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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH FEATURED EVENT



Vision 1948, IEEE Chicago Section and IEEE Women in Engineering invite you to a special Women's History Month Celebration on March 12, 5:00–7:30 PM featuring a keynote by Brenda Darden Wilkerson, President & CEO of AnitaB.org, titled "The Past We Inherit. The Future We Build."

📍 Stevenson Hall, Dr. Myron Wentz Science Center, North Central College, Naperville

🤝 Networking with light refreshments will follow the talk

🎟️ Free and open to all (registration required)

All attendees will be entered into a drawing for one complimentary pass to GHC 2026 in Anaheim, California!

Thank you to North Central College Engineering and InspiHER Tech | a Laso Company for their sponsorship.

👉 Reserve your spot: https://lnkd.in/gif8q-k6

We look forward to celebrating, connecting, and building the future together!

SCHOLARSHIP & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarship Opportunity from AAUW Naperville



AAUW Naperville Area (Vision 1948's sponsor) is offering scholarships in 2026. A $5,000 scholarship is for those returning to school after an interruption in their education. Another $5,000 scholarship is for a student majoring in a STEM field, and in support of Vision 1948's mission, special consideration will be given to applicants majoring in Computer/Information Science or Engineering. There are two $2,500 scholarships for D203-204 HS Seniors that also provide membership in AAUW Naperville. Further, a Career Development Grant up to $250 is available for those pursuing a certificate, credential, or training program. Finally, there are two development grants and sponsorships for attending an AAUW leadership conference. Check here for eligibility requirements and please share the application details with others.

Calling All STEM Educators: College of DuPage Hiring for Summer 2026

The College of DuPage is hiring instructors to teach STEAM related classes in the Summer 2026 Youth Academy. The College is looking for educators excited to teach the next generation the wonders of STEAM related content. For details please visit the Summer 2026 Youth Open Positions page. Instructor positions are part-time, paid positions that cover opportunities in grades K-12. The instructors are responsible for course development. For additional information on the Summer 2026 Youth Academy class offerings you can visit the course catalog here.

STEM Career Advantage Academy @ Tufts University

Tufts University is offering a new on-line non-credit summer course, STEM Career Advantage Academy, for mastering Negotiation, Communication, and Leadership for Early Career Success in STEM. It prepares students for internships and early career roles with the complementary non-technical skills employers expect in new graduates, but that are rarely taught in college curriculums. It also offers structured mentoring to help students apply their learnings in real time. This program was founded and taught by Rati Thanawala, a 2018 Harvard Advanced Leadership Initiative Fellow, with 40 years of leadership experience in the tech industry. Vision 1948's Tina Hinch had assisted her in coaching the students when Rati offered this as an independent program, the success of which has led to the upcoming offering at Tufts.

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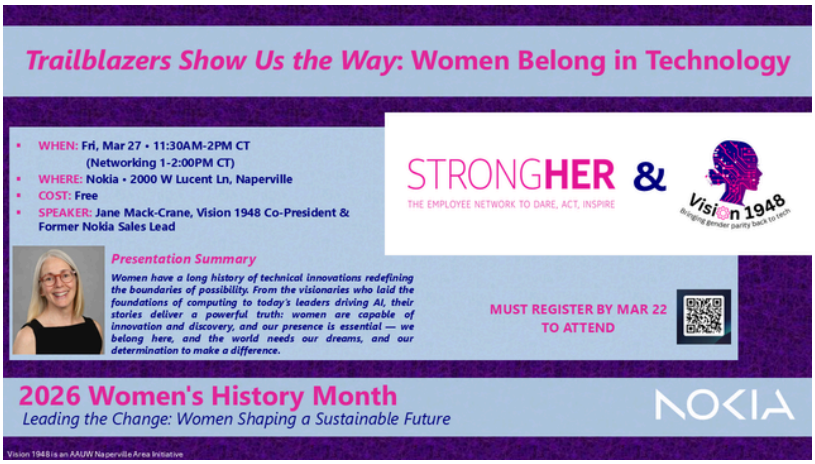
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VISION 1948 IN THE COMMUNITY

Traillblazers Show Us the Way - March 27



Join us at this inspiring talk by Jane Mack-Crane showing how the stories of women trailblazers in technology teach us that women belong in tech, and that the world needs our voices. A networking reception will follow the talk. This event is jointly hosted by Nokia StrongHer and Vision 1948.

Registeration info can be found here.

First Lego League IL State Championship





Vision 1948, represented by Jane Mack-Crane, Tina Hinch and Randee Adams, supported the First Lego League (FLL) IL State Championship at Elgin Community College on Feb 14.

We provided an opportunity for students and their families to experience fun and educational hands-on AI activities and math puzzles. We had a steady stream of FLL teams and their supporters who enjoyed learning about machine learning, the powers and shortcomings of AI and the importance of having humans in control.

We were also able to witness the tournaments in action and were impressed by the technical complexity and teamwork exhibited by the young students. It was truly a wonderful event.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

February Trailblazer



Do you use GPS every day? We all do! So in honor of Black History Month and in tribute to Gladys West who passed away in January, we are pleased to add Ms West as a Trailblazer on our website. She started her career as a mathematician at the Navy in her home state of Virginia, and as an early programmer she calculated precise models of the earth's shape which became foundational to the development of today's GPS systems. Check out her story here.

Interesting Events

Event	Date	Location	Description
Illuminating the Future – Women in STEM Summit	Feb 28, 2026	UIC Academic & Residential Complex, Chicago, IL	Summit focusing on women in STEM with talks and panels inspiring participation and leadership in science/tech fields.
Chicago Cybersecurity Summit	Mar 3, 2026	Chicago Hyatt Regency, Chicago, IL	Conference covering cybersecurity developments and intersection with tech, applicable to AI security professionals.
Oracle AI World Tour (Chicago)	Apr 7, 2026	Willis Tower / Convene, Chicago, IL	Industry event with AI insights, workshops, and tech showcases hosted by Oracle.
Future Festival Chicago	Apr 15, 2026	AMC River East 21, Chicago, IL	Innovation & AI conference featuring trends and tech thought leadership.