WIB-National: Coffee Hour & Article Club: Why Women Don’t Brag Enough & How to Communicate Our Value, May 21, 2021

Grab your coffee and join WIB-National for a small group discussion and networking event to talk about women and self-promotion! Women are far less likely than men to self-promote their professional accomplishments. This dynamic needs to change! May’s Article Club discussion will center on practical tactics, including allyship, that women can implement to communicate our value effectively.

Click here for more information.

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**BIO Digital** is the world's largest virtual biotech partnering and education event, convening thousands of global biotech leaders and innovators. Women In Bio will host six virtual events as part of BIO Digital. Join us* in our efforts to inspire a bio-revolution through education, partnering, collaboration, and advocacy.

- Executive Women In Bio (EWIB) Event: June 14, 2021
- WIB-National: **Plenary Event at BIO Digital 2021: Women's Health Equity – Why It Matters & What Can Be Done Now**, June 14, 2021, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. EDT (Click [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4462861) to register.)
- WIB-Greater Boston Event: June 15, 2021
- WIB-National: **Speed Networking Event at BIO Digital 2021**, June 16, 2021, 5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. EDT (Click [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4462861) to register)
- EWIB/Boardroom Ready Panel discussion: TBD
- Young Women In Bio (YWIB) Event: Student Day

Note: These events are open to the general public. A BIO pass is not required to attend. Thank you to our [WIB-National Sponsors](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4462861) for sponsoring these events.

* WIB members-only discount: Email [info@womeninbio.org](mailto:info@womeninbio.org) for $200 off a BIO Digital All Access pass.

**Sponsor Spotlight: Bristol Myers Squibb**

Congratulations to WIB-National Elite Sponsor, Bristol Myers Squib on the FDA approval of Abecma (idecabtagene vicleucel; ide-cel; co-developed with bluebird bio), a first-in-class B-cell maturation antigen (BCMA)-directed chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T cell immunotherapy for adult patients with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma.

As the first and only approved anti-BCMA CAR T cell therapy, Abecma addresses a critical unmet need for triple-class exposed patients with multiple myeloma and offers patients a new, personalized therapeutic option. Click [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4462861) for more information.

The approval also marks a significant milestone for BMS, making it the only company with two approved CAR T cell therapies with two distinct targets – in February, the [FDA approved Breyanzi](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4462861), the company’s first CAR T therapy.

**Virtual Women in Tech Regatta 2021: Women on Corporate Boards…and Why it Matters – Supported by Women In Bio and Bristol Myers Squibb**

(April 22, 11:00 a.m. PDT)
As it sits currently, only 22% of the seats at life science/biotech boardroom tables are occupied by women, why is that? Diverse teams have been studied, and clear evidence proves, that the more diverse a team, the better the outcomes. This panel will discuss “Why” more women should have a seat and the “Why Not” attitude women need to seek board roles.

Click here for more information. Please email info@womeninbio.org for a discount code for WIB Members for the WiT Regatta.

**Virtual Women in Tech Regatta 2021: From Genomics to Proteomics: The Big Data Challenge – Supported by Women In Bio**
(April 22, 6:00 p.m. PDT)

Join WIB-Seattle and Women in Tech (WiT) at the Fifth Annual WiT Regatta. Advances in the tech and informatics that are used to generate and process large biological data sets (omics data) are creating a significant shift in the biomedical sciences. Genomics and Proteomics, along with the rise of bioinformatics, are increasingly becoming tools biologists use to better understand the biological systems, and work to develop successful precision medicine.

Click here for more information. Please email info@womeninbio.org for a discount code for WIB Members for the WiT Regatta.

**WIB-National Leadership Updates**

WIB-National welcomes Jessica Sinclair, Co-Chair of Special Events. The Special Events committee handles unique events outside of the Program Committee, such as the WIB-Annual Plenary Event which is held at the BIO conference. This is a National committee that works in partnership with the chapter in the location of the BIO conference. Welcome, Jessica!
WIB-National also welcomes Preethy Nair to her new role as National eMAPS Communications Chair. We are excited to have you help us serve our executive women in this capacity!

**WIB-National Congratulates Azurii Collier – 2021 Trailblazer Award Recipient**

WIB-National congratulates Azurii Collier, Sponsorship Committee Co-Chair, on being honored by **Women of Color in Pharma** (WOCIP) with the 2021 Trailblazer Award, an accolade for individuals who are champions for women of color in pharma, show sustained contributions to empowering women’s growth, and demonstrate a track record in professional development.

"My passion for advancing research and the life sciences industry propels me to lead global transformation programs, advise biotech startups, support young women in STEM, and forge Chicago into a leading hub for the life sciences. I will continue this trailblazing spirit and look to ignite this passion in others as well," Collier says.

