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## SPACE COAST WOMEN IN DEFENSE

*Announces Their 2019 STEM Innovator Awards*

Melbourne, FL, January 4, 2019– The Space Coast (SC) Women In Defense (WID) is pleased to announce their annual Anniversary Celebration, Silent Auction, and Awards Night for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM) Innovation on January 26, 2019 at the Marriott Courtyard, 3435 N. Atlantic Avenue, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931. The awards and awardees are STEM Leadership Star of the Year: Marian Passmore; STEM Business Innovator of the Year: United Space Coast Cables, Inc.; STEM Non-profit Innovator of the Year: United Way of Brevard STEM Education; STEM Educator of the Year: Melissa Woods; and STEM Mentor of the Year: Darrell Thomas.

The event will be hosted by SCWID and will recognize these individuals and organizations for their dedication and tireless support promoting STEM education in our community. The annual Anniversary Celebration and Awards Night is open to the public. People may register to attend this event at [www.scwid.org](http://www.scwid.org). Costs for WID members is \$35 and \$40 for non-WID members. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served at this Cocktail Reception and will feature a Silent Auction to raise funds that benefit our STEM Scholarship program; featured auction items include passes to Disney and Sea World. The Key Note speaker will be Robert Jordan, President and CEO of Genesis vii.

Established on January 21, 2013, SCWID is a non-profit professional networking and development organization for women and men across Florida's Space Coast who contributes to national defense and security. The organization chartered the Space Coast STEM Education Council on October 14, 2013, and strives to connect STEM needs with STEM resources from our partners including local Industry, colleges and universities, civic leaders, parents, and students.

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