



# The Athena Effect

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## EmpowerMinute

PRESENTS: SUMMER STEPHAN, SAN DIEGO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Access practical insights and tactical advice from women taking charge despite unconscious bias, micro-aggressions or discriminatory behaviors throughout their careers. Meet Summer Stephan, a nationally recognized leader in combating sexual exploitation and human trafficking. Having served as a Deputy District Attorney in San Diego County for 28 years, Summer shares her proven secrets to counter others underestimating or undermining your talents as a woman in the workforce.

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Summer Stephan  
District Attorney  
San Diego County

Holly Smithson  
CEO  
Athena

*EmpowerMinute is Athena's video series providing members with wisdom and tactics to tackle workforce challenges and career roadblocks in under 60 seconds.*

## WHAT'S NEXT?

DECEMBER 12

ATHENA MEMBERS ONLY

**HOLIDAY PARTY**

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## WHAT WE'RE READING

WOMEN, EQUALITY & DIVERSITY  
IN THE HEADLINES

YAHOO!

**How to Get More Women in STEM, According to Trailblazers in the Field**

MARKETWATCH

**Boys and Girls have Equal Aptitude for Math — So Why So Few Women in Higher Paying STEM Jobs?**

MIT TECHNOLOGY REVIEW

**How Natalya Brikner Became a Rocket Scientist and CEO Before 30**

## Women Leading in STEM is Cause for Celebration

# SAVE THIS DATE: DECEMBER 12

DECEMBER 12 | 5:30-8:00 | POWERED BY QUALCOMM



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Qualcomm | Building S, 5535 Morehouse Dr, San Diego, CA 92121

It's that time of the year when reconnecting, celebrating and gratitude all collide under one roof.

Join us December 12 from 5:30-8:00pm at Qualcomm campus as Athena convenes this "members-only" holiday reception to give thanks to our esteemed members and sponsors, celebrate their collective triumphs, large and small, and to reconnect within this influential circle of friends, supporters and colleagues who share our diversity values.

Please register for your complimentary tickets as space is limited.

## Athena CEO Holly Smithson Awarded Business Woman of the Year

*San Diego Business Journal* Honors 15 Top Female Business Leaders for 2019



We are celebrating our very own Chief Executive Officer Holly Smithson, awarded Business Woman of the Year by the *San Diego Business Journal*. The SDBJ annually recognizes San Diego business leaders contributing with distinction to their workplaces and communities. An independent judging panel selected 15 winners from a pool of more than 200 candidates based on excellence in innovation, entrepreneurship, professional accomplishment and community leadership.

"Nothing fuels my fire more than celebrating with high impact female leaders aligned to make San Diego a destination for diversity," said Smithson. "This winner's circle is uniquely comprised of an inclusive community that values gender equality and the advancement of women leaders as a means to drive corporate performance."

Congratulations to Holly and all of these inspiring women, Athena is #CelebratingYou!

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## How Are You Powering Your Leadership Journey?

Join Athena membership and access leadership development, networking, peer mentoring and advocacy initiatives that are transforming scientists and technologists into corporate leaders.

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## SPOTLIGHT



Get to know the companies that support Athena in powering the leadership journey for Women in STEM, positioning San Diego as the destination for diversity!



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