Young Women In Bio Launches Fourth Annual Spring Into STEM Festival

It's Spring Into STEM! Young Women In Bio is hosting more than 25 virtual events from April to June featuring activities, tutorials, and interviews with leading female STEM leaders! There is exciting content for girls from
elementary school to college. Check out and register for all of our free events [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4462861).

**YWIB-National: Spring Into STEM Keynote – On the Biotech Frontier: Women Pioneers in Gene Therapy, April 24, 2021**

Beth Buccini (Moderator)  Marianne De Backer  Katherine High  Sheila Mikhail

Bayer’s acquisition of gene therapy company, AskBio, is viewed as one of the top 10 deals in the biotech industry in 2020 and provided a cornerstone to Bayer’s newly formed Cell & Gene Therapy Platform. Three visionary women leaders are changing the face of gene therapy in this partnership, and we’re honored to have Sheila Mikhail (CEO and Co-Founder, AskBio), Kathy High (President, AskBio, and Co-Founder, Spark Therapeutics), and Marianne De Backer (Executive VP, Head of Strategy, Business Development & Licensing, Bayer) speaking at our Keynote Event.

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### Applications Open for 2021 YWIB Ambassador Program

Applications for the 2021-2022 YWIB Ambassador Program are now open among YWIB’s 14 chapters across the United States and in Canada. A YWIB Ambassador is a student leader with a passion for STEM who demonstrates leadership among peers and encourages others in their quests to make a difference by promoting STEM within the Ambassador’s school, local community, and online. Please click [here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4462861) for more information or to apply.

### Young Women In Bio Seeks Sponsorship Vice Chair (Apply by April 16, 2021)

YWIB-National is looking to fill this critical volunteer leadership position. [Applications should be submitted online here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4462861) by April 16, 2021.
The National YWIB Sponsorship Vice Chair works closely with the National YWIB Chair and Senior Program Manager and other members of the National YWIB Team to provide sponsorship leads for National and Chapter YWIB initiatives. The Sponsorship Vice Chair is expected to abide by WIB’s bylaws, policies, and Code of Conduct. They must respect fellow volunteers and work collaboratively with the other leaders within their sub-committee. For the YWIB Sponsorship profile, click here.

Check Out the Latest YWIB Online Resources

Young Women In Bio empowers today’s girls to become tomorrow’s leaders, helping them effect positive change through science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Check out our latest YWIB Online modules, YWIB showcase videos, learning activities, and more here!

Latest News

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Executive Women In Bio Achieves 77th Board Appointment and Initiates Boardroom Ready Class Giving Challenge

Executive Women In Bio (EWIB), the life science community’s preeminent resource for executive women, celebrated Women’s History Month with two milestone achievements: the program’s 77th board appointment and the launch of a Boardroom Ready Class Challenge, designed to give back and pay it forward. Click here for more information.

Executive Women In Bio Seeks to Fill National Communications Lead and Programs Lead Positions (Apply by April 16, 2021)

EWIB-National is looking to fill the following critical volunteer leadership positions. Applications should be submitted online here by April 16, 2021.

EWIB Communications Lead

The EWIB Communications Lead works closely with the EWIB Chair, Founder, and Senior Program Manager to elevate and expand the EWIB brand, engage new members, promote current members, and champion greater diversity across the industry. The EWIB Communications Lead will create marketing strategies (including social media and print media) for program and event promotion, content to engage members and future members, and tactics to elevate and expand
EWIB Programs Lead

EWIB is seeking a Programs Lead to continue providing exemplary professional development experiences. The Programs Lead will work closely with the Senior Program Manager and EWIB Chair to curate plan, promote, and execute National networking and content-based events for EWIB. The Lead is also responsible for creating the EWIB member experience, including event content, planning event logistics, and securing venues/liaise with sponsor venues during event planning. For the Programs Lead profile, click here.

Women In Bio’s Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives

Connect with our leadership! DiversityAndInclusion@womeninbio.org

WIB-National D&I Leadership Spotlight: Shruti Rao, Women In Bio-National Special Events Co-chair

"The most rewarding part of being with WIB is getting to work with so many inspiring women who really want to support and empower each other. I’m thankful to have a seat at the table and play a role in championing women and promoting inclusion in the workplace. It feels great to be part of a community where everyone is invested in each other’s success.”

Click here for the full spotlight.

National Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) Resource Group Updates

- The Diversity and Inclusion resource group has adopted a diversity and inclusion calendar and initiated women leaders’ recognition year-round through a leadership spotlight program. We will focus on highlighting leaders from different races, ethnicities, abilities, and identities. If you are interested in being highlighted, please contact: diversityandinclusion@womeninbio.org

- The D&I survey received an overwhelming response from our WIB members. We aim to utilize the survey data and suggestions from WIB members to construct a more inclusive and diverse organization for all. We will use the multitude of comments and suggestions received from members to plan our future diversity, equity, inclusion (DEI) workshops, training, and WIB members’ activities. The survey results will be published soon.

