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We have recently launched our Pinterest account, which will feature STEM career infographics, quotes from inspirational women in STEM, science activities for kids, and more!

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## *Upcoming Events*

### **Jan 15: CanWIT BC Networking Event**

Mingle and network with women in Vancouver's technology community and learn about CanWIT BC's Chapter events. Be sure to bring your business card for door prizes!

This event will take place on Thursday, Jan 15, during 5pm – 7:30pm, at Lions Pub at Terminal City Club, 888 West Cordova. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

### **Jan 27: SCWIST New Year, New Beginnings Party**

Join SCWIST on Jan 27 to hear some important updates about their major projects. This is a good opportunity to meet and network with some of SCWIST's founding members, directors, and general membership. This event will take place from 6:30pm – 9:30pm at the University Women's Club, 1489 McRae Avenue.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

## **Jan 30: Nominations for The Wendy McDonald Awards**

[The Women's Leadership Circle](#) (WLC) is an inclusive program that embraces diversity and elevates women. They are currently accepting nominations for The Wendy McDonald Awards. [Click here](#) for more information about the awards. All nominations must be submitted by 9am on Friday, January 30, 2015.

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## ***Announcements & Articles***

### **We Pledge: Making an Impact for the Next 25**

To commemorate and empower women in engineering, following the 25th anniversary of the Ecole Polytechnique tragedy, the Chair for Women in Science and Engineering for Ontario asked leaders in the engineering community to pledge how they will support women in engineering for the next 25 years.

[Click here](#) to read their pledges, and join the conversation on social media with your own pledge of support using the hashtag #impact25.

### **SCWIST President's Statement on Status of**

## **Women's Issues**

Fariba Pacheleh, the current president of SCWIST, presented a powerful statement to the Standing Committee on the Status of Women in Ottawa back in November, addressing the status of women's issues and possible solutions. [Click here](#) to read the content of her presentation.

## **Lack of Female CEOs in BC**

Global News talks to UBC Sauder School of Business Professor Jennifer Berdahl about the lack of female CEOs in British Columbia in [this video](#).

## **APEG Foundation seeking donations for Sheri Plewes Scholarship**

[Click here](#) to read the description of the Sheri Plewes Scholarship for Women in Engineering.

## **Article: Best way for professors to get good student evaluations? Be male.**

A new study from North Carolina State University shows that students are inherently biased against

female professors when filling out teaching evaluations. In the study, students gave online course professors they thought were male much higher ratings than they did professors they thought were female, regardless of what gender the professors actually were.

[Click here](#) to read the full article.

### **Call for Nominations for Sara Kirke Award**

The Sara Kirke Award for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, sponsored by EY is presented to the woman who has shown the most outstanding technological innovation and corporate leadership — leadership that has significantly expanded the frontiers of Canada’s advanced technology industry. The purpose of the Award is to celebrate innovation, entrepreneurship and create positive role models for women.

The Call for Nominations for 2015 is now open! Nominations must be submitted online no later than April 15, 2015. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **University of Auckland Hiring Applied Mathematics Lecturer**

The University of Auckland is accepting applications for a full-time permanent lecturer position in Applied Mathematics (a lecturer in New Zealand equivalent to an assistant professor in the US, but with tenure).

To view the position description and apply, visit <https://www.opportunities.auckland.ac.nz/> and search for the job ID Number 16770. The application deadline is Sunday, January 18th!

### **Article: Young Women Shouldn't Have to Talk Like Men to Be Taken Seriously**

This interesting article discusses the bias against stereotypical features of women's speech such as uptalk and "swoopy" intonation, and how a person's speech is affected by many factors other than gender.

*Think Black English sounds uneducated? That's probably because you have some racist notions about black people. Does a Southern accent sound unintelligent to you? Their vowels aren't to blame—it's our stereotypes about people from the South. Think that uptalk makes women sound less authoritative? Maybe that's because women are constantly robbed*

*of agency and authority, and we view anything they do or say as less powerful.*

[Click here](#) to read the full article.

### **Article: How do men and women respond to gender bias in STEM?**

A new study examined the comments sections of online articles and found that men are much less likely to agree with scientific evidence of gender bias in STEM than women. For example, of the 9.5% of the comments arguing that sexism does not exist, 68% of the commenters were men; and of the 67.4% of comments agreeing that gender bias exists, only 29% of the commenters were men.

[Click here](#) to read the full article.

### **Article: X Inactivation Discoverer Dies**

British geneticist Mary Lyon passed away in December at the age of 89. She was “one of the foremost geneticists of the 20th century,” having made great scientific progress, including the discovery of X-chromosome inactivation. [Click here](#) to read more about her legacy.

## **SCWIST is hiring a ms infinity Program Coordinator!**

SCWIST is hiring for the part-time position of ms infinity Program Coordinator – a 6-month contract starting immediately. The ms infinity programs introduce girls to exciting career options and positive female role models in science and technology. [Click here](#) for more information about the position. Remember to apply by January 20!

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