This year, the Giving Circle provided awards to the Science Diversity Office, Women in Mathematics Day, and Iota Sigma Pi. Using Giving Circle funding, the Science Diversity Office hosted a training for graduate and undergraduate women about Emotional Intelligence and hosted a training for female faculty and staff members about being heard in the workplace. The Science Diversity Office also used their award to send five female students to the ScienceScape camp to help spark interest in science. Funding also supported the annual Women in Mathematics Day, which provides opportunities for female students and faculty members to hear a lecture from a prominent female mathematician. This year’s speaker was Gigliola Staffilani, the Abby Rockefeller Mauze Professor of Mathematics at MIT. Giving Circle funding also supported Iota Sigma Pi’s annual “Girl Scout Day”. At this event, girls participated in fun science experiments and were exposed to careers in the chemistry field. Funding also supports National Chemistry Week in which Iota Sigma Pi members visit 8 local elementary schools to host science activities. The Giving Circle continues to create opportunities for women to grow and prosper within the science field.
WOMEN IN SCIENCE & MANAGEMENT WEEKEND

SPARK YOUR SEPTEMBER

On September 9th, College of Science and Krannert School of Management alumnae from around the country came back to campus to discuss issues that face women in science and industry today. The day was full of thought-provoking and dynamic dialogue. The day began with a speed networking activity between alumnae and students. During lunch, attendees listened to a keynote speech by College of Science alumna, Celeste Botorff. Celeste is a Physics & Astronomy graduate and recently retired as VP of Global Well-Being for Coca-Cola. In her speech, Celeste stressed the importance of being your own advocate, taking risks, and building your personal brand. After lunch, we moved into a panel discussion about how to "Hammer Down the Glass Ceiling." College of Science graduates Susan Kindig and Mona Quintanilla along with Krannert alumna Toby Emerson answered tough questions about how women can overcome barriers in the workplace. The panel sparked an interesting discussion about how women need to work together to mentor the next generation of female leaders so that more women are reaching executive levels in business and science. Next up, the CIO of Procter & Gamble, Linda Clement-Holmes gave an inspiring keynote address about how our obstacles make us stronger. We finished off the day with a fun-filled cocktail reception that allowed the women time to network and discuss the eventful day. To see more pictures from the event and a short clip of Celeste Botorff's keynote speech, go to science.purdue.edu/WomensWeekend. We hope to see you at next year's Women in Science Weekend!

Pictured above: Keynote Speaker - Celeste Botorff

Pictured above: Panelist - Susan Kindig
THE POWER OF WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY

In the late 1880's, Johns Hopkins University began raising money to open a medical school. Mary Elizabeth Garrett, working with an intimate circle of friends known as the "Friday Evening," approached the University with an offer that they couldn't refuse. The women would raise the $500,000 needed to open the Johns Hopkins Medical School under one condition - that women would be admitted on the same terms as men. The university accepted. The Women's Medical Fund Committee was formed and they began fundraising. When the committee struggled to reach their number, Garrett stepped in and donated the remaining $307,000. But her additional funding came with added conditions. Garrett required that the medical school be a full graduate level program and that all applicants be required to have a bachelor's degree in the field of science. Garrett's funding and her clearly outlined conditions not only opened medical education to America's women, but also turned Johns Hopkins into the first modern medical school in the United States.

MEET A SCIENCE STUDENT

Erica Baker is working on her PhD in the Chemistry Department. She grew up in a small town in Colorado, where she spent a lot of time skiing at the local ski area. She attended the University of Denver where she majored in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology with a minor in Medical Physics. After graduation, she worked as an Analytical Development Associate at a small Biopharmaceutical company called Cytovance Biologics, where her love for the pharmaceutical industry grew. While working, she quickly realized that she needed to get a PhD so she could contribute independently to the field. Purdue emerged as the best graduate program option. Erica has only been on campus for a few short months, but she is already getting involved. She serves on the Science Philanthropy Student Board and said that she is already proud to be a Boilermaker!
NEW LEADERSHIP

My name is Allyson Fischlin and I am the Manager of Development Operations and Donor Relations for Purdue College of Science. I have been working for the College of Science since March 2015 and I am excited to take on this new responsibility of managing and facilitating the Science Women for Purdue Giving Circle. I am the first woman in my family to graduate from college and I attribute my success to the many powerful women who have guided me throughout my life. I currently serve on the Advisory Board for Purdue's Chi Omega chapter. I am originally from California and I graduated from UCLA with a degree in Communication Studies. Even though I occasionally miss the California sunshine, I have fallen in love with Purdue and happily call it my new home. My goal for the Giving Circle is to continue to increase membership, send more frequent communications, and increase opportunities for Giving Circle members to engage with students. If you have ideas about how to improve the Giving Circle, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I look forward to getting to know each of you and working with you to provide more opportunities for female students to succeed!

GIVING CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP

The central activity of the Science Women for Purdue Giving Circle is the annual distribution of funds to selected Science programs through a voting process. Each member is entitled to one vote to select the projects and/or programs to which grants are awarded.

Membership requires an investment of at least $1,000 for one calendar year. Memberships are renewed annually and are due by December 31st. Cash gifts, including checks, credit card payments, or gifts of securities, are required for membership. Matching gifts from corporate employers count toward a member's total contributions for the year.

For information and to join, go to: science.purdue.edu/GivingCircle

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