Whether you’re trying to get out of graduate school, struggling to decide if your current career path is the correct one, or somewhere in between, it all hinges on balance — an ever-evolving art that is critical to successfully navigating the many facets and phases of life. Join us for a day of common ground, conversation, and inspiration among friends in a series of interactive workshops featuring speakers who offer diverse examples of innovation in action and who will share their experiences and insights gained along the journey from diploma to career!

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SOUND FAMILIAR?

8 a.m.

Catch up on first round of emails, talk to postdoc about cells for experiment.

10 a.m.

Realize you should actually go check your cells to see if they’re ready for transfection, go to the cell culture room and see that they are, but all the hoods are booked until 2.

Noon

Squeeze in lunch with friends... but remember that you have some bacterial cultures for a plasmid prep, and they’ve most likely overgrown by now. Run to fetch them, do the prep.

2 p.m.

The boss pops over asking how’s it going, hurriedly switch tabs, recite “It’s good” followed by a brief description of your day’s plans, boss leaves satisfied.

5 p.m.

Read some papers that you’ve been meaning to read for a while, find the best paper, start reading. Midway through, a sentence catches your eye — this can be used to design a whole new array of experiments for your project, you realize. You abandon the paper and start frantically finding new snippets of information.

8 p.m.

Decide to go for a bike ride. Realize how out of shape you are, and gasp and pant through the remainder of your workout.

LEARN TIPS TO BETTER BALANCE YOUR LIFE.
Keynote Speaker  Kathie L. Olsen, Ph.D.
Careers for the WISE and Extra-Ordinary
The Honorable Kathie L. Olsen, Ph.D., former Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF), former Chief Scientist of the Paper and Pulping Research and Development Alliance, and founder and Managing Director of ScienceWorks International, LLC, will speak about the incredible diversity of career opportunities available to women in science and engineering. Growing up in Oregon, Dr. Olsen went to Cleveland High School in S.E. Portland. She was always struck by the quote above one of the doors; “What we are to be, we are now becoming.” In her career, that becoming has gone on and on: from bench scientist, to faculty, to federal program manager, to congressional aide, to federal administrator, to entrepreneur, and counting. She will talk about lessons learned in this variety of roles (as in, “beyond”) ordinary career choices, only one of which was envisioned as a graduate student. In addition, she will talk about the “unexpected bonus” of being a “Woman in Science.”

Friday Reception Mix-it-up with knowledge
A pre-conference ice breaking session featuring networking and information exchange.

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