- The D&I Resource Group has formed small subgroups for Young Women In Bio (YWIB); Mentorship, Advisors, Peers, and Sponsorship (MAPS) Programming; and Executive Women In Bio (EWIB) that will focus on developing DEI activities, workshops, and outreach programs for group-specific needs.
Diversity and Inclusion Resources

Women In Bio offers a multitude of inclusion resources on inclusive language, diversity and inclusion in the life sciences, professional development and inclusion in the workplace, and more on our Diversity and Inclusion Resources page. Keep checking back as this page is updated frequently.

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eMAPS (Executive Mentoring) Committee Seeks Five Dynamic Women to Help Lead Executive Virtual Cohorts in 2021

eMAPS programs offer professional development for rising Directors, VPs, and C-Level executives. Our cohorts meet for a year, creating a culture of support, sharing, and confidentiality for executives. We plan to offer several virtual cohorts to serve professional women living outside of cities where we have active chapters. For more information, including available roles and how to apply, click here.

Calling All Women Founders!

Join us by participating in WIB’s Founders Forums, a program 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. Click here for more information.
WIB Entrepreneur Center Seeks Social Media Leader

The Entrepreneur Center is looking for a social media expert to help showcase women founders on LinkedIn and share relevant updates. Please reach out to Sarah Hibbard at EntrepreneurCenter@womeninbio.org if you are interested in volunteering your time. This is a great opportunity to build your social media experience!

LaunchBio Webinar: Inclusive Excellence – Your Path to the C-Suite, April 21, 2021

The path to the C-Suite is rarely boring. It can be fast and sweet or long and winding. For many people of color, the journey to executive leadership is marked with adversity. Let's Talk About explores what it takes to become an executive from leaders who’ve been there. Click here for more information and/or to register.

We encourage founders and funders to find us on our dedicated Entrepreneur Center LinkedIn page for timely notices on investor partnering conferences, specific events, and more!

Also, be sure to check out our education and resources page.

CHAPTER EVENTS

- EWIB-Seattle: Emerging Women-Focused Health & Wellness Benefits in a COVID Environment, April 8, 2021
- YWIB-Greater Montreal: Girls Ask Series, April 8, 2021
- YWIB-RTP: Career Panel Event With Enloe High School, April 10, 2021
- WIB-Greater Montreal: Literary MBA Series Book Five – Mastery, April 14, 2021
- YWIB-Chicago: Young Women In Bio – Spring Into STEM Virtual Book Club, April 15, 2021
- YWIB-San Francisco Bay Area: Spring Into STEM – Extraordinary Leaders Transforming the Future of STEM, April 14, 2021
- WIB-Chicago: Virtual Open House, April 14, 2021
- WIB-RTP: Trends in Regenerative Medicine With WIB-Atlanta, April 14, 2021
- YWIB-Chicago: **Young Women In Bio – Spring Into STEM Virtual Book Club**, April 15, 2021
- WIB-West Coast Chapters: **Accessibility in Clinical Trials**, April 21, 2021
- WIB-Pittsburgh: **Stress Less, Live More**, April 21, 2021
- WIB-Southern California: **MAPS Peer Group Launch Event – 7th Cohort**, April 22, 2021
- WIB-Philadelphia Metro: **Author Meetup: A Scientist's Race to Save Her Husband From a Deadly Superbug**, April 22, 2021
- WIB-Greater Montreal: **Speed Networking With STEM Professionals**, April 22, 2021
- YWIB-Chicago: **Young Women In Bio Spring Into STEM – PhD Career Panel**, April 22, 2021
- WIB-Texas: Mentoring for Women in Science – Strategies for Mentors and Mentees, April 29, 2021
- YWIB-Greater Montreal: **Graduate School – An Insider Look**, April 29, 2021
- WIB-Capital Region: **Beyond the Science – Personal Wealth Management**, April 29, 2021
- WIB-National: **Coffee Hour & Article Club: Why Women Don’t Brag Enough & How to Communicate Our Value**, May 21, 2021

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**WIB Featured Resource: Benevity**

Are you passionate about supporting the advancement of women in the life sciences? With Benevity, employees can make a one-time or recurring donation to Women In Bio, and employers can increase their impact with a corporate match! To participate, register or log into the Benevity causes portal [here](https://www.benevity.com) and search for Women In Bio.
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.

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.

Receiving Extra Emails from Women In Bio?
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Did you know you can manage your email preferences in Social Link? The guide located here, will help you to change your automatic notifications from WIB's website. Questions? Email info@womeninbio.org.

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