

ADLER WOMEN'S BOARD

WOMEN IN SPACE SCIENCE AWARD
MAY 7, 2009

The Women's Board of the Adler Planetarium presents its annual Women in Space Science Award to an outstanding woman in space science who exemplifies the characteristics that lead to success academically and in the work force. By honoring the achievements of women in the sciences, the Adler Women's Board hopes to inspire young women to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and math. Revenues from the event support Adler educational programs that specifically target girls with an interest in and aptitude for science.

2009 WOMEN IN SPACE SCIENCE AWARD CELEBRATION

Date: Thursday, May 7

Time: 6:00 pm Cocktails
7:00 pm Keynote Address
8:00 pm Dinner

Location: Adler Planetarium, Chicago, Illinois

The Women's Board will host an afternoon program for 200 middle school girls from public and private schools in Chicago, hosted by 2009 award recipient Dr. Heidi Hammel.

Past Award Recipients:

2008 NASA astronaut-educator Barbara R. Morgan
2007 NASA astronaut Joan E. Higginbotham
2006 Commander Eileen Collins
2005 The Mercury 13, keynote speaker Dr. Martha Ackmann
2004 Dr. Kathy Sullivan
2003 Dr. Jill Cornell Tarter



On May 7, 2009, the Women's Board of the Adler Planetarium will present a Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Vera Rubin in recognition of her pioneering work on galaxy rotation rates. Her discovery of "flat rotation curves" is the most direct and robust evidence of dark matter (as of 2004).

Dr. Rubin holds a BA from Vassar College (1948), an MA from Cornell University (1951), and a PhD from Georgetown University (1954), as well as numerous honorary degrees and awards. Dr. Rubin is currently a research astronomer at the Carnegie Institution of Washington.