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“STEM: it IS a girl thing” A panel discussion with women in the fields of Science Technology Engineering and Math

The Buffalo Niagara Chapter of NYS Women, Inc. will hold its monthly dinner meeting on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at The Protocol Restaurant, 6766 Transit Road in Williamsville. Networking starts at 5:30 p.m.; dinner 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$30 for BNC members, \$35 for guests. Register online at www.bncwomeninc.org

Why so few? Although women make up almost half of the total U.S. workforce, they hold less than 25 percent of STEM jobs; women make up more than 20 percent of engineering school graduates but only 11 percent of practicing engineers are women; and stunningly, in 1985 women received 37 percent of Computer Science bachelor's degrees, by 2013, a mere 18 percent of Computer and Information Sciences bachelor's degree recipients were women.

Our panelists will discuss their career paths in STEM fields (Science Technology Engineering and Math) with moderator Pauline Hoffmann, PhD, Dean, Journalism/Mass Communication at St. Bonaventure University. Meet the panel: Wyoming County Coroner Jennifer J Prutsman-Pfeiffer, PhD, and Adjunct Assistant Professor, School of Nursing Forensic and Biological Anthropologist at University of Rochester Medical Center; microbiologist Xiao-Ning Zhang, Ph.D., Associate Professor Biology and Director of Biochemistry Program at St. Bonaventure University; and IT/web developer Renee Cerullo, owner of RLComputing, LLC and a founder Ed Tech of WNY, a nonprofit which installs and configures networks and computers for community organizations and schools.

The Buffalo Niagara Chapter of NYS Women, Inc. strives to make a difference in the lives of working women by helping to build powerful women personally, professionally and politically. For more info: www.bncwomeninc.org