June 1, 2023

Dear WIB Community,

I am thrilled to write to you today as I celebrate my first month as the Executive Director of Women In Bio. I am incredibly grateful to the hiring committee and the board of directors for entrusting me with this esteemed role and for the warm welcome I have received from all of you.

In the spirit of this month's theme of Making Connections, I'm happy to be representing Women In Bio at BIO International Convention next week. Our presence will be truly remarkable, and I am grateful for the opportunity to connect with so many inspiring individuals who share our vision for empowering women in the life sciences.

Looking ahead, I am excited to announce that we will begin a strategic planning process this month involving input from our dedicated members, partners, and stakeholders to chart a clear course for the future of WIB. I am committed to serving you all to the best of my abilities and working tirelessly to propel WIB toward a stronger, more inclusive organization that champions the advancement of all women in the life sciences. Thank you for your continued support and dedication.

– Gina Ford, WIB Executive Director
Stop by Our Booth at BIO International Convention

We can’t wait to connect with you again in person, so if you are attending the convention next week, please make a point to stop by Booth #3584 so we can say “hello!” We’ll be there to answer any questions you have about the week’s events or WIB programming — and you can pick up some WIB swag!

Roundtable & Networking for Current and Prospective Members

Join us to unlock a world of professional opportunities and supercharge your career growth! Our new member orientation event has expanded to include anyone eager to learn more about the extraordinary benefits that come with being a part of WIB. Our membership leaders will detail our initiatives, including EWIB, Boardroom Ready, and MAPS. Then participate in our unique speed networking to connect with other professionals and collaborators.

Wednesday, July 19, 2023
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. ET / 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. PT

Register Here

Axiom Exhibiting at BIO International 2023

The Axiom team will be at BIO International 2023 from June 5–8 at Booth #2843! Stop by to chat about your study needs for Unified eClinical Solutions – EDC, RTSM, eConsent, ePRO & so much more! Fusion eClinical Suite can deliver your eClinical and study operations needs. We hope to see you there!

UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS

San Francisco Bay Area Mentorship, Advisors, Peers, & Sponsorship (MAPS) Information Session, June 7
**CareerMAPS Lunch & Learn – Non-Traditional Bio Manufacturing Careers**, June 22

**Women In Bio Membership Benefits & Speed Networking**, July 19

**Virtual Career Fair With Our National Sponsors**, October 6

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**EDUCATE**

**Easy Networking Tips for the Networking Haters**

Learn how you can turn something that may be scary into something fun! The *Harvard Business Review* has several great tips on approaching networking differently and making the most of your time at a convention. Find out why networking doesn’t always involve meeting new people and more!

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**8 Ways To Network Like A Boss At Your Next Work Conference**

Reexamine how you approach your convention networking goals. *Girlboss* strongly suggests talking to everyone – vendors, speakers, and hosts. Someone you meet may not initially appear like they are in a position to help you or your career, but keeping the door open allows for that connection in the future when they may be able to offer assistance. Also, try to attend 'bonus events' like breakfasts or dinners to give yourself extra time to make connections in smaller settings. Read more advice here.
Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) is offering WIB Members a **$25,000 Scholarship** for their **Online Executive MBA Program with Life Science Electives**. An executive MBA from RIT’s Saunders School allows you to take life science electives along with the traditional EMBA coursework. Choose from electives like:

- Innovation in Biomedical Engineering
- Modeling and Simulation of Biomedical Systems
- Ethics in Bioinformatics
- And more!

Go to our [WIB members-only discount page](#) to find out more and apply today!

### WIB 2023 Impact Scholarship Winners

The scholarship was established to advance the educational development of women by encouraging and supporting education on all aspects of life science. Congratulations to this year’s winners who all rose to the top in a very competitive field of entrants! Read more about what they plan to use the funds for [here](#).

- Lauren Bradley
  WIB-Southern California
- Christina Cho
  WIB-Connecticut
- Aditi Deshpande
  WIB-San Francisco Bay Area
- Lori Dollard
  WIB-Pittsburgh
- Sujata Jana
  WIB-Seattle
Women In Bio Impact Stories

Check out the new stories in our #IgniteTheImpact campaign. The space is dedicated to sharing the stories of WIB members who are setting the example for how inclusive and diverse representation can ignite and drive some of the most important advances in the life sciences. Read the stories and share your own!

NATIONAL UPDATES

WIB Volunteers of the Month

Congratulations to our June 2023 WIB Volunteer Award Winners! Their incredible spirit and dedication have touched the lives of many and left an indelible mark on the WIB community. Thank you for being the true champions of change and the catalysts for a brighter future.

Stephanie Davis
Outstanding Leadership Award

Suzanne Minton
Outstanding Long Term Impact
Thank you to our renewing National Gold Sponsor, Theravance Biopharma. Their focus on delivering Medicines that Make a Difference® in people's lives has generated its pipeline of internally discovered programs targeted to address significant unmet patient needs. Find out more about their clinical programs here.

Thank you to our renewing National Silver Sponsor, Pfizer. Check out their podcast, Diverse Perspectives, a series of short, one-to-one interviews with thought leaders who are pioneering change across a variety of industries. From applying simplicity principles at work to delivering medicines by drone, host Angela Hwang of Pfizer invites guests to share their 'innovation mindset' and what motivates them to create positive change in the world.
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