

Women In Defense Space Coast set to award \$15,000 in scholarships, recognize STEM Innovators on June 21

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MELBOURNE (June 6, 2022) — A total of \$15,000 in STEM scholarships will be awarded to Brevard County students on Tuesday, June 21, at the Courtyard by Marriott Cocoa Beach.

The event will start at 6 p.m. and will also recognize winners of WIDSC's STEM Education Innovator Awards for individuals and organizations who go above—and-beyond in supporting science, technology, engineering, and math education on the Space Coast.

The WIDSC STEM Scholarship awards vary up to \$1,000 for exceptional Brevard County women seeking to further their education in STEM studies with an interest in starting and furthering a career that supports the national defense industrial base. Awards are based on academic achievement, field of study, work experience, statements of interest, recommendations, and financial need. Applications closed April 25.

Nominations for the 2022 STEM Education Innovator Awards closed April 30.

Individuals, organizations, and companies were considered for their innovation supporting STEM education in areas including leadership, business, nonprofit, education, and mentoring. Past recipients include Rolle IT Support, United Space Coast Cables Inc., Connected Class, 8-koi, Junior Achievement of the Space Coast, United Way of Brevard, Melissa Woods, Darrell Thomas, Signe Post, Michelle Grimes, and Marian Passmore.

"Reading the scholarship applications and award nominations is very humbling," says WIDSC STEM Chairwoman Leslie Tibbetts of Community Credit Union. "I'm completely impressed by the caliber of talent we have here on the Space Coast and these recognitions are just one small way our organization can support a more diverse and stable workforce on the Space Coast."

WIDSC established the Space Coast STEM Scholarship Fund in 2013 to encourage women in Florida to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics related to the national security and defense interests of the United States.

Since its inception, WIDSC has awarded over \$60,000

in scholarships and contributed to numerous STEM-related events in partnership with local businesses, nonprofits, and federal agencies such as Patrick Space Force Base.

Carol Taecker-Sluzu, director of Starbase Academy at Patrick Space Force Base, will be the guest speaker at the ceremony. Sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Department of Defense STARBASE locations allow students to participate in challenging "hands-on, minds-on" activities in STEM.

Sponsors and donors contributing to WIDSC's 2022 scholarship awards include: 8-koi, ABC Fine Wine & Spirits, Alluvionic, Dr. Amacitia Maloon-Gibson, Amici's Italian Restaurant, AVET Veteran Appeals, Bill & Sheila Gaylor Insurance, Buds & Bows Floral Design, Carr, Riggs & Ingram, Charlie & Jake's BBQ, CitrusSolution Brevard, Cloud 9 Real Estate Group, Coldwell Banker Paradise, Courtyard by Marriott Cocoa Beach, Daughters of the American Revolution, Dixon Golf, Elements Massage,

Frazier Engineering, and The Fresh Market.

The list continues: Gillespie Services, Gregory Daniels Portrait Artist, Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spa, Hilton Melbourne Beach Oceanfront, HR Alignment Group, Jacobs Engineering's jCARES, Kegman, Kristen's Sugar Shack with Skinergy, Larsen Motorsports, Lexus of Melbourne, Merrill Lynch Rockledge, Miller Electric Company, Professional Specialty Insurance LLC, Proforma Arrow Solutions, Rockledge Gardens, Sandy Michelson, Siemens, Tavia on the Move LLC, Tea World of Titusville, and WhiteBird Law.

To see more event details and to register to attend the ceremony, visit <http://scwid.org>. Donations are accepted year-round.

Women In Defense Space Coast Chapter provides networking and professional development opportunities to promote the role of women in national defense and security, to support military service members, and to encourage partnerships within the local contractor community, defense industry and military personnel.

LeChase Construction hires executive Megan Mooney to expand company brand

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ARMONK, N.Y. (June 2, 2022) — LeChase Construction Services LLC welcomes Megan Mooney, a dynamic business development executive with 16 years of experience, as the regional director of business development in its New York Metro office in Armonk.

In this role, Mooney will help grow the LeChase brand throughout the metropolitan region by identifying and developing new business opportunities and nurturing relationships both with clients and centers of influence.

"Megan brings a breadth of experience in business development and relationship management that is ideal for identifying new clients and expanding LeChase's reach throughout the region," said LeChase Vice President David Campbell.

A University of Delaware alumna, Mooney began her career in the financial services industry and transitioned to the construction, energy, and infrastructure sectors. She

has led business development initiatives both locally and nationally, and brings vast experience increasing market position for a diverse range of clientele.

"LeChase enjoys a well-deserved, stellar reputation. I look forward to expanding the company's brand to untapped segments of the nation's largest metropolitan area," Mooney said.

A Manhattan resident, she is a travel enthusiast and enjoys New York City's food and art scene.

Established in 1944, LeChase prides itself on offering the capabilities of a large firm while maintaining the personalized service of a small firm. Today, the company ranks among the nation's top contractors — providing general construction and construction management services in a wide range of industries and on projects of all sizes. With a dedicated team of talented professionals striving to deliver excellence, the firm has earned a reputation for quality, safety and integrity. In addition to serving customers from its operations across the East Coast, LeChase can provide resources to meet the unique needs of clients no matter where they are located. To learn more, visit lechase.com.

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