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### **For Immediate Release**

## **Profiles in Diversity Journal® Announces its Women Worth Watching® in STEM Award Winners for 2024**

**CLEVELAND, OH, April 15, 2024** – *Profiles in Diversity Journal*® announced today the names of the 23 Women Worth Watching® in STEM Award winners for 2024. The winners will be profiled in the magazine's upcoming second quarter issue.

Here's some insight into two of the extremely talented award winners. PBG's co-founder Vanessa Soon champions female voices in a male-dominated industry. "Driven by passion and fueled by innovation" is her mantra, guiding her dedication to technology's impact on business innovation and growth. Soon first stepped into the role of [acting] Chief Technology Officer to help PBG keep pace with innovation, technological breakthroughs, and the digital disruption exploding around her.

Infrastructure for our U.S. Presidential Election, she jumped at the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to design impenetrable infrastructure design for 2024's seamless transition of power. This full and open contract, once held by Booz Allen Hamilton, is a game-changer contract for a woman-owned small business like PBG Consulting.

Tali Rosenblum serves as Vice President of Strategic Capabilities AI & Data, Head of Strategic Insights at New York Life. In this role, she spearheads data insights capabilities and strategies transforming customer experiences and driving outcomes. Rosenblum received numerous CEO awards for her impact in roles across a broad range of disciplines, including digital, operations, and wealth management. Rosenblum holds a range of STEM degrees: one of her two master's degrees is in Applied Analytics from Columbia University. She frequently shares her insights at conferences and universities on data and AI trends. She is a mentor, empowering women early in their careers and developing future mentors. Additionally, she established the 'Be Insightful' program to promote knee-to-knee learning and foster cultures of diversity, mobility, and collaboration.

"As usual, *Profiles in Diversity Journal*® has an excellent roster of women in STEM who have risen in their careers thanks to their drive, their ambition and their dedication to their field," said the *Journal's* publisher, James R. Rector. There is no doubt that there are great things ahead of them and we expect that they will appear someday in the journal's "Where are They Now?" column, honoring women who have received promotions, and will be on our list of female CEOs. We look forward to chronicling their steady rise."

"Once again, we are proud and honored to feature impressive women in STEM who have distinguished themselves through hard work, determination and no small amount of persistence," said *Profiles in Diversity Journal*® publisher, James R. Rector. "Each year, the honorees in this category continue to

outdo themselves, proving that the sky's the limit for women in these traditionally male dominated fields and for the young, bright and curious women who are considering entering the ranks of STEM.”

This year's class of Women Worth Watching® in STEM Award winners are listed below along with their job titles and the names of the organizations that nominated them for this honor.

## The 2024 Women Worth Watching® in STEM Award Recipients

<b>Company / Organization</b>	<b>Award Recipient</b>	<b>Title</b>
AT&T	<b>Jush Danielson</b>	AVP - Technical Supt
AT&T	<b>Tracy Palumbo</b>	Lead Sales System Engineer 4
Autodesk, Inc.	<b>Smita Rajmohan</b>	Senior Counsel, Artificial Intelligence Platform
BDO USA	<b>Binita Pradhan</b>	West Geography Market Managing Principal - Assurance, Third-Party Attestation Practice
CCRPS	<b>Amareen Dhaliwal</b>	CEO and Founder
Dechert LLP	<b>Hilary Bonaccorsi</b>	Associate
Fish & Richardson	<b>Rae Crisler</b>	Principal
Fish & Richardson	<b>April Park</b>	Principal
Gilead Sciences	<b>Dr. Anu Osinusi</b>	Vice President, Clinical Development, Franchise Head, Viral Hepatitis, Respiratory, & Emerging Viruses
GoTab	<b>Ashley Frausto</b>	Director of Customer Success Operations
Knobbe Martens	<b>Christie Matthaei</b>	Partner
Latham & Watkins	<b>Rachel Blitzer</b>	Partner
Latham & Watkins	<b>Elana Nightingale Dawson</b>	Partner
Latham & Watkins	<b>Monica Groat</b>	Counsel
New York Life	<b>Tali Rosenblum</b>	Vice President, Strategic Capabilities AI & Data, Head of Strategic Insights
Norton Rose Fulbright	<b>Tamsen Barrett</b>	Partner
Pepco Holdings, Inc	<b>Tamla Olivier</b>	Chief Operations Office
PBG Consulting, LLC	<b>Vanessa Soon</b>	Chief Technology Officer [Acting]
Robins Kaplan LLP	<b>Jessica L. Gutierrez</b>	Partner
Sandia National Laboratories	<b>Dr. Emily Sandt</b>	R&D S&E, Nuclear Engineering, International Nuclear Security Engineering Department
SmartBear	<b>Vineeta Puranik</b>	SVP Engineering and DevOps
West Pharmaceutical Services	<b>Dr. Anya Harry</b>	Vice President & Chief Medical Officer
WilmerHale	<b>Vinita Ferrera</b>	Partner

**About *Profiles in Diversity Journal*©**

Now in its 26th year of publication, *Profiles in Diversity Journal*® is a quarterly B2B magazine that focuses on diversity, inclusion, and equity in business, government, nonprofit, higher education, and military settings. The *Journal* presents interviews, profiles, articles, case studies, and awards that highlight mission-driven leadership, best practices, workforce strategies, innovative ideas, and important individual contributions within the realm of diversity and inclusion.

Since 1999, *Profiles in Diversity Journal*® has recognized the individuals, teams, and organizations that create, develop, and promote strategies and initiatives that support diversity, inclusion, and equity in the workplace and the larger community.

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