As we learn to live with the Coronavirus, many are struggling with decisions about which practices are safe or risky for them. Here is how Dr. Fauci and five other health specialists are protecting themselves from COVID-19.

In the meanwhile, Women In Bio encourages you to continue to check out the our latest news area for COVID-19 resources and how to cope. We continue to update our list with wellness tips, family resources, work-related resources, WIB member insights, and more!

Last Call! Applications Are Due Tomorrow for the WIB National Diversity and Inclusion Resource Group

WIB Is Forming a National Diversity and Inclusion Resource Group

Applications Due July 10
Historically, women have continuously made groundbreaking discoveries in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), but their successes are often underreported or completely ignored. This holds especially true to women of color and other marginalized groups. The goal of Women In Bio’s new National Diversity and Inclusion Resource Group is to support, strengthen, and grow women from diverse backgrounds to achieve excellence. Diversity is imperative, and WIB aims to build on the progress we have made in supporting women to achieve success from the classroom to the boardroom. With this group, WIB seeks to develop a community to positively impact and increase the inclusion of women from all backgrounds and experiences in the life sciences by providing resources for their professional development.

Please complete the application if you are interested in joining the WIB National Diversity and Inclusion Resource Group.

A Note From Women In Bio...

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!

Note: WIB’s social media response to racism can be viewed here. It has been placed on our homepage for the foreseeable future.

WIB-National Leadership Recognition

We are thrilled to welcome four new members to our National Webinar Committee! Sandy Polu, Janine Gilkes and Meghan Alonso are the new Co-Chairs. They will be supported by committee member Alexandria Warren. We can’t wait to see how they are able to help our webinar series continue to grow even stronger!

Welcome to Our Newest WIB Staff Member, Tamara Kilgore

WIB-National is pleased to announce the hiring of our newest staff member, Tamara Kilgore. She comes to Women In Bio with more than 15 years of event planning and fundraising experience, which will serve her
wel...ew...ib & YWIB Programming.

In this role, Tamara is responsible for coordinating national programming and administration of the Executive Women In Bio (EWIB) and Young Women In Bio (YWIB) programs. She works together with staff and volunteers to ensure that WIB's mission is fulfilled through programs, strategic planning, and community outreach.

Welcome on board, Tamara! We are thrilled to have you on our team!

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Tamara Kilgore
Senior Program Manager--EWIB & YWIB Programming

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WIB-National Seeks Communications Committee Volunteers

The WIB-National Communications Committee is seeking volunteers. They should be passionate about advancing careers of women and have an interest in promoting WIB's initiatives, programs, and related news to members and the public.

To apply for this position, or to express interest in volunteering in general, please complete the form located here no later than August 6, 2020.

For more information on opportunities to volunteer with WIB, click here.

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WIB-National Sponsor Recognition

Congratulations to WIB National Champion Sponsor, BioSurplus. Their white paper "Resizing Your Lab," which focuses on general guidelines and best practices for relocating, downsizing, or making a change to your facility, has been met with great feedback! We appreciate everything you do to engage, educate, and empower women in the life sciences.
WIB-National Webinar: Growing Your Career and Personal Brand in Life Sciences and Biotech

Grace Lanni       Stefan Werdegar

Today's biotech market is extremely competitive and riddled with difficult career-growth obstacles. Some are within our control, others that are not. Grace Lanni and Stefan Werdegar 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-National: Executive Women In Bio/Boardroom Ready Board Diversity and Inclusion Panel Discussion

Annalisa Barrett  Consuelo Madere  Lori Lyons-Williams  Matt Fust

Join us for a panel discussion on board diversity topics.

Click here for more information.

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Congratulations to Jane Wasman, a 2017 Boardroom Ready alumna, for her appointment to the board of Cytovia Therapeutics.

WOMEN IN BIO ENTREPRENEUR CENTER NEWS

Connect with our leadership! EntrepreneurCenter@womeninbio.org

Calling All Female Founders!

