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Welcome

Emcee: Karli Ritter, Meteorologist, Fox4 Kansas City
Ann Hackett, Ph.D., Central Exchange Bloch Leader
Julie Burkhart and Pooja Shah, STEMMys Event Chairs

Keynote Speaker

Kortney Govro, VP of Clinical Services & Business
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Awards Ceremony

Adjourn

A Note

FROM LEADERSHIP

Welcome to the 7th Annual STEMMy Awards Virtual Celebration presented by Central Exchange and NAIC/NIPR.

2020 has been a year full of the unexpected and unknown. Through crisis, we've witnessed leaders in STEMM (science, technology, engineering, math, and medicine) rise to connect, inspire, and heal our communities.

This year, we are honored to celebrate our local STEMM leaders. Nine women honorees and one corporate hero are changing the Kansas City area and beyond through STEMM.

Women make up only 24% of the STEMM workforce. This event celebrates Kansas City's women in STEMM who are movement makers, gamechangers, and innovators. Our honorees break barriers for a better today and brighter tomorrow.

Together, we can increase the number of women in STEMM. We can commit to giving women more support, growth opportunities and recognition to keep them connected in their STEMM industries and blazing new paths for our future.

We invite you to continue the celebration of these women on social media using #CXSTEMMYS20 and tagging Central Exchange.

Sincerely,

Ann Hackett, Ph.D.
CX Bloch Leader
Central Exchange

Renee Keffer
Chair
Central Exchange WiSTEMM

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WISTEMM STUDENT ACHIEVER
OLIVIA PROVANCE



OLIVIA PROVANCE is a PhD candidate in Cancer Biology at the University of Kansas Medical Center. She researches cellular signaling in aggressive breast cancers to help identify new targets. During her undergraduate studies at William Jewell College, she earned a BA in biology and pre-medicine. She was a recipient of the Outstanding Senior Biology Major award, and was recognized for both her athletic performance in soccer and for her academic excellence as a scholar athlete. Throughout her graduate studies, Olivia has advocated for graduate students as the founding President of the Cancer Biology Society and through serving as the Vice President of Graduate Student Council, a senator for Student Governing Council, and as the graduate representative for the KUMC Research Advisory Committee. She has won multiple travel and presentation awards and was named a Biomedical Research Training Program Scholar in 2019. Her favorite opportunities in graduate school have been teaching, training visiting scholars in the lab, mentoring women in STEMM, and being involved in student-run societies. After graduation, she hopes to obtain a post-doctoral position to continue research prior to a career in higher education. In her free time, Olivia enjoys running, being outside, and spending time with her loved ones and her dog, Luna.

DETERMINED. DILIGENT. SINCERE.

WISTEMM EDUCATOR
LISA OYLER



LISA OYLER is an Instructor at Summit Technology Academy. She has a BS in Business Education and an MSE in Curriculum & Instruction Business. She has certifications in CompTia A+, Network+, Cloud+, Security+ and Cisco CCNA, CCNA Security and CyberOps. Twenty of her twenty-three years of teaching have been at Summit Technology Academy, where she teaches computer networking and cyber security.

Lisa coaches student organizations such as SkillsUSA and CyberPatriot. She has coached multiple district, state and national champions in technology competitions, as well as National Champions of AFA's Cyberpatriot Youth Cyber Defense Competition 2016. For years, Lisa has participated in Cisco Systems, Inc.'s Girls in IT Day and Women of Impact events hosted at their location.

This summer, Lisa partnered with Women in Security Mentor's organization to provide a free 30-day online IT, networking, and cybersecurity fundamentals virtual workshop for grades 7 through 12.

DEDICATED. ENTHUSIASTIC. COMPELLING.

