



Leader gender diversity expert to offer keynote address at the 2019 Ontario Network of Women in Engineering (ONWiE) Summit

Hamilton – November 21, 2019 – Marie Klawe, a pioneer who has achieved gender equity in computer science at Harvey Mudd College, will be sharing her insights with more than 200 attendees of the ONWiE Summit on Thursday, November 21, 2019.

Klawe will discuss ways to increase the number of women in technology, with practical solutions for industry partners at a banquet dinner at Liuna station.

“The ONWiE has led the way in building a pipeline of talented women who are excited about engineering and technology,” said Dr. Kim Jones, Chair of ONWiE, recognized as the 2019 Engineer of the Year for the Hamilton/Halton region, and an Associate Professor of Chemical Engineering at McMaster University.

“Dr. Klawe has proven that computer science can attract equal numbers of men and women – if it is done right. We are excited to bring these inclusive approaches to Ontario.”

Held at Liuna Station in Hamilton, ON, the 2019 ONWiE Summit, will be an action-oriented two days of discussion, planning, brainstorming and sharing of inspiration and ideas for the future. On Friday November 22, we will reaffirm the goals and direction of ONWiE, while learning about innovative outreach and recruitment strategies to continue working towards gender parity in Engineering. Over 70 educators and experts are expected to attend the Summit on Friday.

In addition to support from Title Sponsor Suez, ONWiE has received generous support from additional Innovator Partners including the Council of Ontario Deans of Engineering (CODE), the McMaster University Faculty of Engineering, TD Bank Group, and Motivator Partner See It Be It STEM It.

About the Ontario Network of Women in Engineering (ONWiE)

Formed in 2005, ONWiE works collaboratively with other stakeholders to support current female engineers, students, and encourage the next generation of women to pursue careers in engineering. It is a unique and innovative collaboration that works to address low female enrollment in engineering programs. ONWiE's flagship programs, [Go ENG Girl](#), [Go CODE Girl](#), and [Girl Guide Badge Days](#) are free annual events organized by ONWiE and Canada's top universities. Girls in grades 7-10 are offered the chance to learn more about engineering fields and coding through a series of fun hands-on activities and exhibits.

To see the agenda for the Summit please visit: <http://www.onwie.ca/event/>

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