Join us by participating in WIB’s Founders Forums. The Founders Forum program is for first time and serial female founders/CEO’s of startup life science companies with IP and/or a business entity, including those seeking (dilutive and non-dilutive) funding. We focus on company, accountability, and support for companies one to 15 people in size. Once matched with other like-minded Founders, the small group of 10 to 15 women would meet monthly for this year-round engagement. This programming opportunity is included in WIB’s membership benefit, and you must be a WIB member to participate. If you are interested in finding out more about the program or want to participate, please email Sibylle Hauser and Ginger Johnson at entrepreneurcenter@womeninbio.org.

WIB-National Seeks Volunteer for the National WIB Entrepreneur Center Co-Vice Chair Position

The National WIB Entrepreneur Center Co-Vice Chair will work alongside the 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 meeting during the month. An entrepreneurial spirit is an important element for the candidate.

To apply for this position, or to express interest in volunteering in general, please complete the form located here no later than July 15, 2020.
Illumina Accelerator SF Bay Area & Cambridge, UK  
(Apply by August 1, 2020)

We are delighted to announce Illumina Accelerator is accepting applications for its next global funding cycle in the San Francisco Bay Area and Cambridge, UK. Illumina Accelerator is the world’s first business accelerator focused on creating an innovation ecosystem for the genomics industry. It drives value for genomics startups developing breakthrough applications in therapeutics, diagnostics, agriculture, direct to consumer, synthetic biology, and beyond. Selected genomics startups will receive access to capital, business guidance, and fully operational lab space for six months in the San Francisco Bay Area and Cambridge, UK, starting in early 2021. Applications are due by August 1, 2020.

Illumina Accelerator also invites you to join a few upcoming digital events:

- Check out the recording of the Genome Webinar on Building Global Startups from June 23 featuring Illumina Accelerator (CA & UK), 4BaseCare (India), BioAmp (CA), Biome Makers (Spain & CA), and Juno Bio (UK).
- Illumina Accelerator Digital Open House on July 16 at 8:30 a.m. PT (4:30 p.m. BST). RSVP, hear from some of our graduates, and chat in breakout rooms with our ILMN Accelerator team. Apply here by August 1, 2020.

Click here for additional Entrepreneur Center resources.
We are pleased to announce that we received around 79 applicants for the inaugural launch of the YWIB Ambassador program! (Announcements will be made later this summer.)

Stay tuned to learn about updates throughout the year and be sure to check out YWIB Online if you haven't yet.

Young Women In Bio- National Sponsor Spotlight

Young Women In Bio would like to thank Winward Academy, our national sponsor. Our YWIB online efforts will be the foundation of the teaching modules for underserved communities that we will be offering through Winward’s platform.

Winward Academy offers students and life-long learners unbeatable value by combining an interactive teaching approach with engaging on-demand video lessons to simulate an in-person tutoring experience, at a fraction of the cost.

WOMEN IN BIO WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU

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

Check out the WIB Video Library, A Members-Only Benefit  
(New and Improved Layout!)

Did you miss a webinar you wanted to attend? Don't worry! Members can access recordings of previous webinars located in the video library. This members-only benefit has been updated with an improved layout that makes it easier to see event recordings from any chapter. Simply log into your WIB account to take advantage of this great resource!

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 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!](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4191434)

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**Upcoming Events**

- WIB-Texas: [Negotiating at Work – Book Club Discussion](#), July 15, 2020
WIB-Southern California: YWIB - Genomes, Germs, and Jewelry - Part 2: It's In The Genes, July 15, 2020
WIB-Metro New York: Young Women In Bio’s Weill Cornell Mentorship Kick Off, July 15, 2020
WIB-Metro New York and Joanna Bloor Present: Why People Want to Know About the Future You, July 16, 2020
EWIB-Chicago: Executive Women & Financial Wellness, July 16, 2020
WIB-National Webinar: Growing Your Career and Personal Brand in Life Sciences and Biotech, July 21, 2020
WIB-Chicago: Diversity and Inclusion: A Journey for One and All, July 23, 2020
WIB-Pittsburgh: Powering Your Virtual Job Search, July 29, 2020
WIB-Chicago: Young Women In Bio Virtual Book Club, July 29, 2020
WIB-Southern California: YWIB - Genomes, Germs, and Jewelry - Part 3: Fashion and Phage!, August 12, 2020
WIB-San Francisco Bay Area: Pioneering Women in Personalized Medicine, September 14, 2020
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.