ENTERPRISING INNOVATOR
SHERRY LUMPKINS



SHERRY LUMPKINS is the Principal Consultant at Blue Symphony LLC, the technology and marketing firm she founded in 2002. Before launching the Blue Symphony, Sherry held several technical and management positions at companies ranging from small startups to international corporations, including Assurant, where she organized and led the company's first data architect team; and Sprint, where her duties ranged from programmer analyst to project manager. During her tenure as Director of Associate Managers, RiverPoint was named the fastest growing consulting company in Kansas City.

Sherry's passion for technology dates back to her college days where she started out as an accounting major. About halfway through the accounting program, she realized that she had no desire to wade through financial statements for the rest of her life but could easily see herself tinkering around on the computer constantly for the foreseeable future. With that, she switched majors, ultimately graduating from UMKC with a Computer Science degree. While she loves her job, Sherry knows there's more to life than working, so she makes time for traveling with family and friends, doing her part to close the STEM gap, volunteering through her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, and generally living her best life!

EXPERT. DYNAMIC. VISIONARY.

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TERRACON is an employee-owned consulting engineering firm specializing in environmental, facilities, geotechnical, and materials services. Since 1965, Terracon has achieved significant expansion through internal growth and acquisitions and has more than 5,000 employees in more than 150 offices, serving all 50 states nationwide.

Terracon is committed to actively expand the pipeline of women in STEMM through partnerships with the SWE (Society of Women Engineers), Girls Scouts of America, and other recruiting and development efforts.

Terracon supports STEMM throughout the United States in a number of ways, including grants and scholarships from the Terracon Foundation, support of the ACE (Architecture, Construction, and Engineering) Mentor program, summer internships, local support of students, and more. Terracon believes in investing in communities where we live and work, now and for the future.

INNOVATIVE. TENACIOUS. COMMUNITY-CENTRIC.

RISING TRENDSETTER
CLARICE KINSELLA



CLARICE KINSELLA is a project manager and business unit manager at Burns & McDonnell. In her 20-year career working in the power industry, Clarice has worked with utilities all over the world to provide project management, consulting, engineering and project development services.

She currently leads Burns & McDonnell's Project Management Office (PMO) and Program Management business units. In this role, she expands the firm's market and competitiveness in capital project delivery and technology consulting field. Her focus is on advising utility clients on how to leverage the newest technology to increase efficiency of project and construction management. As a project manager, she also leads development and execution of large-scale energy projects and consults with clients on capital projects management and delivery.

Clarice has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Kansas.

ADVENTUROUS. FUTURE-FOCUSED. PERSISTENT.

RISING TRENDSETTER
LAUREN KOVAL



LAUREN KOVAL attended the University of Missouri-Kansas City where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. She was also a scholarship recipient for both the Trustees' Scholars Program and the Women's Soccer Team.

Lauren began her career with McCownGordon Construction in Project Management after graduation and moved into her current position as Engineering Manager in 2019. In this role, Lauren advises and collaborates with multiple project teams within McCownGordon, in addition to many Clients and Design Partners. She enjoys working to identify innovative and optimal solutions for building systems throughout the design and construction process. As an Engineering Manager, Lauren has the responsibility of managing the Engineering Services' support for hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of commercial construction projects for her team.

She loves giving back to the STEMM community by mentoring and aiding in the selection process for the UMKC Trustees' Scholars Program, serving on UMKC's CME Engineering Advisory Board, and helping with McCownGordon recruiting.

INTELLIGENT. MOTIVATED. DRIVEN.

GROUNDBREAKING LEADERSHIP

EMILY TILGNER



EMILY TILGNER graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in Architectural Engineering. After graduation, she went to work for Henderson Engineers. Emily quickly moved up the ranks and helmed a new national branch office in downtown KCMO and served as Director of Kansas City operations. Within the consulting engineering industry, Emily also served as Partner and Principal at Lankford-Fender and Associates. Now, at McCownGordon, she leads the engineering and virtual design and construction (VDC) department which provides experience, knowledge and tools that save hundreds of hours of labor and prevent hundreds of thousands of dollars in construction-related conflicts – a differentiator for the company. When not working, Emily is passionate about giving back to her community and helping her industry. She is currently the advisory board vice chair for the UMKC | Rockhurst University Civil and Mechanical Engineering departments. She is a past board member of Wonderscope Children's Museum, past Urban Land Institute board member and has volunteered with Camp Win (Kansas City Sports Commission), ACE Mentor Program of Kansas City and Girl Scout Cookie Construction.

