Million Women Mentors Announces the 2023 Outstanding Women in STEM Honorees

On March 28, 2023, Million Women Mentors - Delaware (MWM-DE) and Lt. Governor Hall-Long, National Honorary Co-Chair of MWM, announced this year’s eleven Outstanding Delaware Women in STEM honorees. This annual recognition highlights the accomplishments, perseverance, brilliance, and tenacity of women in STEM, as well as illuminates scientific and technological career paths for Delaware girls.

The 2023 Outstanding Delaware Women in STEM honorees are:

1. **Uma Chowdhury, Ph.D.** is Chief Science & Technology Officer Emeritus for DuPont. A leader in both research and business, she focused on moving new chemicals and polymers from beakers in the lab to products in the store.

2. **Teri Quinn Gray, Ph.D.** is Chief Operating Officer of Provivi and just prior was Global R&D Portfolio Manager with DuPont Materials & Mobility. She served as President of the Delaware State Board of Education (2009-2017) and Co-Chair of the Delaware STEM Council (2012-2018).

3. **Deborah Grubbe, P.E.** specializes in improving safety and operational performance in the chemical, oil and gas, construction, healthcare, power, and aerospace industries. She is the former Vice President of Group Safety for BP plc, and held corporate director positions in operations, engineering and safety during her 27-year career at DuPont.

4. **Amanda Hewes** is Education Program Manager at the ChristianaCare Gene Editing Institute. She is designing and implementing programs to engage students in understanding the concepts of gene editing and CRISPR technology.

5. **LaQueen Johnson-Foster** is Quality Assurance Lab Manager at Mountaire Farms, a critical food safety role that tests samples from four poultry processing plants for pathogens.

6. **Erin Kennedy** is an Analytical Chemist at DuPont. She is a dedicated and passionate volunteer and mentor for the Delaware Chapter of the American Chemical Society and MOE Robotics.

8. **Edimara Reis, Ph.D.** is Director, Antibody Pharmacology within the Biotherapeutic Research team at Incyte. Her areas of expertise are immunology, oncology, and drug discovery, and she has established herself as one of the world’s thought leaders in the field of complement biology.

9. **Tanya Rogers-Vickers** is Director of Environmental Compliance at Mountaire, where she is responsible for all environmental and wastewater activities for the largest single poultry processing facility in America.

10. **Jinxia Susan Sun, Ph.D.** is Research & Technology Manager for Croda. She applies her broad knowledge in surfactant chemistry and degrees in Weed Science/Plant Physiology to develop agricultural adjuvants.

11. **Rachel Wood** is a longtime educator known for inspiring a love for science and math learning. As K-12 science supervisor for the State of Delaware, she led implementation of the state science standards.

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