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**Whitaker Center's Inaugural Women in STEM Awards Luncheon to be Held September 12**

*This unique fundraiser supports Whitaker Center's Girls in STEM Initiative*

Harrisburg, PA—Whitaker Center is hosting their inaugural Women in STEM Awards Luncheon this fall in Sunoco Performance Theater to recognize women that have made an impact in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). This event, which will be held on September 12, benefits Whitaker Center's Girls in STEM initiative, which empowers girls to know they are strong enough to change the world.

As a large non-profit and cultural beacon in Downtown Harrisburg, fundraising is key to the continued success of Whitaker Center's Girls in STEM initiative. The Women in STEM Awards Luncheon offers dual opportunities to both support the continuation of STEM education for girls in Central PA and the chance to recognize the women who have already contributed to STEM education in Central PA.

"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 PA," said Michele Holloway, Vice President of Development at Whitaker Center.

"Sponsorships are available at the Platinum, Gold, and Silver levels. Nominations can be made for several award categories, including Woman to Watch, Woman Breaking Barriers, and Legacy "WhitaHER" Award." The Women in STEM Awards nomination period is open from May 1 through June 14, 2019. Additional information can be obtained via the Whitaker Center website or by contacting the Development Team at [development@whitakercenter.org](mailto:development@whitakercenter.org).

To learn more about donating to Whitaker Center through individual, corporate or planned giving, please visit our website: [whitakercenter.org/support-us](http://whitakercenter.org/support-us).

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 digital projection system. Visit [whitakercenter.org](http://whitakercenter.org) for a full list of events, shows, hours of operation, and ticket rates.

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