

Chief Executive Officer Update



Powering the Leadership Journey for Women in STEM

Dear Athena Community,

The health and well-being of our members, corporate partners, and stakeholders are our utmost priority. In light of global precautions taken to address the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and in response to guidance issued by both the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health, Athena is adopting appropriate preventative measures for our upcoming events and leadership programs.

At this time, we are postponing our spring and summer events including our 22nd Annual Pinnacle Awards Gala hosted at UCSD on May 13, 2020. Our Pinnacle Awards Gala remains a symbol of empowerment of women in STEM and the show will go on. You can expect the new Pinnacle date announcement in the coming weeks. A full refund of tickets for our monthly leadership programs will be issued for all events leading up to July 1, 2020.

Over the coming months, we will continue to offer digital engagement opportunities as we leverage technology to virtually convene, educate and empower our members and partners. Stay connected with us on our website, through social channels and be on the lookout for webinar events that optimize our communications platforms.

Athena believes in taking a proactive approach to mitigate the impact of this epidemic by staying well-informed about our community response to COVID-19. We strongly encourage everyone to continue seeking health information from trusted resources like the **CDC**, **WHO**, and **California Department of Public Health**.

Our thoughts are with all the individuals and families whose lives have been disrupted by the COVID-19 epidemic. In time, we will be reunited and prove our resilience.

Liz Gasser | Athena Chair

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