



The Athena Effect

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Athena Announces New Board Members



[Claire Weston](#)
CEO of Reveal Biosciences



[Sara Zaknoen, MD](#)
Founder of Zed Strategic Consulting



[Ruchika Rastogi](#)
Director of Corporate Strategy and Planning at Illumina

Athena, California's premier advocate for professional women in STEM, announces the appointment of three new board directors for 2020.

"These individuals bring a wealth of talent and expertise in their fields and will be tremendous assets as we execute on Athena's mission to advance 1 million women in STEM by 2030," said Liz Gasser, Athena's Board Chair.

Claire Weston, CEO of Reveal Biosciences, Sara Zaknoen, MD, Founder of Zed Strategic Consulting and Ruchika Rastogi, Director of Corporate Strategy and Planning at Illumina are the three newly elected directors, effective January 1, 2020.

"As the voice of women in STEM, it's imperative that we continue to bring a diverse set of talents and perspectives onto our board," said Holly Smithson, CEO, Athena. "These executives are accomplished physicians, entrepreneurs and corporate strategists that complement our distinguished board as we move into this new decade of action."

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WHAT'S NEXT?

JANUARY 28
COHORT II | WORKSHOP 2
Athena On Boards
POWERED BY COOLEY

MAY 13
**Pinnacle Awards
2020**
DETAILS COMING SOON

COMING IN 2020
SPRING | Forum for
Executive Women
SUMMER | Athena On
Boards Cohort III

WHAT'S YOUR 2020 VISION?

If it involves strengthening your leadership skills, advancing your career, joining a board, accessing top-tiered mentors and esteemed peers, NOW is the time to JOIN ATHENA!

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN NOW](#)

Mark Your Calendar for Athena's 22nd Annual PINNACLE AWARDS GALA 2020

Widening the Bridge: Destination Diversity

Wednesday, May 13 | 5:30-8:30pm | UCSD Mandeville Auditorium



Did you earn a promotion? Did your startup company receive a funding round? Did you land a new job or appointment to a board? Did your CEO sign the [UN Global Compact](#)? Did you write a book or start a company? Are you serving on an industry panel or honored with an award? [CLICK HERE](#) to drop us an email so we can share your success on social media. We want to celebrate you and share in your leadership journey.

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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!

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

EASY ACCESS TO MONTHLY FEATURES AND OUR MOST POPULAR MEMBER BENEFITS

[BluePrint for Success](#) | Dr. Sheila Gujrathi, Gossamer Bio

[EmpowerMinute](#) | Summer Stephan, San Diego County District Attorney

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