

The Women's Board of the Adler Planetarium to Host 14th Annual *Women in Space Science Award Celebration* on May 12th

CHICAGO – April 25, 2016 – On May 12, 2016, the Women's Board of the Adler Planetarium will host its annual *Women in Space Science Award Celebration*. For fourteen years, the Women's Board has recognized trailblazing women in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) with the goal of inspiring young women to pursue careers in these disciplines. The celebration features a luncheon reception for event attendees and a keynote presentation given by this year's honoree, Professor Wendy L. Freedman (bio below). Following the luncheon, approximately 250 young women from Chicago-area schools will participate in an afternoon of engaging STEM workshops at the Adler. The *Women in Space Science Award Celebration* raises funds to support the Adler's STEM education programs including *Girls Do Hack* and *Girls' Technology Camp*.

Event Details:

Luncheon

Location: The Drake Hotel
Time: 11:30am

Student Program

Location: Adler Planetarium
Time: 2pm

For more information on this event and full details on this year's honoree, please visit:

<http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/join-give/fundraising-events/women-in-space-science/>

To purchase tickets, please email: wiss@adlerplanetarium.org



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About Wendy L. Freedman:

Wendy L. Freedman is a Canadian-American astronomer and is the John & Marion Sullivan University Professor of Astronomy and Astrophysics at University of Chicago. Freedman is best known for her measurement of the Hubble Constant—the rate at which the Universe is expanding. Her principle research interests are in observational cosmology, measuring the current and past expansion rates of the Universe, and on characterizing dark energy—the mysterious force that causes the Universe to accelerate its expansion.

About the Women's Board of the Adler Planetarium:

Since 2002, the Women's Board has been the Adler's lead partner in supporting science education programs, research, and community outreach. The Board is vital to the museum's efforts to reach underserved youth—with a special focus on young women—in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). For more information on the Women's Board of the Adler Planetarium, please visit: <http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/join-give/affiliates/womens-board/>

About the Adler Planetarium:

The Adler Planetarium—America's First Planetarium—is more than a museum; it is a laboratory, a classroom, and a community exploring the Universe together. Each year, over 550,000 visitors experience the museum's interactive exhibitions, live planetarium shows, hands-on, minds-on STEM education programs, and world-class collections. Founded in 1930 by Chicago business leader Max Adler, the Adler Planetarium is a recognized leader in public engagement. The museum's scientists, historians, and educators inspire the next generation of explorers and invite you to explore space with us.