Call for Applications for the WIB-Capital Region Rising Star Award

We invite you to consider applying for the WIB Capital Region Rising Star Award Program which recognizes outstanding life sciences women in the early to mid-stage of their career who have made significant contributions within the Capital Region. The award will be presented during the annual HERstory Gala, to be held this December, with the recipient receiving a complimentary
ticket among many other benefits. For more details, please visit this page and direct any questions to capitalregion@womeninbio.org.

WIB-Capital Region Volunteer Leadership Recognition

Capital Region would like to thank Van Truong for her work on their Sponsorship Committee. After a year of serving as Sponsorship Co-Chair she is turning her volunteer attention elsewhere. We wish you well in all your future endeavors, Van!

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-Chicago: Diversity and Inclusion: A Journey for One and All

Please join us for this candid conversation between two amazing women, Dr. James and Dr. Smithers, who have risen up the ranks in their professional careers having faced many challenges along the way. Being African American women some of these challenges are related to the color of their skin while some related to them being women. Here we will learn about their story of overcoming and their advice on the importance of addressing diversity.

Click here for more information.

WIB-Chicago: Young Women In Bio Virtual Book Club
Middle school girls are invited to join the Young Women In Bio-Chicago virtual book club. This book club will host a lively discussion on a selection of books focused on the experiences and inspiration of scientists of past and present. Book selections will include biographies, memoirs, and STEM-related fiction and non-fiction. The discussion will be moderated by high school girls and a Women In Bio member.

The goal of this book club is for middle schools girls to meet other girls interested in STEM, learn about different aspects of science, and have an opportunity to talk to high school girls and Women In Bio members about their educational paths and STEM careers. The book club will be ongoing and will meet using Zoom about every four to six weeks starting in August 2020.

Click here for more information.

Congratulations to Heather Kissling, Marshall Gerstein's Prosecution Practice Chair and WIB-Chicago board of directors member, on being named in the 2020 edition of Managing Intellectual Property’s Top 250 Women in IP!

WIB-Chicago Leadership Recognition

Chicago welcomes Arianne Rodriguez as the new Communications Co-Vice Chair. Welcome to the team, Arianne! We can't wait to work with you to help keep our events well-publicized so everyone knows the great things WIB-Chicago is doing.
Connect with our leadership! Boston@WomenInBio.org

WIB-Greater Boston Member News

Congratulations to Sophie Chapelle, outgoing Sponsorship Committee Chair on recently winning the MIT COVID-19 Challenge to help our most vulnerable populations with her team. She leveraged her professional skills and connections in this amazing ecosystem to give back to the community. The digital solution BridgeAid! connects donors to nonprofits, it is now live and available in the Greater Boston area, check it out!!

To read more about her Hackathon experience click here for the MIT article. In Sophie’s words: “everyone needs to try one of those! It was so energizing to connect with people from very different horizons, and working together to solve truly a global and yet very local problem. The pandemic is far from being over, and the impact on our most vulnerable populations is devastating, and will be long lasting. This is the first step in empowering those who want to lend a helping hand”

Sophie is moving to New York and looking forward to joining the chapter there.

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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About WIB-Greater Montreal

WIB-Greater Montreal, located in a biotech and life sciences hub, brings together professionals from across Quebec with bio-related interests. Members include business professionals, entrepreneurs, and scientists from the private and public sectors.

