

***For Immediate Release***

## **Announcing the 2017 Women Worth Watching<sup>®</sup> in STEM Winners**

### **BREAKING BARRIERS IN STEM**

CLEVELAND, OH, February 22 - *Profiles in Diversity Journal* announced 45 winners today of the 2017 Women Worth Watching in STEM<sup>®</sup> Awards.

“Collectively, these leaders are breaking barriers for women in STEM careers and we are honored to recognize them as well as the companies supporting them,” PDJ Publisher James R. Rector said. “Supporting women in STEM is an essential part of a worldwide strategy to innovate, educate and build a more connected world,” he added.

The STEM edition is a new development of the annual Women Worth Watching leadership awards. The call out for those annual awards will continue as regular this Spring for the flagship annual magazine edition of Women Worth Watching<sup>®</sup>.

These STEM winners will be profiled in a special STEM Women Worth Watching edition (release date April 2017) that celebrates them and enhances the visibility and reputations of the companies empowering, supporting, and employing these incredible women. They also receive the 2017 crystal Women Worth Watching in STEM award. Each was nominated by their employers or colleagues for creating value for other women and companies, organizations and agencies behind women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

### **The 2017 winners of the Women Worth Watching in STEM awards are:**

**ADP, LLC - Isabel Espina-Carvajal**, Vice President - Enterprise Architecture  
**ADP, LLC - Miriam Soza**, Vice President, Client & Associate Engagement Technologies  
**Akerman LLP - Gail Gottehrer**, Partner  
**Arrow Electronics - Noel Marshall**, Senior Applications Engineer  
**AT&T - Brooks McCordle**, President, AT&T Partner Solutions  
**AT&T - Teresa Ostapower**, Chief Digital Officer  
**AT&T - Jenifer Robertson**, Senior Vice President Tech Strategy & Portfolio Implementation  
**Axinn - Dr. Stacie Ropka**, Partner  
**Booz Allen Hamilton - Carmen Cateriano**, Principal, Technology Leader  
**Burns & Levinson - Dr. Ronda Moore**, Partner  
**Burns & Levinson - Dr. Janine Susan**, Partner  
**Computer Sciences Corporation - Lesley Sigall**, Vice President, GIS Business Operations & Finance  
**Cooper Standard - Brigit R Anthony**, Vice President, Engineering and Technology, North America  
**EA - Farah Ali**, Sr. Director, Player Reliability Engineering, EADP Player Reliability Engineering  
**Excellus BlueCross BlueShield - Cindy Langston**, VP, Enterprise Portfolio Management  
**Fidelity Investments - Teena Piccione**, SVP Information Technology  
**Fish & Richardson - Lauren Degnan**, Principal  
**Fish & Richardson - Susan Morrison**, Managing Principal

**Fish & Richardson - Betty Chen**, Principal  
**Fish & Richardson - Dr. Anita Meiklejohn**, Principal  
**GEI Consultants, Inc. - Dr. Gillian Gregory**, Vice President  
**GEI Consultants, Inc. - Francine Dunn**, Vice President  
**Great Basin Scientific, Inc. - Dr. Suzette Chance**, Senior Director of Clinical Affairs  
**HARMAN - Rashmi Rao**, Senior Director, Advanced Systems and User Experience  
**HP Inc. - Mirjana Spasojevic** - VP and Head of Immersive Experiences in HP Labs  
**HP Inc. - Lihua Zhao**, HP Labs Director and Principal Investigator  
**Humacyte - Heather Prichard**, Senior Vice-President, Product Development  
**IAC Applications - Julie-Anne Selvey**, VP Brand and CSR  
**Interpublic Group - Patricia Hinerman**, IPG Corporate CIO  
**IRobot - Lisa Freed**, STEM Program Manager  
**KPMG LLP - Miriam Hernandez-Kakol**, US Service Line Leader Customer & Operations - Advisory  
**Legg Mason Global Asset Management - Janet Oren**, Chief Information Security Officer  
**Meritor, Inc. - Linda Taliaferro**, Vice President, Global Quality  
**Meritor, Inc. - Lucille Gartman**, Site Manager  
**MKF - Meera Kaul**, President  
**Mount Saint Vincent University - Tamara Franz-Odendaal**, Professor of Biology and NSERC Chair for Women in Science and Engineering  
**NetApp - Anna Schlegel**, Senior Director, Engineering  
**Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation - Marcia Kayath**, Vice President and Head, US Clinical Development and Medical Affairs  
**New York Power Authority - Kaela Mainsah**, Manager, Environmental Justice  
**Sandia National Laboratories - Carol Adkins**, Director of Energy Technologies and System Solutions  
**Sandia National Laboratories - Justine Johannes**, Director of Research & Development Science & Engineering  
**Shell Downstream Inc. - Jeannie M Gardner**, Global Pricing Lead  
**Squire Patton Boggs - Tamara Fraizer**, Principal  
**Tata Consultancy Services - Chandrika Shrinivasan**, Client Partner  
**Wells Fargo - Ligia Vilela**, SVP, CTO-CAO Digital Channels Technology

STEM offers women an opportunity to engage in some of the most exciting areas of discovery and technological innovation in history! Increasing women's leadership opportunities is mandatory for realizing greater economic success and equality for women across the board.

*[Profiles in Diversity Journal](#) is a quarterly magazine dedicated to promoting and advancing diversity and inclusion in the corporate, STEM, government, nonprofit and higher education sectors. For 19 years, Profiles in Diversity Journal has helped stimulate organizational change by showcasing the visionary leadership, innovative programs, and individual commitments to making it happen.*

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