## Endnotes

# Which female mentor or role model inspired you during your time at Caltech?

**Nai-Chang Yeh** was the first female professor in physics when she joined Caltech in 1989. It's a real blessing to be under her mentorship as she adds a powerful and wise philosophy on approaching both physics and life in general. Nai-Chang has taught us to be versatile and bold when facing tough problems in our research enterprise.

Deepan Kishore Kumar (BS '15)

PASADENA, CA



I SURFed with the incredible **Matilde Marcolli.** Her understanding of math and physics is remarkably deep *and* diverse, but even more important to my experience that summer was the genuine warmth and care she showed for her students.

Adam Ball (BS '16) SOMERVILLE, MA

I am inspired by my graduate adviser, **Dianne K. Newman.** Her boundless optimism and perpetual encouragement were an integral part of my success in graduate school. She inspired me to think independently and nurtured in me a sense of academic and intellectual freedom.

David Basta (PhD '19)

PASADENA, CA



A major influence on my career, **Barbara Wold** took me into her research lab as a freshman and taught me to look at problems in a new light. She instilled in me to question assumptions and always fostered my unending curiosity.

Lawrence Schaufler (BS '94)

DENVER, CO

Shirley Marneus was a great role model as director of TACIT. We learned about teamwork, conflict resolution, and the value of working long hours with true passion. She saw potential where we did not, and her vision was (and always will be) an inspiration to us all.

James Gleeson (BS '99)

LIMERICK, IRELAND

Anneila Sargent (MS '67, PhD '77) was a fine role model as vice president for student affairs. She combined being a formidable scientist with a passionate attention to student concerns. And all this was communicated in her delightfully lilting Scottish voice.

Sean McKenna (BS '17)

SANTA MONICA, CA

Azita Emami is an amazing teacher and enthusiastic supporter of her students. In both of her classes that I took, she took care to involve her students and make sure they had the resources to understand their work. I am sure that she will help many more women like me feel equipped for their future male-dominated workplaces.

Suzannah Osekowsky (BS '17)

SEATTLE, WA



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**Eleanor Helin** ("Glo" to friends and colleagues) was a planetary scientist at JPL. She led a program to find near-earth asteroids long before this was a hot topic. She was my SURF mentor for two years and the first female boss I ever had. She showed me what a woman leader really looks like: authority plus love.

Celina Mikolajczak (BS '91)

RENO, NV



**Jenijoy LaBelle** was Caltech's first female professor, hired in 1969. A professor of English at Caltech, she fought for tenure for a decade and finally got it in 1979. She was a hero for all of us women students.

France Córdova (PhD '79)

SANTA FE. NM

Alas, since I am in the class of 1963 there were no women classmates. However, **Olga Taussky-Todd** was an inspirational member of the faculty.

Barry McCoy (BS '63)

STONY BROOK, NY

Hands down, **Prof. [Katherine] Faber!**She was my PhD co-adviser, and she always gave comments to guide us to the right answers ourselves instead of telling us what to do or try.

Wei Lin Tan (PhD '19)

SINGAPORE

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