RESILIENT. BRILLIANT. LEADER.

GROUNDBREAKING LEADERSHIP

AMANDA HEALY, MD, OBGYN



AMANDA HEALY doesn't ever remember not wanting to be a doctor. But when Dr. Healy became a single mother at 19, she wasn't sure her dream would ever become a reality. Through her drive and passion for helping others, Dr. Healy put herself through medical school while raising her daughter. This experience afforded her a deep understanding of the unique challenges and trials women face when they do not have access to adequate resources. During her residency, Dr. Healy gravitated towards obstetrics to take part in caring for the women in her community and establishing long-term relationships with her future patients. She has practiced gynecology for 9 years; during which time she has specialized in pregnancy, obstetrics, prenatal care, adolescent gynecology, minimally invasive hysterectomies, well-woman exams & pap smears, and the treatment of abnormal pap smears. One year ago, Dr. Healy was named CEO of Women's Clinic of Johnson County. Now, alongside practicing medicine, Dr Healy also manages a staff consisting of 70 all-female staff members and 9 female doctors.

GRIT. INTELLIGENT. DETERMINED.

WISTEMM CHAMPION
DANIELLE BINION



DANIELLE BINION is PREP-KC's Career Academies Coordinator. Danielle works closely with Kansas City's urban school districts, postsecondary institutions, and businesses to support programming and strategic planning that strengthens the STEMM workforce pipeline by developing equitable learning solutions for K-12 & higher education. Keystone partnerships that Danielle has designed and cultivated include Pathways to Technology & Tech Impact with Cerner, KCKPS's BioPlus with KU Medical Center and KCKCC, the Business & Finance Institute with State Street, American Century, PwC, and Honeywell's HOPE Scholarship.

Danielle has specialized career experience in recruiting and facilitating partnership teams, program piloting, strategic planning, multicultural program management, recruitment of underrepresented populations, and student intervention and retention strategies. Before joining PREP-KC, she coordinated a national pre-law program for underserved youth at UMKC School of Law. Danielle earned a Bachelor of Arts in Biology at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, a Master of Arts in Professional Counseling at Lindenwood University and is pursuing a Doctor of Education in Leadership in Higher Education at Baker University.

EQUITY-BUILDER. VISIONARY. MENTOR.

WISTEMM CHAMPION
CYNTHIA NEWSOME



CYNTHIA NEWSOME is midday anchor and reporter at KSHB-TV, NBC, 41 Action News in Kansas City Missouri. She has been an anchor and reporter at 41 Action News for 23 years. Before coming to Kansas City, Cynthia was weekend anchor at KWTV in Oklahoma City. She has covered national news stories such as the Oklahoma City bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in 1995 and the Post Office Massacre in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Cynthia is active in the community in youth organizations and founded Awesome Ambitions, a college and career readiness program for 8th through 12th grade girls in the Kansas City metro. Awesome Ambitions promotes STEMM careers and provide STEMM experiences for 8th through 12th grade girls through career exposure, field trips, and more.

Cynthia is active in her church, United Believers Community Church, and is married to Ed Newsome and has two bonus children, Edward II and Kimberly.

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Our Mission

Central Exchange's WiSTEMM is the leader in connecting, inspiring and supporting the professional development of women in STEMM careers.

About WiSTEMM

Women in STEMM is a Central Exchange movement designed to put a well-deserved spotlight on women in Kansas City working in the fields of science, technology, engineering, math and medicine (STEMM). By focusing on successful STEMM leaders, WiSTEMM hopes to draw attention to the resource shortfall in these careers and provide inspiration for others to pursue careers in STEMM.

Discover More

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