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**MCWT Seeks Nominations for Leading Women in IT**

*Woman of the Year in Technology award to be presented at nonprofit's Signature Gala*

**DETROIT, June 15, 2016** – The Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation is seeking nominations for its first MCWT Woman of the Year in Technology award. The nonprofit organization will recognize a woman in Michigan leading or driving change for women in information technology careers or fields of study.

“MCWT’s vision is to make Michigan the No. 1 state for women in IT, and we have a tremendous amount of talent in our community working toward that future,” said Rosemary Bayer, executive director of the MCWT Foundation. “This award is to highlight those change-makers and the significant impact they’ve had in encouraging and advancing women in IT.”

To qualify, nominee must be a woman in Michigan who embodies MCWT’s mission of inspiring and growing women in technology. This person leads or has led significant positive change for women working, teaching or studying IT and computer-related careers and fields of study.

Recipients do not need to be members of MCWT to win. Nomination forms are available on MCWT’s website; all submissions must be emailed to [awards@mcwt.org](mailto:awards@mcwt.org) by Sept. 15, 2016. There is no fee to submit. Nominations may be made by the nominee or by someone else on their behalf.

MCWT will present the award during a ceremony at its 2016 Signature Gala. For more information about MCWT’s vision to make Michigan the No. 1 state for women in technology, visit [mcwt.org](http://mcwt.org).

The Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation strives to inspire and grow women in technology fields, with an aspirational vision to make Michigan the No. 1 state for women in technology. The organization supports Michigan’s female IT workforce, students, corporate partners, schools and the overall community with programming, scholarships, networking, learning, mentoring, and technology experiences. Find more information at [www.mcwt.org](http://www.mcwt.org) and connect via [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#).

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