Our chapter provides many resources, including networking, sharing insights and innovations, and learning about the latest developments and opportunities within the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and medical devices industries. It also includes Young Women In Bio and the MAPS (Mentorship, Advisors, Peers, and Sponsorship) initiatives.

The Greater Montreal region boasts more than 600 organizations with over 43,000 employees in life science industry. Montreal’s life sciences business cluster benefits from the presence of recognized experts in pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, contractual research, and medical technologies, as well as 150 university and public research organizations.

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WIB-Metro New York and Joanna Bloor Present: Why People Want to Know About the Future You

Every decision regarding people’s opportunities – personal and professional – is made in a room that they are not in. This begs the question – is your name even on the list? And if you are, what is being said about you in that room that you’re not in? Can you impact what you are known for? Joanna Bloor would say, “Not only can you have an impact on that conversation, but in today’s modern workplace, you absolutely must do so!” How can you do that? It starts with each of us understanding our unique value proposition. When this happens, everyone wins.

Using both comedy and facts Joanna shares her ideas. Known for "live coaching" audience members she teaches them to walk away with a bold, compelling, authentic and unique answer to the question "What do you do?"

Click here for more information.

WIB-Metro New York Leadership Recognition

Our Metro New York chapter has a new EWIB Co-Chair to help with the Connecticut events. Welcome, Erika Smith! We are excited to have you join the team in helping provide great programming to our executive women.
WIB-Philadelphia Metro Leadership Recognition

Deb Kauffman is joining the Philadelphia Metro chapter's Membership Committee as the new Co-Vice Chair. Welcome, Deb! We are excited to have you on board to help us grow our membership.

About WIB-Philadelphia

The WIB-Philadelphia Metro chapter is an organization of professionals actively committed to promoting careers, leadership, and entrepreneurship of women in the life sciences in Philadelphia's tri-state area. We provide mentorship and professional development opportunities across the career continuum - from those just beginning their careers to industry veterans.

Philadelphia is the birthplace of American medicine and home to many of the nation's “firsts”: medical school, children’s hospital, college of pharmacy, medical library, and hospital. WIB members work in medical, biotechnology, pharmaceutical, higher education, research, engineering, and venture capital entities, providing access to a deep pool of experience and talent.
WIB-Pittsburgh: Powering Your Virtual Job Search

We are all learning new ways to work. Employers are also learning new ways to interview. If you have been downsized, furloughed, or are just ready to explore new opportunities, this will be a great event to attend. Learn new ways to search, explore, and connect to POWER your job search. We will also review how to best participate and follow up on virtual interviews so that you stand out from the crowd. The good news is...There ARE jobs out there! But you need to be prepared to find them, market yourself, and put your best foot forward.

Amylyn Kyler

Click here for more information.

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WIB-Pittsburgh Volunteer Leadership Recognition

Our Pittsburgh Chapter has re-structured the Communications Committee. Vinitha Ganessan is joining Stephanie Puig as the Co-Chair of the committee. They will be supported by their Co-Vice Chairs, Ceren Tuzmen Walker and Nairita Roy. We are excited to work with the team as Pittsburgh continues to hold terrific events!

WIB-Pittsburgh Sponsor Spotlight - Meet Babs Carryer: Big Idea Center

Director, Pitt Innovation Institute

Babs Carryer

Career position: Director, Big Idea Center, University of Pittsburgh Innovation Institute

1. In two to three sentences, can you summarize your career path and tell us about your role in your company/organization?

I am the director of the Big Idea Center for student entrepreneurship at Pitt. My entrepreneurial journey has been long, starting from running my own theatrical enterprises – theaters, companies, productions, etc. – to consulting for startups to founding my own startup – LaunchCyte – to then turning to teaching, coaching, and
running programs to inspire, initiate and support student and academic entrepreneurs, first at CMU and now at Pitt.

Click here for the full spotlight.

WIB-Pittsburgh - Spotlight on Meghan McCord

**Career position:** My background is in neuroscience research, but I recently changed careers and am now focusing on counseling (currently career counseling, but eventually mental health counseling as well). My current job is Career Exploration Specialist at University of Pittsburgh, where I work with Ph.D. students within the School of Medicine who want to explore careers outside of academia.

