

TechRochester announces Keynote Speaker at Tech Woman of the Year Breakfast

Rochester, N.Y., February 3, 2020 – TechRochester is pleased to announce that Dora Maria Abreu from Amazon as the keynote speaker for the 2020 Technology Woman of the Year Breakfast.

Dora Maria is a Program Manager based in NY on the Engineering Excellence Team. In her previous roles she has been an avid technology and education professional. She has progressive work experience in IT Support and as a Software Engineer / Developer, IT Support, Trainer, Educator but also in career, professional and personal development skills. She has worked in the Technology, Education, Telecommunications, Aerospace and Financial sectors. Ms. Abreu has received a Bachelor's of Science in Computer Information Systems and Applied Math and a Master's of Science in Management Information Systems as well from Stony Brook University and then a Master's of Education in Technological Information Systems from Columbia University.

Nominations are still being accepted for the 2020 Technology Woman of the Year Award, through February 21, 2020. This breakfast event, sponsored by Entre Computer Services, is designed to recognize, celebrate, and make visible the achievements of women in high technology fields. Through this award, women who work in these professions are encouraged to stay in the Greater Rochester area, mentor young women, and contribute to the economic growth of the region.

Eligible nominees include women who:

- Are in a profession within the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) field
- Work within the Greater Rochester Metropolitan area (Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, and Wayne counties)
- Are employed in a company whose primaryproduct is technology or in a technology or technical department of a non-tech organization

Awards this year:

- **Technology Woman of the Year** must have a minimum of five years' experience in a leadership role
- Emerging Technology Professional Woman of the Year must have fewer than 5 years in an individual contributor or leadership role

The award recipients will be selected based on:

- Contributions to the technology profession
- Contributions to advancing the status, opportunities, and employment for women in technology professions
- Community involvement

This is the 20th year for the Tech Woman of the Year Breakfast.

To nominate a local woman, complete one of the nominations forms located on the TechRochester website. A breakfast awards ceremony will take place on Wednesday, April 15 at 7:30 a.m. at Monroe Golf Club.



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About TechRochester

Founded in 2000 as DigitalRochester, TechRochester is non-profit association comprised of professionals and companies that are working together to strengthen the Greater Rochester Area's technology community. We accomplish this through the development and sponsorship of relevant events and stimulating programs focused on skill building and the cultivation of individual and business relationships. TechRochester promotes the technology community in the Rochester region through collaborative partnerships, workforce development, education and recognition.

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