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We are just over a month away from the due date for our [Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing \(GHC\) Call for Participation](#). We encourage all of you to submit your technical papers, posters and proposals for panels, workshops, birds of a feather and PhD Forum sessions. Come join us September 28 - October 2 in Atlanta, GA.

We also want to encourage all of you to register today for our [Anita Borg Women of Vision Awards Ceremony](#). We have extended our early bird registration to February 12th so sign up today. Arianna Huffington will be our keynote speaker. We'll be announcing the award winners March 1st. We are also looking for you to share with us your stories from our past Women of Vision events. [Please send us your stories](#) about the impact our past Women of Vision events have had on you. We'll be sharing these stories in our upcoming newsletters.

Jo Miller has written about 5 women tech leaders you should follow on Twitter. Our latest Fast Company blog posts include Telle Whitney's experience attending [Hillary Clinton's recent speech on Internet Freedom](#) and Caroline Simard writes about [The Q Word](#). And be sure to read our interview with Kurt Beyer, the author of Grace Hopper and the Invention of the Information Age.

Sincerely,

The ABI Staff

2010 Women of Vision Awards Early Bird Registration Expires February 12

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.

[Learn more and register today!](#) Early Bird pricing ends February 12.

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

TOP REASONS YOU SHOULD PARTICIPATE:

INVEST - You will leave this event feeling enthused and invigorated, and that is hard to come by! Women of Vision is indeed a worthwhile investment in your future.

LISTEN - Learn about Arianna Huffington, our amazing keynote speaker, her success and how she got to her place at the top!

NETWORK - Enjoy the Networking Reception with executives from Cisco, Google, Lockheed Martin, NetApp, SAP, Intel, IBM, Microsoft, and other top companies!

MOTIVATE - The accomplishments of the award winners are truly inspirational, and you can't help but be motivated by their acceptance speeches. Videos from last year are posted on the [ABI You Tube channel](#).

DEMONSTRATE - Show your commitment to recruiting and retaining your company's technical women by inviting your staff and colleagues - both men and women!

Individual Tickets are also available. For more information, visit us [online](#).

Ask Jo: 5 Women Tech Leaders You Should Follow on Twitter



Every month on our site, Jo Miller, CEO of Women's Leadership Coaching Inc., answers your career and leadership questions.

Question: This month Jo Miller discusses the [5 women tech leaders you should follow on Twitter](#).

Jo Miller is CEO of Women's Leadership Coaching Inc. which offers women's leadership seminars and coaching programs. To read more of her career advice, visit the [Ask Jo archives](#).

Interview with Kurt Beyer, Author of Grace Hopper and the Invention of the Information Age

Kurt Beyer, the author of Grace Hopper and the Invention of the Information, took time out of his busy schedule to talk to us about his new book. You can hear Kurt Beyer at the Computer History Museum on March 4th at 12:00 p.m. [Registration](#) for the event is free.

Join Grace Hopper Celebration 2010 Online

Are you working on a proposal for a Grace Hopper conference session? Thinking about how to convince your boss to send you this year? Wondering who else will be there? We've got something for everyone in our online communities. Our new Grace Hopper Celebration page on [Facebook](#) is attracting fans and, currently, stories of interactions with Admiral Hopper herself. Take advantage of the discussion board for your GHC 2010 planning (last year Facebook was the best place to find a ride or roommate). The Grace Hopper Celebration group on [LinkedIn](#) is a great place to make professional connections before the conference, whether you're looking for work or putting together a conference panel.

Follow our GHC updates on [Twitter](#) and connect with other conference twitterers. Subscribe to our [blog](#) and review the great

What inspired you to write a book about Grace Hopper?

Grace Hopper influenced my own career choices, first as a naval officer, then as an academic, and finally as an entrepreneur. When I arrived at the United States Naval Academy on a hot day in July during the summer of 1986, Admiral Hopper had been influencing naval computer policy for twenty years. I was issued a personal computer, we had access to mil.net, the precursor to the internet. We emailed our professors, signed up for classes online, and our medical and dental records were digitized. The Academy's core curriculum was modified to incorporate computer use into many of our engineering and math classes, and Hopper herself came to speak to us lowly Plebes to encourage us to lead the computer revolution in and out of the navy.

By this time she was pretty legendary in the Navy, so I was shocked to arrive in Silicon Valley during the great dot.com boom of the 1990s and I found that few people my age knew who she was or what she had accomplished. As I pieced together the evolution of the computer industry for my PhD work at the University of California, Berkeley, I was actually surprised how influential the younger Hopper was during the first 30 years of the industry, so in the end my editors and I at MIT Press thought it best to tell the story of the early computer age through Hopper's career.

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Grace Hopper Regional Consortium Launches Conferences to Recruit and Retain More Women in Computing

A partnership of respected technology organizations has received a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to broaden women's participation in computing by sponsoring regional conferences across the country. The ACM Women's Council (ACM-W), the Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology (ABI), and the National Center for Women & IT (NCWIT) have formed the [Grace Hopper Regional Consortium](#) to bring the growing career and leadership opportunities in computing to more women, whose representation in computing continues to decline. The three-year project adds twelve regional conferences to build communities that extend the web of support for women in computing.

"By reaching out to diversity-rich local populations for these computing conferences, we are effectively tripling the number of currently established regional conferences," said Gloria Townsend of the ACM Women's Council (ACM-W) <http://women.acm.org> and a professor of computer science at DePauw University. "We are creating a regional-level transformation that brings students, faculty and industry representatives together to experience the role modeling, networking, group and individual mentoring, and career information that make national events so powerful." Dr. Townsend, a Principle Investigator for this NSF grant with Joanne Cohoon of the University of Virginia, developed the regional conferences concept in 2004, as an ACM-W project.