**Education:** B.S., Vanderbilt University; Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

**Research interests:** Ph.D.: identified a new treatment for stroke, postdoc: studied genetics of ALS. Current/future: interested in mental health counseling

**Fun facts:** I really enjoy drawing and have been trying to make that more of a priority in my life. I also like running, hiking, and other outdoor activities.

Click here for the full spotlight.

WIB-Pittsburgh Startups Spotlight: Krystal Biotech with Dr. Pooja Agarwal
A clinical-stage gene therapy company

Dr. Agarwal serves as Krystal Biotech's Senior Vice President, Product Development, and has been with the company since its inception in 2016. She has become an active member of Women In Bio – Pittsburgh and recently shared her perspective on what it takes to be a leader in biotech, as well as insights into Krystal's emergence as a cutting edge gene therapy company. Prior to joining Krystal, she was Senior Director, Human Therapeutics, at Intrexon Corporation from 2010 to 2016. Dr. Agarwal holds a Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences from the University of California San Francisco, a Master of Science in Molecular and Medical Genetics from the University of Toronto, and a Bachelor of Science (Summa Cum Laude) in Biochemistry from McMaster University.

Click here for full spotlight.

YWIB-Pittsburgh: Young Women In Bio Virtual Webinar for High School Students on Establishing Your Personal Brand, May 27, 2020, Event Recap

On May 27, 2020, BWIB-Pittsburgh held its first virtual webinar event during the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Crystal Morrison from EverRise, LLC, shared with students her journey in her career starting from Arkansas and how she ended up in Pittsburgh. She discussed and shared with students what is “branding” and why in the Professional World it is important to develop your own brand and develop what you stand for. Dr. Morrison also shared the goals of networking and establishing a professional networking account using LinkedIn.

While high school students may not yet have an extensive resume, it is still important to begin with what you have. Students from at least four states attended including New York, New Jersey, Arkansas, and both on the Eastern and Western side of Pennsylvania. Students were able to ask questions in the zoom chat and share their thoughts to poll questions that Dr. Morrison asked during her talk.
About WIB-RTP

WIB-RTP (Research Triangle Park) benefits from and contributes to the rich life sciences industry of Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill. These areas are home to largest high-tech research and development centers in North America with major biotech and pharmaceutical companies, a rich venture capital community, and top research institutions and universities.

Our mission is to promote entrepreneurship, innovation, and education among women to impact regional economic growth, and to stimulate empowerment. We believe that women have the unique potential for improving companies’ strategic positions and growth by offering intelligence, spirit, leadership, and vision to the biotech, pharmaceutical, and healthcare industries.

WIB-RTP Volunteer Leadership Recognition

RTP thanks Zahra Heidari for her work as their Communications Chair since October of 2019. We wish Zahra well in all her future endeavors! Thank you for the time you gave to WIB.

Hunter Howard is coming on board as RTP’s new Communications Chair. Welcome, Hunter! We’re excited to have you join the team.
WIB-San Francisco Bay Area: Pioneering in Cell Therapy - A Journey from New Frontier to the Mainstream, June 24, 2020, Event Recap

On Wednesday, June 24, 2020, WIB-San Francisco Bay Area hosted a virtual event, Pioneering in Cell Therapy: A Journey from New Frontiers to the Mainstream. The event was very popular with over 60 attendees from all over the USA.

The panel discussion was moderated by Kawa Chiu (VP, CMC Supply Chain, Lyell Immunopharma), and included experts on cell therapy from different perspectives: Alison Moore (CTO, Allogene Therapeutics), Stacey Ma (EVP, Technical Operations, Sana Biotechnology), and Rachel Lynn (Associate Director of Research, Lyell Immunopharma). They shared a good review of what cell therapy is, a bit on the history of cell therapy, the challenges facing the industry, and a look at some of the successes.

