

Dear Friend:

This fall, the Fleet received an incredible \$50,000 challenge gift from an anonymous donor family to provide increased access to the Fleet Science Center and our education programs for thousands of students in San Diego. One of the important programs that will be served by this generous challenge gift is the Fleet's BE WiSE (Better Education for Women in Science and Engineering) program. BE WiSE is designed for young women in grades 7-12 and provides participants with access to monthly events where they visit scientific institutions, benefit from the support of female role models in science and enjoy overnight programs packed with opportunities to explore, discover and experience science together with their peers.

We recently asked our BE WiSE alumnae how their participation in this program impacted their future area of study. Here are a few of their responses:

"BE WiSE exposed me to and solidified my passion for STEM and specifically for engineering. Seeing successful women working in STEM made it seem feasible to me and inspired me to push myself in my math and science classes. I am now pursuing a degree in electrical engineering and computer science at MIT."



Mary Matava\_ President of Agri Service\_ Inc\_ and Fleet Science Center Advisory Council Member\_ hosts a BE WiSE workshop about energy conservation through vermicomposting.

"My favorite BE WiSE memory was going to Solar Turbines and taking a tour

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## A Critical Look at the Nobel Prize

Monday, December 10

6:30 p.m. Doors open;  
concessions available  
for purchase

7 p.m. Panel begins

**Cost:** Free for Luminary  
Members; \$5 for  
others.

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Join us on the  
122<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of  
Alfred Nobel's death and  
the night the 2018  
Nobel Prize Awards



BE WiSE students learn together.  
working on."

of the facility. I thought that it was really cool and I remember talking to the engineers there and them being excited about what they were

"It showed me I really could be anything I wanted to be, just like the scientists I met during BE WiSE."

"It helped create and foster my love of STEM and science, and introduced me to possible careers I would never have known existed if it weren't for the program. I loved it all, and I would strongly recommend BE WiSE to anyone even remotely considering a career in STEM."

716 young women actively participate in the BE WiSE program, representing 90 schools in San Diego County, from Oceanside to Julian to Chula Vista. Each of these women has the potential to be a future engineer, physicist or doctor.



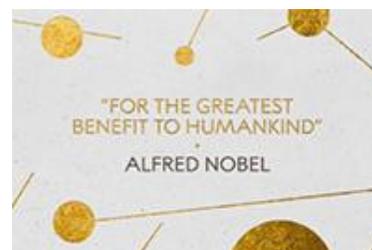
BE WiSE students celebrate another successful year.

The Fleet provides BE WiSE students-and the thousands of other students who participate in our educational programming at the Fleet-the tools they need to be successful, whether they select advanced coursework, a college major or a career in STEM. The influence of programs like BE WiSE will reverberate for many years to come as these students become the leaders in STEM that we need.

Thank you for supporting these students through their educational journeys as they build a strong scientific identity through the many opportunities provided by staff and volunteers at the Fleet Science Center.

ceremony will be held for a look at the research being recognized this year and a discussion of the Nobel Prize and how it affects science and scientists. Expert panelists will include **Dr. Brian Keating**, Astrophysicist, Professor of Physics at UCSD and author of the new book, *Losing the Nobel Prize*, recently selected as one of Amazon's 20 Best Science Books of 2018; **Dr. Sergio Peisajovich**, Director, Scientific Research at Illumina; **Dr. Julio Barreiro**, Assistant Professor of Physics at UCSD; **Dr. Kathryn Gold**, Associate Professor at UCSD Department of Medicine and Co-Director of ACTRI Clinical Research Services; and **Dr. Alexander Gelber**, Associate Professor, Department of Economics and School of Global Policy and Strategy at UCSD.

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