



CONCLAVE LEADERSHIP COLLOQUIUM

Dear Friends:

The STEM Women of Color Conclave (SWOCC) Leadership Team sends our warmest regards and best wishes to each of you during this period of national emergency owing to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic. We sincerely hope and pray that you, your family, and your loved ones are doing well and remaining prudent during these trying times. Please know that each of us is doing likewise.

We write to you now because we know that your institutions and organizations, like ours, are experiencing much uncertainty and day-to-day changes in trying to cope with this pandemic. This means, of course, that it is very difficult to plan too far ahead with respect to travel and participation in various professional events like our Annual Conclave and Leadership Colloquium, which are concurrently scheduled for June 5-8, 2020.

Because of this situation, the SWOCC Leadership Team is currently in the process of simultaneously planning for the June event, as well as an alternate plan in the increasingly likely circumstance that the event will need to be postponed to a later date in the summer or early fall. We anticipate making a decision in that regard in the coming weeks. Whatever we decide, please rest assured that it will be sensitive to the facts related to the pandemic and the realities and demands of your very likely personal situations. Even if the pandemic has subsided in a few weeks, we fully understand that there will likely be many complexities that each of you will face in returning to some semblance of a normal personal and professional life!

In the meantime, we trust that you are taking good personal care - both physically and emotionally - of yourselves and your loved ones. Please be assured that each of us is doing the same. We will be communicating with you again in the not too distant future in an effort to keep you fully informed of our thinking and our plans.

Warmest personal regards to each one of you.

Sincerely,

Claudia, Kelly, Orlando, Carmen, and Melissa