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Young Women In Bio (YWIB) Announces Launch of YWIB Ambassador Program; Postpones Annual Spring Into STEM™ Festival

Sea Island, GA – (April 1, 2020) – Young Women In Bio (YWIB) is pleased to announce the launch of its YWIB Ambassador Program. YWIB developed this new initiative for high school girls who are interested in championing and supporting YWIB’s efforts to create educational and leadership opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) for young girls, both locally and nationally.

YWIB invites high school girls to apply to become a Young Women In Bio (YWIB) Ambassador among its 13 chapters across the United States and in Canada. A YWIB Ambassador is a female student leader with a passion for STEM who demonstrates leadership among her peers by promoting STEM within her school, local community, and online and encouraging other girls in their quests to make a difference.

YWIB is excited to select YWIB Ambassadors for its inaugural program to launch during the 2020-2021 school year. YWIB Ambassadors will attend events and programs hosted by their local YWIB chapter and be actively engaged with YWIB to develop educational and other opportunities to fuel the passion for pursuing careers in STEM among young girls in their community, across the country, and in Canada. At the end of the school year, YWIB Ambassadors will be invited to apply for a scholarship that YWIB will award to the YWIB Ambassador who best exemplifies YWIB’s mission to empower today’s girls to become tomorrow’s leaders, helping them affect positive change in the worlds of science, technology, engineering, and math.

“We are thrilled to launch our YWIB Ambassador Program at a time when an increasing number of girls see a future for themselves as leaders in STEM,” said Lily Wound, National Chair of YWIB. “We want to work directly with these high school girls to showcase their energy, enthusiasm, and creativity and to help them make a difference through their interest in STEM.”

Starting on May 1, 2020, YWIB will make YWIB Ambassador applications available on its webpage (womeninbio.org/YWIBAmbassadors) and provide guidelines for high school girls who are interested in applying to this program. Completed applications must be submitted to YWIB by June 15, 2020. Each of the 13 YWIB Chapters will then review applications from their local students and appoint one YWIB Ambassador for their region by August 15, 2020. Girls who are selected as YWIB Ambassadors will kick-off the program by Oct 15, 2020 and will continue their ambassadorship until the earlier of June 15, 2021, or through the end of their school year. YWIB will select a total of 13 Ambassadors (one for each chapter) for this inaugural year.

YWIB was originally going to launch its YWIB Ambassador Program during its annual Spring Into STEM™ Festival, now in its fourth year, which takes place from the first day of spring in March through the beginning of May. During the Spring Into STEM™ Festival, YWIB chapters and participating organizations across the United States and Canada invite girls from elementary school through high schools to a wide
range of free events and activities, including company tours, panel discussions, and participation at major STEM festivals and conferences. However, given the growing number of social distancing mandates and restrictions on large events and other gatherings across the United States and Canada due to concerns regarding the spread of coronavirus, YWIB has decided to postpone its fourth annual Spring Into Festival™ and hopes to reschedule it for Fall 2020.

ABOUT YOUNG WOMEN IN BIO (YWIB)

Young Women In Bio (YWIB) gives girls today the inspiration and support they need to become tomorrow’s leaders in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). We strive to provide education and hands-on experience in STEM, as well as share our passion for all scientific fields. Through 13 chapters across the United States and Canada, YWIB partners with leading companies, universities, hospitals, and other organizations to host highly engaging, educational, and motivational programs for young girls interested in STEM. To learn more, visit: www.womeninbio.org/ywib.

ABOUT WOMEN IN BIO (WIB)

Founded in 2002 to support women employed in the field of life sciences from the classroom to the boardroom, Women In Bio (WIB) is a multifaceted organization with 13 chapters in North America. It offers an array of professional educational programs, peer to peer learning, mentoring and networking opportunities, and is the only organization for women that integrates all career levels and life sciences fields. WIB is funded by sponsors and partners dedicated to supporting women of all ages in their lifelong journey; in the life sciences and beyond. Please visit www.womeninbio.org.

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