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# It's Not Rocket Science: Closing the Gender and Pay Gap in STEM

April 26, 2023



#### **Tammy Wharton**

President & CEO. Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland

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Tammy Wharton became CEO for Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland in November 2008. She formerly

served as CEO of Girl Scouts Seal of Ohio Council and led the council through a successful merger. Wharton successfully advocated for Columbus to be the host of the 2017 National Girl Scout Convention, which brought in Girl Scouts from around the United States and abroad

Before joining the Girls Scouts, Wharton was Executive Director of the Columbus Literacy Council and worked with LifeCare Alliance.

Wharton earned a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from The Ohio State University and a Master's Degree in Human Services from Capella University with a specialization in non-profit management.



#### Ayanna Howard, Ph.D.

Dean of the College of Engineering, The Ohio State University

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Ayanna Howard, Ph.D., became dean of The Ohio State University College of Engineering in 2021.

Previously she was chair of the Georgia Institute of Technology School of Interactive Computing in the College of Computing.

She started her career at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, where she held multiple roles including senior robotics researcher and deputy manager in the Office of the Chief Scientist.

She joined Georgia Tech in 2005 as an associate professor and the founder of the HumAnS lab. Among other roles at Georgia Tech, Howard was associate chair for faculty development in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering and associate director of research at the Institute for Robotics and Intelligent Machines.

In 2013, she founded Zyrobotics to help translate the lab's research into commercial products for children with special needs.

Howard earned her Bachelor's Degree in Computer Engineering from Brown University, her Master's Degree and Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Southern California, and her MBA from Claremont Graduate University.



Lori Gillett CFO, CK Construction

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Lori Gillett, a third-generation owner of the Burgett family of companies, became CEO of Corna Kokosing. now known as CK Construction, in 2019. Lori worked

summers at Kokosing from 7th grade through college, joining the company as a construction laborer in 1996.

She co-founded the Women's Ideas and Strategies Exchange (WISE) mentorship program that brings CK female team members together to share. She served on the Kokosing, Inc. Board of Directors and has served as the President and other roles on the Burgett Family Business Council.

Gillett earned a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from Ohio Northern University.



### **Sheri Chaney Jones**

Founder & CEO, SureImpact, Founder and President, Measurement Resources Company

An author, professor, and internationally recognized expert, Sheri Chaney Jones believes in data, metrics,

and accountability.

Her foray into entrepreneurship began with Measurement Resources Company in 2010. Now a national firm, Measurement Resources increases the capacity of non-profit and government sector organizations through high-performance practices and data-driven insights. In 2018, Sheri launched SureImpact to automate and simplify the process of collecting and sharing outcomes and impact data.

She is the author of Impact & Excellence: Data-Driven Strategies for Aligning Mission, Culture, and Performance in Nonprofit and Government Organizations (Jossey Bass, 2014).

Chaney Jones her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from The Ohio State University and a Master's Degree in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from Central Michigan University.

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CTV, Columbus Television, airs CMC Forums on Spectrum Channel 1024, WOW Channel 3, and AT&T Channel 99. You can also watch CTV over the air on WCIZ Channel 22.4.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023

#### Electric, Autonomous, & Green: The Future of Personal **Transportation**

Featuring Harvey J. Miller, Ph.D., Bob and Mary Reusche Chair in Geographic Information Science, and Professor and Director, Department of Geography Center for Urban and Regional Analysis, The Ohio State University, Preeti Choudhary, Executive Director, DriveOhio, and Ted Angel, Director, Aerospace Affairs, Dayton Development Coalition, with host Walker Evans, Co-Founder & CEO, Columbus

In partnership with: COSI Science Festival

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023

Beating the Stigma of

Substance Addiction and

Mental Illness

Featuring Chad Jester, Vice President of

Corporate Citizenship and President,

Director of the Ohio Department of Mental

Health and Addiction Services, and Ariana

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Development, The John Glenn College of Public Affairs, The Ohio State University.

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#### Regional Mayors Prepare for Intel

Featuring Donald Barnard, Mayor of Johnstown, Laurie Jadwin, Gahanna, and Sloan Spalding, Mayor of New Albany, with Keary McCarthy Executive Director, Ohio Mayors Alliance & Ohio Mayors Alliance Foundation.





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WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023 5:30 - 8:00 PM

#### It's a CEO Celebration! Honoring Jane Scott & Sophia Fifner

The CMC Board of Trustees invites you to a reception to celebrate the contributions of longtime President and CMC's next leader, Sophia Fifner.



There will be a short program from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm with Jane Scott, Sophia Fifner, and host Colleen Marshall, Co-Anchor, WCMH, NBC4.



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