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Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts Opens Nominations for 2021 Women in STEM Awards Program

HARRISBURG, PA / May 6, 2021 — This September Whitaker Center will honor local women who have made a significant impact in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and the Central Pennsylvania community through the Women of Impact: Celebrating Women in STEM Awards Program. This year's annual event will be an evening reception held at West Shore Country Club. The unique event benefits the Whitaker Center's Girls in STEM Initiative, which has engaged more than 4,000 young girls in fun and welcoming STEM-related activities designed to build their confidence and interests.

"I am motivated and inspired by this event and the women it honors," said Catherine Wilsbach, Whitaker's Women in STEM Committee Chair. "By highlighting dynamic women and organizations we expose young women to the opportunities in STEM and how STEM impacts our community and daily lives. Our future is brighter and more exciting when filled with influential females in STEM careers."

Both companies and individuals can get involved in this fundraising opportunity through either sponsoring the event or nominating a woman to be recognized for her contributions to STEM in Central Pennsylvania. Sponsorships are available at Reception, Patron, and Friend levels. Nominations can be made for several award categories between May 3 through July 1, 2021. Winners will be announced in August 2021 and honored at the reception in September.

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Nominations can be made online at whitakercenter.org for the following categories:

Women to Watch - Women under 40 who have made significant accomplishments in her STEM field.

Advocate - A woman who serves as an advocate for women and girls and has aided them to excel in STEM.

Game Changer - A woman who has made an impact in her STEM field with an emphasis on inspiring others.

Women Breaking Barriers - A woman who utilizes her position/expertise to engage a diverse community and break down barriers in STEM.

Champion - A company or organization that provides initiatives to support the advancement of women in STEM.

Rising Star - A young female student making strides in her STEM education.

Legacy "WhitaHER" - A woman who has demonstrated superior leadership and has a significant track record of long-term achievements/accomplishments in STEM.

For more information about Whitaker Center's Women in STEM Awards Program, visit whitakercenter.org or contact Michele Holloway, Vice President of Development, at mholloway@whitakercenter.org. You can also follow the movement on social media and share moments of your own using the #iempoweredagirl hashtag.

About Whitaker Center

Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts is a non-profit center for the arts, education, entertainment and cultural enrichment located in the heart of Harrisburg's vibrant downtown. Whitaker Center is home to Sunoco Performance Theater, Harsco Science Center and Select Medical Digital Cinema featuring a four-story premium large format theater with a recently upgraded 4K laser projection system. Visit whitakercenter.org for a full list of events, shows, hours of operation, and ticket rates. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

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