Participants were then taken to breakout sessions where more information around the science behind cell therapies was discussed, as well as detailed discussions on the path of moving from a Ph.D. to CTO, how to transition from academia to business, a look at the differences from working with a large biopharma to a startup, and a deep dive into career opportunities and transferable skills if someone wanted to shift to the area of cell therapy.

We would like to thank everyone who attended this event, and especially our panel. The information here was a wonderful taste of the world of cell therapy!

About WIB-San Francisco Bay Area

WIB-San Francisco is located in the birthplace of Biotech, providing education, mentoring, and professional development assistance to women in the life sciences industry. We also provide programs to support young women and girls who are interested in careers in science.

The San Francisco Bay Area region is home to the world's oldest and largest life sciences cluster, employing 52,000 people in over 1,400 companies and major academic centers including UCSF, Stanford, UC Berkeley, and UC Santa Cruz. It is also home to centers of innovation such as the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine and several well-established incubators. WIB members hold important roles in these important entities.

WIB-San Francisco Bay Area Volunteer Leadership Recognition

San Francisco has a new Programming Co-Chair. Welcome, Lee Asplund! We look forward to seeing all the wonderful events you will help coordinate with your programming teammates.

San Francisco is welcoming Tina de los Reyes to the Sponsorship Committee as the new Vice Chair. Welcome, Tina! We are thrilled to have you join us and help us move the WIB mission forward.
WIB-Seattle: Bubble Tea at Home Happy Hour with The Works Seattle, June 25, 2020, Event Recap

The Women In Bio (WIB) Seattle Chapter hosted an on-demand Boba tea making class and instructional happy hour in association with The Works Seattle on June 25, 2020. At this unprecedented time, this event gave us an opportunity to connect and share our stories with the WIB community over homemade Boba tea. The event was kicked off by opening remarks from Programs Vice Chair, Dr. Alyssa (Rollando) Burke followed by a brief introduction of The Works Seattle by its owner/founder Kellie Phelan.

Click [here](#) for the full recap.

WIB-Seattle Volunteer Leadership Recognition

The Seattle chapter would like to thank Miriam Gutschow for all her hard work on our MAPS team. She is stepping down as Chair, but will continue as a Director-at-Large in the chapter. We are thankful to have her skills and talents in the Seattle chapter.

Our Seattle Programming Committee is having some changes in leadership! We'd like to thank Ilona Tretyak for her service as Programming Chair. She is retiring from Programming, but will still be involved in the chapter as a Director-at-Large. This means Alyssa Burke is moving up from Programming Vice Chair to Programming Chair. Victoria Chinnell is leaving her role as a Director-at-Large and joining Programming as the new Vice Chair. We can't wait to see what creative ideas the new programming team puts together for our chapter!

Our Seattle Chapter would like to thank Diana Koch for keeping our books as Treasurer. Dominika Trembecka-Lucas is stepping into the role as Treasurer now, but Diana will still be working with the Communications Committee. Thank you, Diana and Dominika, for being such vital members of the Seattle team!

Our Seattle Chapter has a new Chapter Chair! Welcome, Laura Szkolar-Sienkiewicz to your new role! Laura has been supporting Sophia Siu as the Chapter Vice Chair this past year and is now ready to take the reigns of the chapter. Sophia will still play an active role in the chapter as the Chapter Chair Emeritus. We look forward to seeing the Seattle chapter continue to thrive under your capable leadership!

Mackenzie Cooper, a long time Seattle volunteer and Director-at-Large is leaving her position. We thank her for all her hard work over the years and wish her well in her new endeavors!
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.

At our second event, "It's In The Genes!," we'll be joined by 1) Beata Mierzwa, a postdoctoral fellow at the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research and UCSD who combines her passions for science, art, and fashion on her website Beata Science Art and 2) Dr. Ashley Van Zeeland, MBA, VP Development, Product Integration and Customer Collaboration at Illumina. First, Dr. Mierzwa
will teach us how to make our very own DNA necklace! (For this necklace, beads will be used to construct a model of DNA.) Then, Dr. Van Zeeland 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.

