

Event joins women with unique leadership skills

Novel solutions to 21st century innovation challenges, is the theme of Keck Graduate Institute's fourth annual executive education conference for female leaders in the life science industry, to be held April 3 to 5, 2011.

The Women Innovate Conference will feature panels of female industry leaders in engineering, science and business ranging from small start-ups to global corporations. Together, the 20 distinguished panelists have been awarded approximately 100 patents.

"These women represent some of the most innovative thinkers in the life science industry," said Diana Bartlett, KGI's director of corporate partnerships in a press statement. "The conference will explore what they do, how and why they do it, where they innovate, how they overcome challenges, and much more."

The underlying message regarding addressing the innovation gap is: "If not women, who? If not now, when?"

The conference is designed for women with 6 to 12

years of career experience in the life science industry who have achieved or who are ready to assume higher-level management positions.

A networking reception and dinner on Sunday, April 3, kicks off the two and a half day event.

Monday, April 4, will be devoted to technology innovation and, on the following day, business innovation will be highlighted. Both sessions will be held at Scripps College.

Since innovative women learn from each other, participants will have an opportunity to interact with industry leaders, network with other participants and take part in a series of peer group exercises. After each panel, the audience will be divided up into small discussion groups to tackle a question or challenge based on the panel discussion.

"We have revamped the conference in order to provide additional professional development and networking opportunities," Ms. Bartlett said.

Also new this year, 3 pricing tiers will enable more women to attend. Options range from \$495 for a day-long web conference, to \$1,995 for the entire conference including materials and meals. Ms. Bartlett said the conference is the only one of its kind for women in the life science industry.

Statistics show more women earn PhDs annually than men, and although more highly trained women are going into the life science industry, only 10 percent of all patents issued go to women.

"We're trying to address the imbalance," Ms. Bartlett said.

— Tony Krickl

Block Kids contest to be held at Sumner Elementary

The Inland Valley Chapter of the National Association of Women In Construction will be holding the annual National Education Foundation "Block Kids" contest on Wednesday, February 16, at Sumner Elementary School from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Approximately 40 third graders will be participating.

The Block Kids Building Program is a national building program competition that is sponsored on the local level by Inland Valley Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction chapters and other organizations.

The award-winning program introduces children to the construction industry in an effort to create an awareness of, and to promote an interest in, future careers in one of the many facets of the industry.

The program is open to elementary school children in grades 1 through 6.

The competition involves the construction of various structures with interlocking blocks and 3 of the following additional items: a small rock, string, foil and poster board.

Each child is given a hard hat to wear (and to keep) while they are constructing the various structures as well as a "goody bag" containing child-friendly items. The chapter awards gift certificates to the top 3 entries.

For information regarding this event contact Peggy Long at 800-6618 or email peggye@verizon.net



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