



GSA Women's Leadership Initiative Presents

LUNCH *and* LEARN

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Event Hosted By  MARVELL™

About the Event



THE PURPOSE

The GSA WLI Lunch and Learn series aims to offer a blend of executive and technical topics, featuring women who are leaders in their respective fields. Under the theme “Pathway to Success”, these empowering events also provide an excellent opportunity for professionals from different companies in the semiconductor industry to connect, network, and gain valuable insights, which is essential for visibility and professional growth. Our first Lunch and Learn event of the year took place on May 8th at Marvell’s offices in Santa Clara.

Keynote Speaker



ZHAN YU

ASSOCIATE VP OF ENGINEERING
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Panelists



SARAH MCGOWAN, PANEL MODERATOR

SR DIRECTOR DESIGN TECHNOLOGY ENABLEMENT
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VP CONNECTIVITY SOLUTIONS DIVISION
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QINFANG SUN

VP OF TECHNOLOGY
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Event Recap

The event began with a quick networking session alongside breakfast before Traci Brandon gave welcoming remarks that kicked off the event. Zhan Yu gave an inspiring keynote presentation titled “Through Different Lenses” where she spoke about her career journey, including both her successes and failures, and reminded us of the importance of zooming out and seeking different perspectives when faced with overwhelming challenges.

The keynote presentation was followed by a “Pathways to Success” panel discussion moderated by Sarah McGowan and featuring Qinfang Sun, Chandana Pairla, Sanchali Bhattacharjee, and Patricia Fong. The panel exhibited a mix of talent from backgrounds in engineering, program management and business, providing over 75 attendees with well-rounded insights and career advice.



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KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM THE PANEL DISCUSSION:

- The importance of networking cannot be overstated. Building strong connections with people in the industry can open doors and provide invaluable support and opportunities.
 - Success often requires venturing beyond familiar territory. Embrace the challenge of learning new things to stay relevant and innovative.
 - A successful career in semiconductors involves understanding both the technical and business aspects. Effective communication between these domains is crucial.
 - Taking risks is essential for innovation and growth. As Sanchali mentioned, "If there's no risk, there's no reward." The industry thrives on the courage to take calculated risks, with a recommended balance of 70% stability and 30% risk-taking.
 - It's vital to understand how people work and interact. While micromanagement is often viewed negatively, it can be beneficial if applied correctly.
 - Offer opportunities to your team to keep them engaged and motivated. However, ensure that these opportunities align with their interests and strengths, and avoid forcing them into roles they are not comfortable with.
 - Identify what drives you and where your strengths lie. Finding the intersection between motivation and strengths can lead to a fulfilling and successful career.
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The panelists' experiences and advice provided valuable guidance to the attendees, inspiring them to embrace their own pathways to success.

After the enlightening panel discussion, the attendees and speakers had the opportunity to further connect and network over a delicious lunch. The atmosphere was buzzing with energy as attendees and speakers came together to share experiences and build meaningful connections.

We extend our sincerest gratitude to Zhan Yu for serving as the esteemed keynote speaker at this event. We also thank our amazing speakers - Sarah McGowan, Qinfang Sun, Chandana Pairla, Sanchali Bhattacharjee, and Patricia Fong, for sharing their incredible stories and advice during the panel discussion. All of their insights and unique perspectives brought a wealth of knowledge that left so many women feeling empowered and motivated as they felt a sense of belonging with the group.

A special thank you to Marvell for hosting this memorable event and providing a supportive environment for the WLI community to connect and grow!



To learn more and get involved in WLI, visit
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Testimonials



"Grateful for the inspiring insights and connections at the GSA WLI Lunch and Learn event this week...thank you for the opportunity to learn from pioneering women in the industry!"



"It was such a wonderful experience and such a learning opportunity as well." Sanchali Bhattacharjee



"I left feeling energized and enlightened myself!" Qinfang Sun



"Community is such an important support system and I really appreciate being part of this one." Chandana Pairla



"It was a wonderful opportunity to share experiences and connect with so many talented women in the semiconductor industry!" Zhan Yu



"The energy and enthusiasm in the room were palpable, and I left feeling both empowered and inspired. I am grateful for the opportunity to have attended this event and for the insights gained from such accomplished professionals. This experience was truly beneficial for my professional growth, and I look forward to future events." Mamta Bansal