



The Athena Effect

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ATHENA INVITES YOU TO MEET
THE FUTURE OF THE STEM WORKFORCE
LIANA MERK | Cal Tech

Athena's new series of videos highlights Athena Scholarship recipients who represent the exciting future of the STEM workforce.

Athena awards annual scholarships to young women pursuing STEM degrees. Investing in the future of the STEM workforce is just one way Athena is working to achieve gender equality and empower 1 million women leading in STEM by 2030.

[Meet Liana and See #TheAthenaEffect in Action!](#)



Athena Wins "Champion of Women" Award

Athena is honored as the "Champion of Women" award recipient at the 2019 Women of Influence Awards on March 20. This celebration of Women's History Month recognizes women who lead the way in business, industry and enterprise, along with the organizations and individuals that champion women leaders.

The Champion of Women award specifically recognizes a company or organization that provides internal programs and initiatives that are unique, cutting edge and specifically designed to support the advancement and acceleration of women in the workplace.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

ATHENA CEO SPEAKS AT ATLANTIC INNOVATORS LAB: How Can San Diego Attract Talent and Advance its Biotechnology Industry?

The Atlantic gathered academic leaders, policy experts, and biotech entrepreneurs last week, including Athena's **Holly**

Smithson, to explore what Southern California can do to continue to innovate.

Following the welcome message from Emily Akhtarzandi, Managing Director from *AtlanticLIVE*, and Percy Carter, Head of Discovery at Bristol-Myers Squibb, Smithson joined a panel of speakers that included Kit Pogliano, UCSD Dean of Biological Sciences, Sunny Cooke, President of MiraCosta College, Timothy Scott, CEO of TEGA Therapeutics and Karen Wetherholt, VP of HR at Illumina and Matt Thompson, Contributing Editor, *The Atlantic*; Editor in Chief, Center for Investigative Reporting.



"If we can sequence the human genome here in San Diego, I'm confident we can sequence more women leading in STEM," said Smithson.

2019 Pinnacle Awards | Submit Nominations by April 5

ATHENA'S 21ST ANNUAL
Pinnacle Awards

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 | 5:30-8:30pm

Qualcomm's Irwin Jacobs Campus | 5775 Morehouse Drive, San Diego
5:30 Registration & Networking | 7:00 Awards Ceremony | 8:00 After Party

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HOW TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS

If you, your colleagues, or your company are working to support and empower women working in STEM, **CLICK HERE** to be considered for this prestigious recognition. Simply name a colleague or tag yourself in the comments section to submit your nomination.

Email info@athenasd.org with any questions about the 2019 nominations process.

Eligible nominees, or their designated representative, must be present at the Pinnacle Awards Celebration on May 7, 2019 to be eligible for consideration.

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ATHENA'S LIFE SCIENCE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP COMMITTEE PRESENTS
**Fireside Chat with Daré Bioscience's Sabrina
Johnson and Lisa Walters-Hoffert**

The life sciences job opportunities are sizzling hot and Athena's Fireside Chat will prepare those ready to leverage their science background and advance up the corporate ladder.

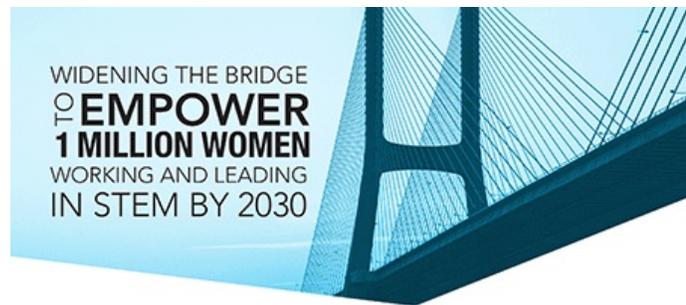
On April 9, join Athena to meet Sabrina Johnson, President & CEO and Lisa Walters-Hoffert, CFO, of Daré Bioscience: DARE (NASDAQ). You can expect to learn how these women jumped from the bench to the C-Suite.

Experience the Athena Effect

Join us to Empower the
Women of STEM with Coin Up

Empowering women in the STEM workforce is a movement driven by community support. Today, we invite you to join us in this venture, and we make it easy to donate! Using Athena's partner, Coin Up, you can simply "round up and donate" your daily purchases, or set a fixed monthly amount.

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Athena is a women's empowerment organization that fast tracks women in STEM through leadership development. By transforming scientists and technologists into corporate leaders, the goal is to widen the bridge and empower 1 million women in STEM, by 2030. Its 20+ year history of advancing women in a global STEM hub marks Athena as a premier women's empowerment advocate.

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