

Members of the WICT Philadelphia Chapter, Villanova University Faculty, Tech It Out Speakers and Guests:

It is an honor to join you at Tech It Out 2018 as we come together for a robust program of learning and leadership.

This year, WICT Global is proud to collaborate with the WICT Greater Philadelphia Chapter to co-host Tech It Out. Witnessing first-hand how diligently the chapter worked to bring Tech It Out to you fills me with appreciation and excitement for today's lineup. From inspiring keynotes to illuminating workshops and hands-on product demos, we will be using our *voices* to talk about *Voice Technology* for the weeks and months to come.

Programs like Tech It Out give our stakeholders tools they need to keep pace with the latest advances in technology while connecting them with industry leaders and pioneers. A growing body of research shows that strengthening gender diversity fosters innovation and improves the bottom line.

With that as a backdrop, WICT's Tech It Out Initiative launched in 2009, providing a forum to create strong women leaders in technology, while also raising awareness about the vast opportunities for women in the tech sector of cable. As a result, the Tech It Out enterprise is now part of the fabric of the WICT community, with chapters holding various events throughout the year.

We offer our thanks to WICT's Global Sponsors, ARRIS and Cisco, as well as our industry partners, the Walter Kaitz Foundation and NAMIC, for supporting this important initiative.

I trust that all of you will appreciate the rich content of today's program, as you apply your learnings to your workplace – and as we work together to build better, stronger workplaces for the entire industry.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Maria Brennan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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