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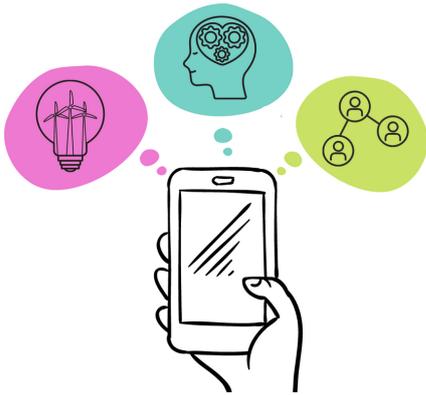
WHATS COMING UP:

Stepping Forward: An Academic Advancement Workshop for Female Postdocs

This virtual workshop aims to give female postdoc's the tools and advice they need to take the next step in their careers, whether that be in academia, industry, or government. This workshop will take place **November 26 & 27, 2020 from 1:00-4:30 pm (AST)**. Each day will feature a mix of panel sessions, speakers, and break-out sessions. More Information available at: WISEatlantic.ca/events/

Living WISEly App Idea Design Contest

We are getting ready to launch our first big contest here at WISEatlantic! From December 1 - January 15, youth who identify as female between the ages of 14-16 can submit their application for our Living WISEly App Idea Design Contest. The theme of the contest is Sustainability so the app design must relate to this theme in some way. Three prizes to give away, first place is \$500 technology gift card! Full contest details to come at WISEatlantic.ca/events, make sure to check soon!



WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO:

Science Literacy- Biodiversity Bonanza!

Over three days in September we held different virtual presentations and Q&A's with Women in STEM, learning about why biodiversity is important. We learned about the diversity of bee's, soil biodiversity, and the diversity in lakes and streams from speakers Dr. Alana Pindar, Dr. Erin Cameron and Sandra Klemet-N'Guessan, respectively.

New WISEatlantic Team Member

The team at WISEatlantic is happy to welcome our newest member, Drew Burchell, who is a recent graduate from Laurier and holds an MA in Community Psychology. Their research focuses on the LGBTQ+ community with a critical/transformational lens. Drew will be assisting Dr. Franz-Odendaal with EDI research projects.



Drew Burchell

FEATURES:

Insight-2-Inspire

We are thrilled to provide sponsorship funding to our partners at Techsploration to start a new mentorship speaker series and peer-to-peer mentoring program for Techsploration Alumnae and Role Models! The Insight-2-Inspire program kicked-off on October 29th featuring speaker Sreejata Chatterjee, Co-found at Leadsift. Sreejata had some great insight into mentoring relationships from both sides. Interested in the next session? Visit techsploration.ca for info.

New NSERC Chairs for Women in Science and Engineering

We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Laleh Behjat, Professor of Electrical & Computer Engineering, as the new Chair for the Prairie region and Dr. Shohini Ghose, professor of Physics & Computer Science at Wilfred Laurier University, as the new Chair for Ontario. We look forward to working with you and your teams! We send well-wishes to outgoing Chairs Dr. Annemieke Farenhorst (Prairies) and Dr. Catherine Mavriplis (Ontario) who we have enjoyed working with over the past seven years.



Dr. Laleh Behjat



Dr. Shohini Ghose

NEW WISEATLANTIC BLOG!

An Out of This World Discovery

BY JULIA ODENDAAL

Around the world right now there are so many things happening, with COVID-19 and the US presidential election. Not many people are focusing on the up-and-comers of scientific discoveries. 2020 has been a crazy year, not a great one but for the Canadian Space Agency 2020 has come with the findings of a possible second solar system, and a new leader.

There are so many amazing women doing incredible things in today's world. Including Lisa Campbell, she is the first female President of the Canadian Space Agency. She stepped into this huge role with hard work and dedication.

Using her leadership skills, she guided the agency to new heights.

Many of us have heard of the mythical hybrid between human and horse, the centaur, but I'm sure you wouldn't believe what I'm about to tell you...

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If you are interested in contributing a blog post, student entries welcome too!, contact us at WISEatlantic@msvu.ca with your idea.