Click here for more information.

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![Scientist.com](image2)

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

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.

At our third event, "Fashion and Phage!," we'll be joined by 1) Beata Mierzwa, a postdoctoral fellow at the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research and UCSD who combines her passions for science, art, and fashion on her website Beata Science Art and 2) Steffanie Strathdee, an infectious disease epidemiologist, professor and global health researcher at UCSD with expertise in innovative interventions to reduce the spread of HIV and antimicrobial resistance in lower- and middle-income countries. **Dr. Mierzwa will teach us how to make our very own bacteriophage necklaces!** Then Dr. Strathdee 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!

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 Volunteer Leadership Recognition

Southern California welcomes Alyssa Agarwal to the YWIB team! She joins us for the summer while off from her studies at Yale. She will assist YWIB with communications.

Whitney Liu is joining the Southern California MAPS Team. She is the new Topic Resource Manager, helping to ensure peer group leaders and facilitators have a robust repository of materials to pull from.

Joleen Schultz is joining Southern California as the Programming Vice Chair. Welcome, Joleen! We are thrilled to have you join the team and can't wait to see what great events you help plan.

The MAPS team in Southern California is growing! Yuchen Wang is moving up to the Vice Chair of all MAPS programming in the chapter, while Harsha Ohri is joining the team as the new Co-Vice Chair of Peer Groups. We are excited to see all the great mentoring opportunities coming out of the Southern California chapter!

Southern California is welcoming a new addition to the programming committee. Welcome, Shweta Ugaonkar! We are thrilled to have a new committee associate who will help plan relevant and exciting events for Southern California.

Katy McGowen is stepping out of her role as Southern California's Administrator. Thank you, Katy, for all the years of hard work you've put into our Southern California chapter. We wish you great success in all your future endeavors!

YWIB-Southern California: Genomes, Germs, and Jewelry – Part 1: DNA on Display!, July 1, 2020, Event Recap

Young Women In Bio-Southern California’s (YWIB-Southern California’s) first of three virtual experiential summer learning events for middle and high school students, entitled “DNA on Display!”, took place last week on Zoom. The event was designed to encourage young women and girls to pursue STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) interests and become tomorrow’s leaders that will help to bridge the gender gap and foster diversity in STEM.

Click here for the full recap.
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.

Click here for more information.

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 located here so that we can learn a little about you.

Click here for more information.
Emily Bailey has joined the Texas MAPS Committee as the new Vice Chair. Welcome, Emily! We look forward to seeing how you help our Texas program grow!

WIB-Texas: Find YOUR Voice and Advance YOUR Career - Webinar Discussion, May 18, 2020, Event Recap

The Texas Chapter of Women In Bio held a live webinar on May 18, to discuss two related topics: how to use your voice and advance your career. This discussion was inspired by two webinars present by WIB National: Speak Up and Succeed: How to Find Your Voice to Make an Impact by Kristin Backstrom and An Executive Woman’s Guide to Advancement by Robin Toft. Both presentations have unique perspective ideas with overlapping topics that really complement each other.

Our leadership Vice Chair, Sarah Kurley, did a fantastic job of leading the discussion. In attendance we had women ranging from early to late stage in their career, all were looking to learn more about how to be engaged and prepare for the next step. Attendees joined us from across the country. After introductions, we dove into the subject matter! Topics covered included the importance of networking and your connections, being creative to find alternative paths to obtain training that you want, how to approach someone for sponsorship, showing your managers eagerness to know the path for promotion, and to value your own worth and be brave enough to speak up at meetings.

It was wonderful to hear about different experiences and the willingness of everyone to provide advice or assistance to those looking for encouragement and information. In her presentation, Robin Toft said, “You are the CEO of You”. The women that joined us definitely encompass this spirit and are eager to show the world what they are capable of!

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