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Agenda

11:00 am

Event Opening and Networking

11:15 am

Welcome -Julie Demers

11:20 am

Presentation of Awards -Shannon Herrmann

TechEducator | TechStudent | TechProfessional

11:35 am

Introduction of Keynote Speaker- Shannon Herrmann

11:45 pm

Keynote Address and Audience Questions- Leslie Ann
Buckley

12:30 pm

Closing remarks - Shannon Herrmann

Program will be followed by optional networking

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About Us

TechWomen | TechGirls,

a program of the NH Tech Alliance, is focused on building a strong community of women enthusiastic about technology and supporting efforts for young women to explore STEM careers. One of the goals of this celebration is to recognize the unique contribution of TechWomen superstars within New Hampshire. To learn more about the TechWomen | TechGirls initiative, visit nhta.org.

The New Hampshire Tech Alliance, Inc.

(formerly NH High Tech Council) is a statewide technology association supporting companies at every stage of growth and development from startups to established leaders in the global economy. The Alliance is committed to nurturing a vibrant tech ecosystem by building partnerships, enhancing knowledge, and shaping public policy.

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Tech Educator of the Year



Joanna Marcotte

Joanna has been teaching for the last 19 years in grades K-12 throughout New Hampshire. She is passionate about bringing computer science not only to her students but also sharing her expertise with other educators as well. Ms. Marcotte been involved in the development team for the New Hampshire Computer Science Standards, Code.org CS Discoveries Facilitator, and has presented several times at the NH Charter School Best Practice Conference & The Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference. She holds a B.A. in Education & American Political History from New England College. Realizing her passion for technology use in the classroom Ms. Marcotte pursued an M.Ed in Educational Technology with a dual certificate in Technology Integration & School Technology Coordination from Boise State University. Ms. Marcotte continues to expand computer science and technology education at The Founders Academy for her students through professional development and the addition of new course electives based upon student interest. Through her passion for building equity in the classroom, she has developed curriculum that excites students from all backgrounds through hands-on learning experiences. In 2019 Ms. Marcotte was named the NH affiliate Teacher of the Year from NCWIT. Ms. Marcotte has 10 students being recognized by the NH Affiliate this year of NCWIT Aspirations in Computing award. She had built a computer science program 6-12 at the Founders Academy during her tenure there for the last five years. Ms. Marcotte is also on the NH CSTA board as the Treasure and Social Media Liasion where she actively recruits educators to be involved in CS education, professional development, and building an online community to support each other across New Hampshire.



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Tech Student of the Year



Leah Marville

Leah Marville has been coding since sixth grade, when she began creating animations and games in Scratch. She is a recent graduate of the Founders Academy, a public charter school in Manchester, New Hampshire. The Academy develops leaders who understand and apply the lessons of the past, demonstrate exceptional character and lead by example. In 2018, she created a simulation of the electoral college, which won the Congressional App Challenge. Last summer, she planned and co-lead App DevelopHer, an Android app development course funded by an AspireIT grant. She currently works as the coordinator of a pilot program of Choosito Virtual Librarian, a curated AI search engine that aims to help underserved students gain literacy skills.



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Tech Professional of the Year



Barbara C. Jobst, MD, PhD

Barbara C. Jobst, MD, is currently the Louis and Ruth Frank Professor of Neurosciences at Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth, Vice-Chair of Neurology at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and co-directs the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Epilepsy Center. Dr Jobst is a clinician-investigator who applies advanced technology to benefit patients and has trained many students, residents, fellows and junior faculty in using technology to advance medicine. After her initial work in describing epilepsy characteristics and her work in the prognosis after epilepsy surgery, she moved her scientific interest to measuring brain waves with implanted brain electrodes and brain stimulation. She and her team have participated in multiple multicenter trials involving brain stimulation. Following epilepsy patients for prolonged periods, she observed that the memory consequences of epilepsy are as disabling as seizures. Since then she has studied the interaction of memory and epilepsy. Her work has included improving memory with deep brain stimulation as well as developing and implementing a cognitive-behavioral program for memory problems in epilepsy (HOBSCOTCH). She has coordinated the Managing Epilepsy Well network, one of the thematic research networks of the CDC, aimed to improve the quality of life of patients with epilepsy through cognitive training. Dr Jobst is well-published in her field and is a frequently sought-after national and international speaker. She is on the editorial board of Neurology and Epilepsia, active in multiple professional societies and has additional leadership training as graduate of ELAM (Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine). Her goal is to reduce disability, seizures and stigma related to epilepsy by developing technologies that help patients have the best quality of life possible.



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Keynote Speaker



Leslie Ann Buckley

Transformational Leader. Innovator. Strategist. Disruptor

As the Northeast Division Vice President of Reliability Engineering for Comcast Leslie is responsible for leading major network and engineering reliability initiatives and network change management. Leslie leads network optimization efforts to create an environment that strives to exceed customer expectations for the 9 million customer relationships across the Division. The customer experience and ensuring that Comcast provides customers with a consistent connection and reliability is the premiere focus of this strategic role through influencing and providing oversight across multiple disciplines – Engineering; Network Operations; Plant Maintenance; Construction; and Technical Operations.

Prior to this role Leslie served as the leader for Comcast's Northeast Division Engineering and Network Operations Centers, leading a team of 300 network engineers and technical leaders with a focus on network reliability and network maintenance. Leslie began her Comcast career as the Vice President of Technical Operations and Plant Maintenance in Freedom Region as an experienced business leader with expertise in strategy development and execution, building and optimizing field and network operations teams, and customer experience strategy.

With over 20 years of leadership experience in the network and field operations industry – Leslie has a proven track record of developing and leading diverse teams to achieve profitable growth and operational efficiencies while differentiating the customer experience through process and technology solutions. Leslie champions others through her work as the Executive Sponsor for Comcast's Women's Network in Manchester and in her role supporting Comcast's Diversity and Inclusion initiatives. Leslie is passionately focused on Women in Technology and supports STEM initiatives. Leslie has solidified her reputation as a mentor, encouraging and supporting her staff and colleagues, empowering and guiding the next generation of business leaders.

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