



## Programs & Plans

### Honorary Chair Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz Hosts Student Computing Challenge, Virtual Showcase



Launched in May, the Lt. Governor's COVID-19 Computing Challenge: A Statewide Challenge to Address Global Concern, invited Connecticut students in grades 3 through 12 to work

individually or as a team to propose an idea for a new computing technology application. Students were tasked with generating creative solutions to address the numerous effects the COVID-19 pandemic has had on society.

*"Connecticut students have the power to make real change. As we launched this challenge, we asked our students to use this period of distance learning to develop innovative programs to help their communities during their time of need. Throughout this challenge, our students stepped up and exceeded our expectations. From designing technology applications that better inform Connecticut residents, to programs that will help aid local communities, our students have shown that they have the ability to make a meaningful difference in people's lives. I couldn't be prouder of what our students have accomplished."*

**Lt. Governor Bysiewicz.**

[http://y2u.be/8G\\_y-0h9BoY](http://y2u.be/8G_y-0h9BoY)

### MWM-CT Chapter Top Priorities

1. Recognize the value of mentoring early on in the professional career to retain and advance women in STEM fields.
2. Promote STEM in grades K-12 to ensure the interest and engagement in STEM activities continues throughout the learning continuum.
3. Increase mentoring among minority women and young girls to create equity and foster interest early on in STEM fields.



## Honorary Chair

Lt. Governor  
**Susan Bysiewicz**

## Spotlight

### Trailblazer award winner



We are honored to recognize Dr. Heidi Gold-Dworkin, Founder & CEO of Little Scientists, Great Science for All, and Little to Great Scientists. Dr. Heidi is a 2020 MWM STEM Trailblazer Award Winner. She is an extremely accomplished scientist and educator in field of STEM education for children.

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