

Women of Vision Awards

Honoring exceptional women in technology



“At the Anita Borg Institute, changing the culture of technology is an important part of our mission. One of the ways we see an impact on the culture of technology is through role models— incredible women such as our Women of Vision winners.”

— TELLE WHITNEY, ABI PRESIDENT & CEO

Honoring The Best and The Brightest

Each spring, the Anita Borg Institute (ABI) hosts an awards banquet to celebrate the accomplishments of three prominent technical women whose lifetime achievements have significantly advanced the field of technology. Three awards, representing the categories of leadership, innovation, and social impact, are presented to the night's honorees. The gala event is attended by industry professionals, academics, and students.

Women of Vision—The Power of Role Models

At ABI, we celebrate and highlight the success of women. Through their achievements and life stories, Women of Vision award winners demonstrate that each of us has the power to improve our world, individually and collectively. We are inspired by the award winners' examples, moved by their sacrifices, and stirred by their extraordinary commitment to excellence, progress, and creative problem-solving.

ABI recognizes the value of role models. From students to senior-level executives, women in technology look to one another for advice, support, and direction. Role models have a profound influence on our present and our future. Our Women of Vision program emphasizes the need for women and men to see role models as an example of what's possible and as an inspiration to strive in their own careers.

How are Women of Vision Chosen?

High-tech companies, universities, private industry, and the public are welcome to submit nominations, which are reviewed by a committee of distinguished technologists and academics.

Candidates are judged on the following criteria:

- 1) Consistent, significant contributions to technology invention and application
- 2) Effecting positive changes in the ways in which technology impacts society
- 3) Demonstrated leadership in the technology industry that extends beyond the workplace

2009 WOMEN OF VISION

Leadership

Mitchell Baker, Chairperson, Mozilla

Innovation

Yuqing Gao, Senior Manager, IBM T.J. Watson Research Center

Social Impact

Jan Cuny, Program Director, National Science Foundation

2008 WOMEN OF VISION

Leadership

Justine Cassell, Professor, Northwestern University

Innovation

Helen Greiner, Co-founder and Chairman, iRobot

Social Impact

Susan Landau, Distinguished Engineer, Sun Microsystems Inc.



2007 WOMEN OF VISION

Leadership

Duy-Loan T. Le, Texas Instruments

Innovation

Deborah Estrin, UCLA

Social Impact

Leah H. Jamieson, Purdue University

2005 WOMEN OF VISION

Leadership

Janie Tsao, Cisco Systems, Inc.

Innovation

Deborah Estrin, UCLA

Social Impact

Pamela Samuelson, UC Berkeley

Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsors of Women in Vision Awards increase the visibility of their own organizations and actively support female visionaries, present and future. More than 670 guests attended our 2009 Women of Vision event.

Sponsor benefits include:

- Awards Banquet tables to use for employees and honored guests
- Share the Vision tables – sponsor-branded tables that are donated to local college and high school students so they can attend the banquet. Students not only gain a valuable opportunity to network, but seeing top technical women recognized as award winners provides a source of inspiration to continue their studies.
- VIP reception invitations
- Branding on signage, ABI web site, and press releases
- Program advertisements

About the Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology (ABI)

The Anita Borg Institute provides resources and programs to help industry, academia, and government recruit, retain, and develop women leaders in high-tech fields. For high-tech women, ABI provides a community of peers and mentors as well as the tools and incentive to advance their careers. ABI is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization. For more information, visit www.anitaborg.org.



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