us and have fun connecting with us. If you need supplies, please order them as soon as possible, as the supplies can take at least a week to arrive.

Click [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4165160) for more information.

WIB-Southern California: Young Women In Bio - Genomes, Germs, and Jewelry - Part 2: It's In The Genes

At our second experiential learning session, "It's In The Genes!", Beata Mierzwa, a postdoctoral fellow at the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research and UCSD, will teach us how to make our very own DNA necklaces! Then Dr. Ashley Van Zeeland, MBA, VP Development, Product Integration and Customer Collaboration at Illumina, will tell us about some of the amazing technology she has helped bring to fruition in her role as VP of Development at Illumina and some of the studies that have been enabled by this technology.

Students will have chances to ask questions of the speakers and also interact with their STEM-enthusiastic peers!

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WIB-Southern California: Young Women In Bio - Genomes, Germs, and Jewelry - Part 3: Fashion and Phage!

At our third experiential learning session, "Fashion and Phage!", Beata Mierzwa, will teach us how to make our very own bacteriophage necklaces! Then Dr. Steffanie Strathdee, an infectious disease epidemiologist, professor and global health researcher at UCSD, will present some of her work as co-director of UCSD's Center on Innovative Phage Applications & Therapeutics (IPATH) and the story she presents in "The Perfect Predator" of her own struggle to save her husband from a deadly superbug infection!

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WIB-Southern California Volunteer Leadership Recognition

Our Southern California chapter wishes to thank Dorothea Portius for all her hard work as their MAPS Marketing Manager and Writer. She has done a great job helping manage the MAPS program in their chapter and will be missed! We wish her well in her future endeavors.

Jihuyn Kim is joining our Southern California team as the new Outreach Manager. Jihuyn previously helped with Membership in San Francisco, so we are thrilled she is able to continue her journey with WIB. Welcome, Jihuyn!

Our Southern California MAPS team is growing! Ariyella David will be working as the Marketing Lead and Writer, Soneela Ramesh is the Technology Coordinator, and Erin Miller has volunteered to be the Employment Bootcamp Program Lead. Thank you for working with us to help move our mission forward!

The Southern California MAPS Founder's Forum has two new vice-chairs. Welcome, Aline Betancourt and Sarah Hibbard. We look forward to seeing what great things you have in store for the MAPS program!

Southern California’s YWIB team is saying goodbye to several committee members. Stefy Zambetti, Jocelyn Ramirez, Debra Hammill, and Paloma Cortez - thank you for all you have done to create a fantastic YWIB program in our chapter. We will miss your work and wish you well in all of your future endeavors!
We are thrilled to have Kristina Herbert take the helm of YWIB-Southern California! She has already done amazing work, particularly with YWIB Online, and we know she is going to continue to be a fantastic resource for young women who are interested in STEM.

Nicole Wisseman and Beata Mierzwa are joining the Southern California Young Women In Bio team as Co-Vice Chairs. We are excited to have them join the team!

WIB-Southern California: Member Benefits – Virtual Tech Tools Demos (Zoom, Slack, Social Link), May 8, 2020, Event Recap

On May 8, 2020, the WIB-Southern California chapter held "Member Benefits – Virtual Tech Tools Demos (Zoom, Slack, Social Link)" online. Due to popular demand, Jennie demonstrated benefits and features of online networking tools Zoom, Slack, and Women In Bio's Social Link.

Click here for the full recap.

WIB-Southern California on Resilience: Let's Get Stronger Together

May 20, 2020, Event Recap

On May 20, the WIB-Southern California chapter held "Resilience: Let's Get Stronger Together" as a virtual event. The event was organized by WIB volunteers Debra Hammill and Kristina Manvelian. The event was moderated by Julie Fishman who welcomed two motivational speakers and coaches, Sarita Maybin and Analia Mendez.

Click here for the full recap.

WIB-Southern California: MAPS Business Operations Fireside Chat

May 28, 2020, Event Recap

WIB-Southern California: MAPS Business Operations Fireside Chat was organized and moderated by WIB leader Isabel Wen, and brought together a fascinating panel of speakers with Patti Haller, Julia Hill, Haley Kim, and Gayani Weersinghe. The 26 people who attended learned about the various roles within business development that our speakers have had and the ways they navigated their careers to take a step away...
WIB-Texas: Find YOUR Voice & Advance YOUR Career – Webinar Discussion

Join us for a virtual discussion about two recorded National Webinars:

1. Speak Up and Succeed: How to find your voice to make an impact by Kristin Backstrom
2. An Executive Woman's Guide to Advancement by Robin Toft

Kristin Backstrom will show us how to effectively find our voice, get credit for our ideas, and have a lasting positive impact. Robin Toft will share her story about becoming a powerful executive and empower us to realize the career of our dreams and make it happen. Through these two webinars and utilizing this virtual discussion platform we can make new connections and glean more insight to set us up for success.

Click here for more information.
WIB-Texas: Negotiating at Work – Book Club Discussion

Join us for our virtual book club with bestselling author Deborah Kolb as we discuss her book, Negotiating at Work: Turn Small Wins into Big Gains. Professor Kolb is an authority on gender issues in negotiation and leadership. Negotiating at Work: Turn Small Wins into Big Gains (Jossey-Bass/John Wiley, 2015), was named by Time.com as one of the best negotiation books of 2015. It offers practical advice for initiating and managing your own workplace negotiations in order to get the jobs you want, create new opportunities, realize a manageable work and personal life.

*Reading the book is not required to participate in the discussion.

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WIB-Texas: T.A.C.O Tuesday – Career Transitions Edition

Join us for our T.A.C.O. Tuesday virtual networking event Career Transitions Edition! Bring your tacos and beverage of choice as we hear from featured women in the Texas Life Sciences. We will feature women from the Texas area who have been successful in making career transitions. We hope you join us to learn more about the amazing women in the life science industry from across Texas.

If you have successfully made a career transition, we’d love to feature you in this quarter’s T.A.C.O Tuesday Event. If you are interested in being a featured speaker, please complete the short survey (https://forms.gle/upwaRPuEwZJv1YRV8), so that we can learn a little about you.

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