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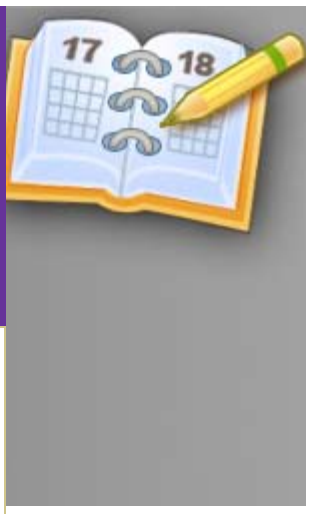

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2010 Anita Borg Women of Vision Awards Banquet Master of Ceremonies Announced Sal Pizarro, San Jose Mercury News

We are pleased to announce the Master of Ceremonies for the 2010 Women of Vision Awards Banquet. The Master of Ceremonies will be Sal Pizarro, Around Town columnist for the San Jose Mercury News. "I'm thrilled to be part of this event because it helps put the spotlight on women in what's always been considered the male-dominated tech field. And if this type of recognition inspires just one girl out there in Silicon Valley or beyond to enter the field, that's a

huge accomplishment," said Sal Pizarro.

The Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology invites you to sponsor our annual Women of Vision Awards Banquet! The Women of Vision Awards honor technical women for a lifetime of achievement in the areas of Leadership, Innovation, and Social Impact. Our keynote speaker this year is Arianna Huffington, co-founder and editor-in-chief of the Huffington Post. This event will inspire and engage the technical women at your company, and offer excellent networking opportunities.

Gold, Silver and Bronze Sponsorships are currently available for this event. We also invite you to sponsor a branded table for your 10 employees, guests, or donate a table to students. Individual tickets are also available.

Learn more and register today!

May 12, 2009- 6:00 - 9:30pm
Mission City Ballroom - adjacent to the Santa Clara Convention Center
5001 Great America Parkway
Santa Clara, CA 95054

2010 Grace Hopper Celebration Call for Participation Now Open

The 10th Annual Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing (GHC) has opened its Call for Participation. The annual conference, presented by the Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology, is the world's largest gathering of women in computing. The Grace Hopper Celebration will take place from September 28 - October 2, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, Georgia. This year's theme "Collaborating Across Boundaries" recognizes the significant role women play in using technology to work together across various borders including gender, scientific, social, geographical, racial or political.

The submission deadline is March 16, 2010. Notifications on the submission status will be sent out by May 18, 2010. For more information, please visit our website.

The Grace Hopper Celebration is designed to bring the research and career interests of women in computing to the forefront. Leading researchers present their current work, while special sessions focus on the role of women in today's technology fields, including computer science, information technology, research and engineering. The technical conference features well known keynote speakers and invited technical speakers, panels, workshops, new investigator technical papers, PhD forums, technical posters, birds of a feather sessions, the ACM Student Research Competition and an awards celebration.

Submissions on both technical and professional topics are encouraged. The Grace Hopper Celebration Conference committee is requesting submissions that reflect the conference theme "Collaborating Across Boundaries" in the areas of innovation with a company, from academia, or from individual contributors. Technical submissions that

Change Agent Award Call for Nominations Now Open

The Call for Nominations for the Anita Borg Change Agent Awards is now open. The Change Agent Awards celebrate the accomplishments of technical women from, and who work in, developing countries. These awards are designed to recognize up-and-coming leaders that impact or advance women's participation in technology.

Three individual awards will be given to women in computing that demonstrate leadership within their communities, expand opportunities and influence the careers of girls and women in technology, and demonstrate impact on advancing women's participation in technology. Each winner will receive up to $5,000 in travel reimbursement to attend the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing. Past winners have come from Bahrain, Brazil, Egypt, Georgia, Nigeria, India, Kenya, Pakistan and Turkey. The Change Agent Awards are sponsored by Google.

The awards will be presented on September 30, 2010 at the Grace Hopper Celebration in Atlanta Georgia. Nominations will be accepted until April 29, 2010 at http://anitaborg.org/initiatives/awards.

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cross disciplines and other boundaries are encouraged.

Call for Nominations Open for Anita Borg Social Impact and Technical Leadership Awards and Denice Denton Emerging Leader Award

The Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology announced today it has opened the Call for Nominations for three awards: the Anita Borg Social Impact, Anita Borg Technical Leadership and the Denice Denton Emerging Leader Awards. Nominees may be submitted by high-tech companies, universities, private industry, and the general public. One winner will be selected in each category.

The Denice Denton Emerging Leader Award recognizes a tenure-track (non-tenured) faculty member (under the age of 40) at an academic or research institution who is pursuing high quality research in engineering or physical sciences, while contributing significantly to promote diversity in his/her environment. The award winner will receive a $5,000 prize.

The Anita Borg Social Impact Award honors an individual or team who has caused technology to have a positive impact on the lives of women and society, or who have caused women to have a significant impact on the design and use of technology. The award recipient will receive a $10,000 prize.

