



A Message from the Chair

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Chair of Women in Aerospace

Dear WIA Members,

I would like to begin by stating what an honor it is to have been selected to serve as Chair of Women in Aerospace for the next two years. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving you in this capacity- it is a role that I do not take lightly.

Over the past ten years, I've had the pleasure of holding an array of leadership positions with WIA. Each of these positions has allowed me the opportunity to learn about the mission of the organization and to spend time getting to know each of you as members. With the assistance of a talented and hard-working Board of Directors, I am eagerly looking forward to what the next two years holds for this special organization. As Chair, I will be working with the Board to develop a plan to expand the information and services that WIA provides its members and to further increase WIA's role in the aerospace community. I look forward to providing you more information about this plan in the near future.



As WIA continues to build on the incredible success of prior years and plans for the future, we are excited about the upcoming programs that will enhance the leadership and visibility of both WIA and WIA members in the aerospace community.

New in 2019, WIA will offer an exclusive members-only program series, *WIA's Breakfast Club: Policy Talks*, focused on the policy issues surrounding the aerospace field. We hope you'll make plans to join us for the first program in the series focused on *The Future of Commercial Space* on May 14th. This program promises to include exciting discussion about the future of our industry with key congressional professional staffers as our guest speakers. You can learn more about our upcoming event by visiting WIA's events page: <https://www.womeninaerospace.org/events.html>

In addition to our new program series, we have a busy calendar of events coming up the next few months including our Professional Development Webinar Series, our WIA Stories event in the fall and finally our WIA Awards Dinner on October 17th. If you have someone in mind you would like to nominate for this year's awards, or know of a student that would benefit from one of our WIA Foundation Scholarships, please make sure to share these opportunities before our upcoming deadlines in June.

Deadline for Awards Dinner nominations – June 19th, 2019:
<https://www.womeninaerospace.org/events/awards/nomination.html>

Deadline for Scholarship applications – June 18th, 2019:
<https://www.womeninaerospacefoundation.org/foundation/>

As Chair, I will continue to promote WIA's mission across the aerospace community and I will be providing you with more information about our plans for the future. I look forward to the year ahead as we work together to create a dynamic and incredible 2019!

Sincerely,



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