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Happy National Mentoring Month!

Mentoring is an important part of the programs of the Anita Borg Institute and our partners. So this month we've created a number of articles and blog posts about mentoring for our readers. Check out the Anita Borg Institute Blog for posts about [CAHSI: Developing Leaders Through Mentoring](#) and [Formal and Informal Mentoring](#). Our new Fast Company Blog has posts on [The Promise of Mentoring](#), based on our research "[Climbing the Technical Ladder](#)" and [Mentors and Mentoring](#), Telle Whitney's learnings from her first mentor. In her TechHer blog, Telle also discusses [the importance of mentoring](#). Jo Miller has also created a new column on how to engage with a potential mentor.

It is never too late to make a New Year's Resolution. Make 2009 your year to find a mentor and be a mentor. For more resources check out [Mentornet](#).

Also in this issue, be sure to check out our [2009 Grace Hopper Celebration Call for Participation](#) and read about our keynote speaker for the [2009 Women of Vision Awards](#).

Sincerely,

The ABI Staff

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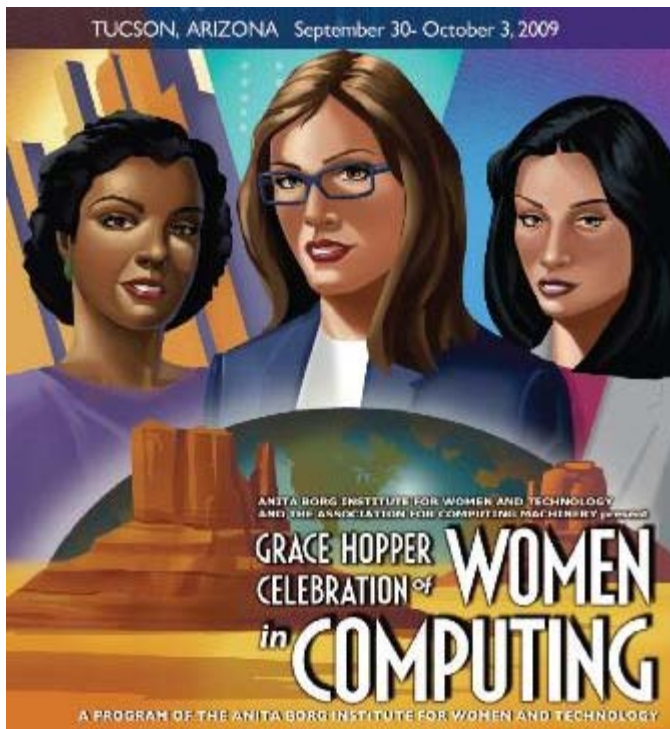
**2009 Grace Hopper Celebration of Women
in Computing**

[Call for Participation](#)

**Digital Decade for Latinas:
Empowerment, Economy
and E-Cycling**

Caminos highlights progress of Latinas in technology; honors ABI and LiC at anniversary celebration

Technology empowers women, helps us become self-sufficient and motivates us to find innovative ways to be more efficient. Women are excelling in technology and many of our accomplishments have taken



The 9th Annual Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing (GHC) has opened its Call for Participation. The annual conference, presented by the Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology, is the world's largest gathering of women in computing. The Grace Hopper Celebration will take place from September 30-October 3, 2009 in Tucson Arizona. This year's theme "Creating Technology for Social Good" recognizes the significant role women play in defining technology used to solve social issues. The [submission deadline](#) is March 16, 2009.

The Grace Hopper Celebration is designed to bring the research and career interests of women in computing to the forefront. Leading researchers present their current work, while special sessions focus on the role of women in today's technology fields, including computer science, information technology, research and engineering. The technical conference features well known keynote speakers and invited technical speakers, panels, workshops, new investigator technical papers, PhD forums, technical posters, birds of a feather sessions, the ACM Student Research Competition and an Awards Celebration.

Submissions on both technical and professional topics are encouraged. The Grace Hopper Conference committee is requesting submissions that reflect the conference theme "Creating Technology for Social Good" in the areas of innovation within a company, academia, or individual contribution through social and environmental entrepreneurship. Technical submissions that cross disciplines and other boundaries are encouraged.

The Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing is a program of the Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology and is co-presented with the Association for Computing Machinery. For more information go to www.GraceHopper.org.

place just over the past decade!

