



“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” — Eleanor Roosevelt

Dreams are a funny thing. Too often we want things for ourselves that we never say out loud. We’re scared of what giving them voice might mean. Afraid of putting our dreams out there to be scrutinized by others. Those quiet dreams are the ones that often mean the most to us, so we hold them closest. It may be the dream of having the corner office or garnering a coveted seat on the board; of a promotion or following a new career path; of working remotely; or creating a start-up.

One of my dreams is about to come true on March 8th with the first **WIT Network Women’s Day Conference**. On a day that both celebrates women and is a call to action for accelerating gender parity, to bring together so many smart, talented and successful females under one roof is my dream being realized.

And what a day it’s going to be! I am thrilled to announce the Keynote Speaker is **Barbara Williams Hardy**, NetApp’s Global Head of Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging who has an impressive corporate and public-speaking pedigree. The lineup of already confirmed speakers is beyond inspiring, and there are still more to be announced. Hosted by the talented and creative **Nancy Watt**, this will be a day of celebration, sharing, growth, networking, and best of all inspiring each other to become the best version of ourselves.

Tennis player Billie Jean King once said, “Everyone thinks women should be thrilled when we get crumbs, and I want women to have the cake, the icing, and the cherry on top, too.”

It’s 2019. This is the year to go after your cherry on top. I encourage each of you to empower your quiet dreams by giving them a voice and **come dream out loud with us** at the conference.

I look forward to learning and celebrating alongside you at the inaugural WIT conference in Kansas City, Missouri!

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Inaugural WIT Conference

The first WIT Network Women’s Day Conference on March 8th is going to be incredible.

A superstar line up of speakers is already confirmed including **Coco Brown** – C Level Advisor, Founder and CEO of The Athena Alliance; **Kelli Kirwin** – Director, WW Software Sales at Cisco; **Alysa Taylor** – Corporate VP, Business Applications and Global Industry at Microsoft;



Road to Revenue

A lot of you have been writing in asking about the “Road To Revenue – Sales Training” program we announced last month for our members. You want to know where and how to sign up.

We are putting the finishing touches on our registration page and expect to have registration live in the next two weeks. Here is what you need to know in the meantime:

Kati Quigley – Director of Marketing at Microsoft; **Lisa MacKenzie** – Partner, SVP at The Channel Company; **Andrea Conner** – President of ATHENA International and more are still to be announced!

There will also be a powerhouse keynote speaker and a CEO panel joining us on this very important day to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women AND most importantly to discuss strategies to help take action to accelerate gender parity.

If you haven't signed up already, what are you waiting for? Seats are limited, and you aren't going to want to miss this - **Register Today!**

Also, plan to attend the Welcome Reception on Thursday, March 7th from 6-9pm, where we will host our infamous Mentoring Circles. *Don't forget to check the box during registration to ensure you can attend this event.

- The program will be free for members
- The program will begin in late March and run for five sessions
- The program will be recorded so you don't have to worry if you miss a session
- Once you register you will need you to complete a short survey (we want to make sure the content is addressing your goals).

We are super-excited about this program. We want to help you build the confidence and the skills you need to successfully enter or grow your career as a technology sales professional.

Dream it. Believe it. Own it. Do it.



Haiti Conference

Creating dream walls

SOYEZ INPIRÉ. CHANGEZ LE MONDE! (translation "Be Inspired. Change the World!") was the slogan on the Haitian conference T-shirts that each participant received on January 5th.

Ralph Isaac, representing Harvest for Humanity a charity that is dedicated to helping the young women and men in Haiti achieve their potential through access to education, welcomed the participants. His opening address began with "Welcome to our Day of Inspiration" and that it was!

The WIT Network, Microsoft, Impact Hub and Harvest for Humanity co-sponsored the conference hosted by **Nzingah Oniwosan**, a Haitian-American artist currently completing her degree in Neuroscience at Florida Atlantic University. The keynote speaker was **Danielle Saint-Lot**, who has made it her personal mission to empower Haitian women through the promotion of social entrepreneurship, leadership skills, and professional development.

There were dream walls, group activities, coding workshops, videos and networking and guest speakers **Regine Zamor** and **Sherley Codio**. It was a day of motivation and memories for the 105 attendees!



WIT New England

Picture 1: Kathleen Regan, Amy Connell, Clarisse Beauvais
Picture 2: Kathleen Reagan
Picture 3: Clarisse Beauvais
Picture 4: Harpoon Helps "Team"

The WIT Network New England community was bustling in December giving back to the community in celebration of the holidays.

For the second-year, members participated in Harpoon Helps an annual holiday event organized by Harpoon Brewery. On Saturday, December 1st, they were among 250 volunteers that decorated 21 homeless shelters in the Boston/Cambridge area. In addition to decorating, the volunteers also donated toiletries and gift cards to the Center. After, they returned to the brewery to celebrate with pizza and beer.

Also, on December 6th, in joint sponsorship with the IAMCP Boston Chapter, The WIT Network New England hosted their annual holiday event to benefit Cor Unum Meal Center. It has become a yearly tradition for the two organizations to identify a charity to support. The money raised enabled 170 meals for families in need. A special shout out to the local Microsoft Store in Burlington MA. They always support WIT's charity initiatives and donated an Xbox One as a raffle item for the event!



WIT Fargo is doing a "What's your Power Suit" initiative for a local charity, the Jeremiah Program.



WIT New Jersey

On December 13th the New Jersey WIT Community hosted its annual Holiday Luncheon which benefitted St. Joseph's Children's Hospital and other local charities.

The Jeremiah Program “prepares determined single mothers to excel in the workforce, readies their children to succeed in school, and reduces generational dependence on public assistance.”

Currently, WIT Fargo is sponsoring six women through a shopping experience for their first interview suit, a mentoring program for resume writing and mock interviews, and empowerment baskets.

They also have a \$250 scholarship for one of the women in the program, sponsored by Razor Consulting Solutions.

This year the New Jersey community ran a toy drive, and all attendees brought an unwrapped toy or gift card. Both the turnout and generosity were terrific! Along with delicious Cuban food, they were lucky to have a fabulous speaker - Jeff Miller, of Cyberstone Security. Not only was Jeff one of the event’s sponsors but gave a great presentation on cybersecurity. Great information, great food, and great giveaways, all and all, it was an amazing holiday celebration for a wonderful cause.



WIT Network Atlanta hosted a Holiday Luncheon on December 13th, 2018 at the Microsoft Offices at the Avalon.

The WIT Community was joined by IAMCP Atlanta Members and a lot of female attendees from Microsoft for the celebratory meal, discussing the future of The WIT Network and anticipation of the upcoming conference in Kansas City!



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The WIT Network LinkedIn Company Page.

About Us

The WIT (Women in Technology) Network is a community of professionals across the world that believe in making it easier for women to imagine, begin, and develop a career in IT. There are over 90 communities in over 40 countries that provide a vast and varied network of events, contacts, and opportunities.

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