The Anita Borg Technical Leadership Award recognizes and celebrates an outstanding woman technical leader. Nominees are women who have inspired the women's technology community through outstanding technological and social contributions and, through their leadership, have increased the impact of women on technology. The award recipient will receive a $10,000 prize.

"These three awards recognize three extraordinary people whose contributions to leadership and technology are exemplary. The Anita Borg Technical Leadership award recognizes great women whose technology contributions are changing our world. The Anita Borg Social Impact Award recognizes someone who demonstrates to the rest of us how technology can make a positive difference. The Denice Denton Award celebrates a young leader whose impact is already substantial, and will only increase." Said Telle Whitney, President and CEO of the Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology, "They are role models whose work continues to reach across boundaries and inspire".

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We are pleased to announce the debut of our new Anita Borg Institute Video. If you are interested in learning more about the Anita Borg Institute and our programs check it out today.

Women in Leadership: Strategies for Learning the 'Unwritten Rules' and Cracking the 'Concrete Ceiling'

Wednesday, Feb 24, 2010
5:50 pm - 8:00 pm
Anita Borg Institute @ HP Labs, Palo Alto, CA

Are you interested in learning about the "unwritten rules" to getting ahead and cracking the concrete ceiling to advance your career? Please join the The Anita Borg Institute as we host the Women of Color Action Network's (WCAN) Workshop at HP Labs on Wednesday, February 24, 2010. All members of the Anita Borg Institute community are invited to attend.

The evening will feature:

Networking:
Meet professional women from all over the bay area and expand your network!

Research Presentation:
Mary Boughton, Senior Director, Catalyst, Western Region. Mary will share the results of the groundbreaking new Catalyst study, "Unwritten Rules: Why Doing a Good Job Might Not Be Enough"

Leadership Panel:
Nina Bhatti, Principal Scientist, HP Labs and Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology Advisory Board member. Nina will share her experience as a research scientist with over 25 patents who develops leading edge technology and successfully navigated her way to the top.

Terrie Mui, President-Elect, Program Management Institute Silicon Valley and Program Management Consultant. Terrie will share her experience as a program management professional with 25 Years of experience leading challenging product development projects in IT, green tech and aerospace industries.

until April 29, 2010.

Why I'm Glad I Attended the Women of Vision Awards

by
Katy Dickinson

The Anita Borg Institute's Women of Vision Awards Banquet is a moving and thought-provoking annual event.

The WOV night itself is fun: meeting new women and getting to know others better. The long-term benefit for me comes from learning about the honorees and hearing their acceptance speeches. I go to the WOV for mental and spiritual refreshment.

In some cases, I know the honored women personally but most are new to me. For months and even years after, I find myself thinking about what the Women of Vision have said. I sometimes go to YouTube and listen to the speeches again to refresh my memory.

I have referred dozens of young women to Helen Greiner's 2008 WOV talk. Any girl geek who feels too alone in her love of technology will be encouraged by the amazing founder of iRobot saying that when she was young "not one person told me I should be an Engineer" and "we need diversity of perspectives ... more women's life experiences influencing our directions and designs".

The speech content and advice from the WOV is often pithy and practical and is always presented in the context of an inspiring and successful life, so it sticks in my memory. Some WOV gems:

In 2007, Deborah Estrin passed on three lessons: "Listen to your parents. Seek inspiration from your children. And, don't forget to go on vacation."

Susan Landau in 2008 said: "Sometimes you gotta not be nice." Leah Jamieson in 2007 advised: "Think about how the components of balance and passion can play out in what you are doing."

Duy-Loan Le said in 2007: "Don't take things personal. Have a sense of humor. Give people a graceful way to exit when they make a mistake."

Finally, in 2009, Yuqing Gao spoke of her two guiding principals of Focus and Risk-taking: "without the sense of being challenged and the desire of conquering the challenges, there would be no path for progress and innovation."

Kentucky Celebration of Women in Computing Feb 26-27

There is still time to register for the Kentucky

Register today!

Cost: $15

Close Encounters with Admiral Grace Murray Hopper

"I met Admiral Hopper, at Penn, but have lost my nanosecond." The nanosecond referred to was one of the 30 cm pieces of wire that Grace Hopper famously handed out at her speaking engagements. And this rueful admission is part of an unexpected harvest reaped since launching the Facebook page for the Grace Hopper Celebration. Fans of the page have been treated to recollections from those fortunate enough to have encountered her personally.
Read more.

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To learn more about ABI and our upcoming activities sign up for our monthly newsletter.

Celebration of Women in Computing (KY-WIC) on February 26-27 at the Kentucky Dam Village State Park at the Land Between the Lakes, Gilbertsville KY.

Ada Lovelace Day - March 24, 2010

Ada Lovelace Day is an international day of blogging to celebrate the achievements of women in technology and science. Please join the Anita Borg Institute again this year in pledging to blog on March 24 about a woman in technology or science who you admire. Last year nearly 2000 people took part. Join us in taking the pledge! Learn more today.