Ten years ago, as organizations such as the Anita Borg Institute were starting to take shape, a non-profit named Caminos began to pave the way for Latina immigrants to close the digital gap. Today, Caminos is proud to share the accomplishments of Latinas at all levels and honor those who have led the way at our 10-year anniversary celebration, Digital Decade for Latinas: Empowerment, Economy and E-Cycling.

At Digital Decade for Latinas, Caminos will present a new comparative report compiled using data from its student body of Latina immigrants and information provided by ABI. Caminos will also honor the work of ABI, Latinas in Computing, and Caminos founder Sister Petra Chavez for her more than 40 years of dedication to San Francisco's Latino community.

We invite supporters of ABI, LiC and women of all backgrounds to take part in this unique event that aims to uplift women and celebrate our great accomplishments in the field of technology!

Join us on Thursday, February 19, 2009 from 6pm-9pm at the San Francisco Marriott. Go green and [register online](#) today.

My COBOL World

Frank Gauthier writes about his experience in COBOL and working with Grace Hopper

Common Oriented Business Language (COBOL) grew from FLOW-MATIC which was designed by Grace Hopper. Named COBOL on September 18, 1959, it's 50th anniversary will be celebrated with a world-wide party hosted by COBOL

Padmasree Warrior, CTO of Cisco to Keynote

2009 Women of Vision [Register Today](#)

Padmasree Warrior, Chief Technology Officer at Cisco, will be the keynote speaker at the Women of Vision Awards Banquet on April 30, 2009 at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose, CA. The annual Anita Borg Institute Women of Vision Awards honor women making significant contributions to technology in three categories: Innovation, Leadership, and Social Impact (www.anitaborg.org/wov). Sydnie Kohara, CBS 5 News Anchor, will be the Master of Ceremonies again this year.

As Cisco's CTO, Padmasree Warrior is responsible for helping drive the company's technological innovations and strategy. Prior to joining Cisco she was CTO at Motorola where she led a team of 26,000 engineers and directed Motorola Labs. Under her leadership Motorola received the 2004 National Medal of Technology and the Economic Times ranked her as the 11th Most Influential Global Indian.

"It is an honor to be the keynote speaker at the Women of Vision Awards," said Ms. Warrior. "I strongly support the work of the Anita Borg Institute. This annual ceremony highlights women role models that will inspire technical women today and into the future."

"The Women of Vision Awards spotlight women who have spent a lifetime creating new technologies and improving the world," said Telle Whitney, CEO of the Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology. "Padmasree Warrior exemplifies this through her work as a strong advocate for women and minorities in math, science and engineering.

Her history of working with industry, government and charitable organizations makes her a role model for every technical woman."

We invite you to sponsor a branded table for your 10 employees, guests, or donate a table to students.

Learn more and register today!

April 30, 2009 - 6:00 - 9:30pm
Fairmont Hotel - San Jose, CA
Early bird pricing now available

For more information, visit us [online](#).

Ask Jo: There is a role model I admire. How do I engage them as a mentor?



There is a role model I admire. How do I engage them as a mentor?

Every month on our site, Jo Miller, CEO of Women's

Magazine on September 18, 2009 (www.cobolmagazine.com). As a programmer since the 1960's I have worked in COBOL for more than 40 years and had the good fortune to work on projects with Hopper. Today I continue to program in COBOL, write dialogue conversion tools and publish COBOL Magazine, a monthly on-line and print magazine that premiered January 2009. The Anita Borg Institute has joined the magazine as a monthly contributor.

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Registration for the Ohio Celebration for Women in Computer Science is now OPEN!

Time is flying fast and excitement is growing! Please, encourage your friends and colleagues to join ACM-W on February 27-28 for an exciting and informative conference at the Mohican Resort and Conference Center near Loudonville, Ohio.

They have a jam-packed exciting schedule planned, including keynote talks and featured speakers, a lightning talk session, career and graduate school panel sessions, a record number of posters, and a few fun surprises!

To register: go to www.ocwic.org and choose Registration from the upper left menu. Registration closes January 23!

OUR PARTNERS

Leadership Coaching Inc., answers your career and leadership questions.

Question: There is a role model I admire. How do I engage them as a mentor?

[See Jo's Answer](#)

Jo Miller is CEO of Women's Leadership Coaching Inc. which offers women's leadership seminars and coaching programs.

To read more of her career advice, visit the [Ask Jo archives](#).



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