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Applications Open for Spring 2010 Systems Pass-It-On Awards

content from last year's conference. If you're new to social networks like Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn, we'll help you get started. You'll find everything you need to get started on the [Community Home page](#). And don't forget that ABI's email communities like [Systems](#), [LGBT and Latinas in Computing](#) are also useful sources of GHC collaborators and advice.

Dare 2B Digital A Conference on Careers for Young Women Using Computer Technology

Saturday, Feb 27, 2010, 9:00 am
- 3:30 p.m.

Foothill College, Los Altos Hills,
CA

The Conference offers young women in 7th to 10th grades opportunities to discover a wide range of computing technology applications and career opportunities in a fun and engaging environment. The day includes two inspirational keynote sessions and more than 20 hands-on workshops led by computing experts. Topics include how to:

- use programming to create cool pictures, animations, stories and games
- use Pizar and Electronic Arts technologies to make films and video games
- make a Farmville Facebook game
- animate Lego robots
- create and share Cisco Flip videos

The Conference also features presentations and interactive discussions for parents on how to:

- best prepare their daughter for academic and career success;
- keep their daughters safe on the Internet;
- finance their daughter's education.

The Anita Borg Systems Pass-It-On (PIO) Awards honor Anita Borg's desire to create a network of technical women helping one another. Applications for the Spring 2010 award cycle are now open. Past PIO awards have funded a wide variety of individual needs and group projects including tuition assistance, travel to conferences, and technology workshops for girls and women. Here are the important dates for the spring PIO award cycle:

Applications close May 12, 2010 at 11:59 PM PST
Reference letters are due May 19, 2010 at 5:00 PM PST

Winners will be notified in late May with award payments sent out the first week of June. For complete guidelines or to submit an application visit the [Pass-it-on Awards Program page](#).

2010 Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing 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 cross disciplines and other boundaries are encouraged.

High Performance Entrepreneurs: Women in High Tech

The following is excerpted from ABI's President and CEO Telle Whitney's blog [TechHer](#).

Cindy Padnos, the Founding Managing Director at Illuminate Ventures, just released a paper on the untapped potential of

The conference, designed for girls in middle and high school and their parents is presented by Invent Your Future Enterprises in partnership with Cisco, Hewlett-Packard, IBM, Microsoft, SAP, Symantec, Google, Intuit, Foothill College, the Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology, the Association for Computing Machinery - San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, the Silicon Valley Education Foundation and TechBridge.

Registration is \$20 per person. For more information and registration information visit www.dare2bdigitalconference.com or call 408-554-4249.

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Women Entrepreneurs in High-Tech called [High Performance Entrepreneurs: Women in High Tech](#). It is a fascinating paper that documents what many of us believe intuitively, that women entrepreneurs are a great untapped resource in the entrepreneurial world.

In the paper she describes how women have the education, executive experience, and entrepreneurial results to create returns that the venture community demands. However women led companies are often funded through self-financing or debt financing at a much higher level than the normal high tech startup.

Studies show that entrepreneurs demonstrate a strong predisposition to seek funding from members of the same sex. This tendency is one of the unconscious biases that we all experience. However, it is very important to figure out ways to provide women access to capital.

Why do you care?

- á Despite often being capital-constrained, women-owned businesses are more likely to survive the transition from raw start-up to established company than the average.

- á Women-owned or led firms are the fastest growing sector of new venture creation in the U.S., growing at five times the rate of all new firms between 1997 and 2006. They now represent nearly 50% of all privately held businesses.

- á In the past 10 years more than 125 companies with over 200 women co-founders or officers have achieved IPOs or >\$50M M&A exits in the U.S. high-tech sector alone.

This paper is an important step in documenting the contributions of Women Entrepreneurs.

The Women Leading Change Workshop \$500 Discount for ABI Newsletter Readers

Take the opportunity to achieve groundbreaking results for yourself, your organization and your community. Join the Institute for Women's Leadership for a 3-day, highly interactive, leadership development program.

The Institute of Women's Leadership's internationally-recognized coaches guide your leadership practices to produce unprecedented results quickly. Their high performance tools will empower you to sustain these changes.

Discover your leadership

Take three days to examine your own leadership presence, and how it affects your team and organization, as well as your family, community. "TRADE UP!" your leadership capability and use our cutting-edge tools to get there. Are you looking at how to get alignment, buy-in, or the resources to implement your ideas? WLC will help you get there!

In the program, you will:

- á Learn new ways to reframe and resolve problems that you observe in your organization, your team and your daily work.
- á Translate your learning into action by developing an articulated plan to execute your goals and achieve desired outcomes using strategic alignment tools.

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á Gain awareness of your current leadership style, and find ways to develop your leadership presence to achieve groundbreaking results.

á Work in small learning teams with peers and facilitated coaching where you will have conversations that challenge your perception of leadership.

á Develop a new approach to producing high performance

á Develop a strategy for recruiting other's to support you in achieving a breakthrough project.

WLC examines the unique voice and contribution women leaders bring to their organizations, including their sense of relationship, collaboration and inclusion. It also looks at deeply ingrained issues about women in our society and explains how even successful women can internalize such biases.

Program Dates, Locations & Fees

SPRING WLC	March 2, 3 & 4, 2010	Redwood City,
CA	\$2,950	
FALL WLC	October 12, 13 & 14, 2010	Redwood City,
CA	\$2,950	

To register go to:

http://www.womensleadership.com/women_leading_change.php.

Just say you got this link from the Anita Borg Institute newsletter and receive a \$500 discount on your tuition.