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Join us for our 25th Anniversary!

The $50 registration fee ($25 for students) includes a preconference reception, registration packet, and lunch.

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 strength—a critical force in successfully navigating, mastering, and maximizing the many facets and phases of life. Join us for a day of common ground, conversation, and inspiration among professional 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!
Dr. Patrice Yarbough is a Senior Scientist at NASA Johnson Space Center, where she contributes to planning and implementing human studies for the NASA Human Research Program. She previously served as Complement Scientist contractor with KBRwyle for the NASA habitation HERA and as the Universities Space Research Association Deputy Project Scientist conducting short- and long-duration bed rest studies at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. Prior to her work with NASA, Yarbough promoted the growth of basic and clinical research programs at UT Medical Branch-Galveston and also conducted clinical research at Tanon Inc. and pre-clinical research at Genelabs Technologies. She earned her doctorate in biochemistry from the University of Houston, where she was a National Science Foundation Minority Pre-Doctoral Fellow. She also was a National Institutes of Health Postdoctoral Fellow at UT Southwestern Medical Center. Yarbough will discuss focusing your strengths, setting your goals, and allowing your passion to drive your next career move. How do you become a ‘science warrior’? Love the work you do, never quit, and you also will be able to let your passion for science be the guide to your next career move.

Dr. Raquel Sitcheran

SESSION I

Managing the changes you seek in yourself and your organizations

Karan L. Watson, Ph.D., P.E. has held numerous administrative positions at Texas A&M University since 1991, including Provost and Executive Vice President, Vice Provost, Dean of Faculties and Associate Provost, Interim Vice President for Diversity and Associate Dean of Engineering, and Assistant Dean of Engineering. A Regents Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering and of Computer Science and Engineering, she has earned two Texas A&M Association of Former Students Distinguished Achievement Awards — one in Student Relations in 1992 and one in Administration in 2015. Watson will draw from decades of experience in discussing her definition of excellence at the helm. “We often think the great leaders are those who have a vision and who are charismatic,” she says. “However, the real leaders of significance are those who know themselves, help create a shared vision and manage strategic changes. You can develop skills in all of those areas.”

SESSION II

Building relationships: The art of authenticity and crucial conversations

Dr. Jennifer Carvajal is currently a Technology Manager at Eastman Chemical Company in Kingsport, Tennessee, where she is responsible for building and managing a multimillion-dollar technology portfolio for the specialty films business. Prior to her arrival at Eastman, Mason worked at DuPont, where she was part of an effort to institute a Laboratory Safety Management program. Mason earned her B.S. from the University of Missouri-Columbia and her Ph.D. from Texas A&M University with Marcetta Darensbourg. Away from work, she is raising a future Aggie (class of 2027 — whom?) and enjoys playing outside and cooking.

SESSION III

Negotiation skills workshop for women

Dr. Sherry Yennello

Dr. Sherry J. Yennello, Regents Professor of Chemistry and holder of the bright Chair in Nuclear Science at Texas A&M University, will focus on professional skills that students and postdocs need to effectively perform in the research lab or in the office. Topics will include 1) negotiating a position in academia, industry or at a national lab; 2) interacting positively on teams and with a mentor or advisor; 3) thinking tactically and articulating goals; 4) enhancing personal presence; and 5) developing alliances. Yennello will address negotiation strategies and tactics that are useful for achieving professional goals in this highly interactive workshop, where participants are encouraged to bring examples of difficult professional situations to discuss. An internationally renowned nuclear chemist and University Faculty Fellow, Yennello is director of Texas A&M’s world-class Cyclotron Institute. She joined the Texas A&M University Faculty in 1983 after earning her Ph.D. from Indiana University in 1990 and serving two years as a postdoctoral fellow at Michigan State University. Her primary role as instructor, researcher and mentor to faculty and students — particularly with respect to mentoring women at Texas A&M and in national and international professional circles.

Friday Reception

Mix it Up by Polishing Your Strengths

This activity not only will break the ice, it also will highlight issues women have in strengthening their goals and dreams.

Friday, February 17
7:00 p.m. Welcome RecepƟon   The University Club   11th Floor Rudder Tower

9:15 a.m. Check‐in  2400 Memorial Student Center (MSC)
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9:30 a.m. Welcome Address  9:50 a.m. Session I
10:50 a.m. BREAK  11:00 a.m. Session II
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