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## Summer 2016 Newsletter

## Interested in Advancing your Career?

STEM.B.A.



Wilkes University has partnered with the Society for Women in STEM [AWIS-CAZ] to bridge the gap between lab bench and board room, by creating an MBA program for STEM professionals.

Looking for a way to increase your chances of obtaining a faculty or administrative position? Do you need additional credentials to rise to the top of an applicant pool? A **STEMBA** might be right for you! Current students, or those already in a career track, can take classes online or in person through Wilkes University [Mesa campus] to obtain a full **STEMBA** or settle for a certificate in Personnel

Management, Business Data Analytics, Resource Management or Grant Management.

**For those interested in learning more, Wilkes is having an open house on Wednesday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30 – 7:30pm.** [245 W 2nd St, Mesa, AZ 85201]

Wilkes offers:

- Affordable tuition with financial aid and tuition deferment available.
- Scholarships available to those that qualify.
- Small classes enhanced by mentorship by faculty advisors.
- Academic excellence: The Wilkes MBA program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP).
- 10% discount on tuition for members of The Society of Women in STEM.

Classes start August 29, 2016. **Questions? Contact Rebekah Brubaker** at (480) 878-4335 or [rebekah.brubaker@wilkes.edu](mailto:rebekah.brubaker@wilkes.edu) to discuss program and admission requirements.

## AWIS-CAZ Elections



As you may have noticed, we did not finalize the elections for the 2016-2017 year. We decided to delay the elections until July because we were swamped with our many events that were going on at the end of the semester. Since the elections have been delayed, we ask that you contact us if you are interested in being on the board next year. During 2016-2017 we will be expanding our territory and will

host seminars at Wilkes University, MCC, and at the Downtown and Tempe campuses. We will also participate in the AzSEF, Hands on Science and Comicon again this next year. If these activities are of interest to you, and you would like a bigger role in developing the content, please let us know.

Contact us at [events@awis-caz.org](mailto:events@awis-caz.org) if you are interested in becoming a board member. Your participation will help with the development of these great events and will provide opportunities for involvement and networking.

## Hands on Science



**May 6, 2016**

Our annual **Hands on Science** was a great success with **over 150 students and volunteers participating!** We hosted students from Pima High School in Maricopa, Imagine Prep and Rim Country Middle School as well as a few finalists from the AzSEF. These students enjoyed a full day of activities in labs from all areas of STEM on the Tempe campus. A few of these labs included: Blattman lab [immunology], Jacobs lab [virology], Neuer lab [oceanography], Halden lab [environmental science], Haynes lab [synthetic biology], RGCPS [wind tunnel], Scotch lab [bioinformatics], Mor lab [plant biology], Marston Theater, LROC, EPIC, ISTB4/Moeur interactive Space, Keck lab [microscopy] and the LE-CSSS [material science microscopy]. We wish to also thank our sponsors for making this event possible: Ticketmaster, CHEF, TactilEyes, Biodesign, USG, SESE and the School of Life Sciences.



Next year's event will be on May 5, 2017. Let us know if you or your lab are interested in participating. [Contact us at [events@awis-caz.org](mailto:events@awis-caz.org) if you would like to help in 2017]

## Phoenix Comicon



We are pleased to announce that **Phoenix Comicon 2016** was another great success. Board member, **Bekah Brubaker**, was the official organizer of the science track that grew to 3 rooms this year with over 100 speakers and more than 74 science panels. We saw a 34% increase in attendance and a big increase in K-12 teacher attendance. With approval from the Arizona Board of Education, **teachers were allowed to receive continuing education credit for attending the seminars**. Using an official school district email address, teachers were invited to email the Phoenix Comicon, at [promo@phoenixcomicon.com](mailto:promo@phoenixcomicon.com), to receive complimentary tickets for Thursday and Friday as well as discounts to attend on Saturday and Sunday. Over 250 teachers received continuing education credit and many more attended and/or participated in the educational interactive space and

the EduTech event held at the Science Center. Spread the word if you know of teachers who would be interested in this continuing development opportunity for next year.

The 2017 Phoenix Comicon will be held on Memorial Day weekend [May 25-28, 2017]. Let us know if you are interested in volunteering for next year. Contact us at [events@awis-caz.org](mailto:events@awis-caz.org) for more information.