



**Flash Memory Summit**

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**Flash Memory Summit Announces the SuperWomen in Flash Leadership Award Winner, Dr Yan Li, Vice President, Western Digital Corporation**

**SANTA CLARA, CA – July 28, 2022 – [Flash Memory Summit](#) (FMS) announces the 4<sup>th</sup> annual SuperWomen in Flash Leadership Award winner, Dr. Yan Li, Vice President, Memory Technology at Western Digital.**

The SuperWomen in Flash Leadership Award recognizes women who have shown outstanding leadership in the growth, development, and use of flash and related technologies and systems. Dr. Li's years of work and leadership are illustrated by over 200 patents and includes the development of the first triple-layer cell (TLC) in 2008. Today she leads Western Digital's efforts in the next generation BiCS NAND.

"To me, NAND Flash is the most amazing technology in the world, and I am so proud to be recognized for helping to advance both Flash and opportunities for women in this industry that I love so much," said Dr. Yan Li, Vice President, Memory Technology, Western Digital. "I'm thankful to the mentors who have invested in me over my career, and I am committed to helping develop the next generation of Flash engineers. As we look ahead to the next 35 years of Flash, the possibilities for innovation are endless for those who foster diversity and challenge conventional thinking."

Chuck Sobey, Chairperson for the Flash Memory Summit said, "This award is critically important to the entire staff of FMS. We know recognition and highlighting the experiences and success of women will build more leadership in our industry."

Dr. Yan Li will be recognized at the main session of FMS at 11:00 am on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. This will be followed by the SuperWomen in Flash Peer Exchange



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event from 4 – 6:15 PM held at the Santa Clara Hyatt Regency and sponsored by Intel, Western Digital and Evaluator Group. For more information, visit <https://www.evaluatorgroup.com/superwomen-in-flash-2022/>

### **SuperWomen in Flash**

SuperWomen in Flash celebrates the success of women in the flash memory industry and encourages more young women to join this dynamic market. The steadily growing organization is supported by a broad group of women and vendors.

“We are thrilled to honor Dr. Yan Li, this year’s recipient. And thankful for the support of the community and the venue to gather. Our digital economy is driven by the data technologies these women (and men) develop and devise ways to protect. We need more of these great thinkers to address the issues of growth, scale and security of our data.” said Camberley Bates, Managing Director of Evaluator Group and founding chair of SuperWomen.

#### **Past recipients of the FMS SuperWomen Leadership Award**

- Amber Huffman, Intel Fellow and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the NVMe Working Group
- Calline Sanchez, IBM Vice President WW Systems Services & Technical Universities
- Barbara Nelson, VP Cloud, WekaIO
- Deepti Reddy, ‘Rising Star’ recipient, Dell Technologies

#### **Link to Register for the SuperWomen in Flash Event:**

<https://www.evaluatorgroup.com/superwomen-in-flash-2022/>

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Flash Memory Summit showcases the industry's key applications, technologies, vendors, and innovative startups that are driving the multi-billion dollar non-volatile memory and SSD markets. Now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, FMS is the world's largest event featuring the trends, innovations, and influencers driving the adoption of flash memory in demanding enterprise storage applications, high-performance computing, AI/ML, the cloud, and mobile and embedded systems. For more information, visit Flash Memory Summit and follow us on Twitter @FlashMem.

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