WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY

Women in Technology Announces Finalists for 15th Annual Leadership Awards

Professional Women in the Washington, D.C. Area Recognized for Extraordinary Talent, Inspiring Leadership and Success in the Technology Community

FAIRFAX, Va. – January 23, 2014 – Women in Technology (WIT[SM]), the premier organization contributing to the success of professional women in the Washington, D.C.-area technology community, today announced the finalists for the 15th Annual Leadership Awards. The awards program honors outstanding women working in the Greater Washington, D.C. region who have exemplified unique vision, leadership and profound success in the technology industry. WIT will announce the winners at the Leadership Awards Banquet on April 3, 2014 at Hyatt Regency in Reston, Va.

The finalists for the 15th Annual Women in Technology Leadership Awards are:

Corporate: Private Large Business
Deborah Fitzgerald, Deltek
Lisa Hook, Neustar
Judy Verses, Rosetta Stone

Corporate: Private Sector Small Business
Carol Cornman, PRISM Inc.
Melissa Logsdon, Thermopylae Sciences and Technology (TST)
Kris Valerio Shock, Chesapeake Regional Tech Council

Corporate: Public Sector Large Business
Susan Bentley, SAIC
Dr. Ivette Falto-Heck, Integrity Applications Incorporated
Elaine Turville, Accenture Federal Services

Corporate: Public Sector Small Business
Tracey Boylston, LexisNexis
Maria Canfora, Cvent
Marie Kaddell, LexisNexis

Entrepreneur
Firoozeh Azarbaidjani-Do, Phoenix TS
Anjali "Ann"Ramakumaran, Ampcus Inc

Government
Dr. Alissa Johnson, Executive Office of the President
Kim Robson, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA)
Cynthia Streb, Peace Corps/Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)

Innovative Technology
Baan Alsinawi, TalaTek, LLC
Pamela Arya, Optensity, Inc.
Alice Fakir, Booz Allen Hamilton

Social Impact IT
Dr. Jandelyn Plane, University of Maryland
Liz Talbot, Booz Allen Hamilton
Arti Patel Varanasi, Advancing Synergy

Rising Star
Mari Spyker, Blackstone Technology Group
Elizabeth Tribelli, Booz Allen Hamilton
Sheerin Vesin, Rosetta Stone

Unsung Hero
Susan Burke, Freddie Mac
Christine Li, Excella Consulting
Chris McGowan, Integrity Applications Incorporated

WIT Champion
Denise Hart, O2 Lab Inc
Nancy Lamberton, The Nebo Company

"We've received many outstanding nominations in our 15th year of the Leadership Awards; our finalists distinguish themselves through the unprecedented impact they are having on the technology industry," said Phyllis Kolmus, President, WIT. "These women achieve year after year successful business results, make outstanding contributions to the community, and are guiding the next-generation of female professionals by providing mentorship and a vision for the future. Congratulations to all of the finalists."

For more information about WIT's Leadership Awards banquet, sponsorship packages and to purchase tables or individual tickets, please visit:
https://netforum.avectra.com/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=WIT2&WebCode=EventDetail&evt_key=8a14eba8-663f-4bd6-b738-2d379ed0ef5d

About Women in Technology
Women in Technology (WIT) is a not-for-profit organization with the mission of advancing women in technology—from the classroom to the boardroom—by providing advocacy, leadership development, networking, mentoring and technology education. With the dedication of nearly 1000 members in the Washington, D.C.-area, WIT achieves its vision of being the premier organization empowering women to be architects of change in the technology industry. For more information, please visit, www.womenintechnology.org or connect with us via: Facebook, LinkedIn or Twitter (@WITWomen).

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