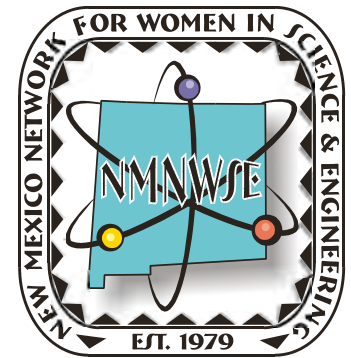


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Jan Frigo Honored for Promoting Women in Science and Technology

Albuquerque NM (October 8, 2014) - The New Mexico Network for Women in Science in Engineering (NMNWSE) is proud to honor **Jan Frigo of Santa Fe** with the ***Eighth Annual IMPACT! Award***.

The award is given to a New Mexico woman for her extraordinary efforts in encouraging and helping women enter and succeed in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), as well as promoting networking and communication among women in these careers. Please join us in celebrating Jan's contributions and accomplishments at the 2014 NMNWSE Annual Meeting (AM 2014) conference dinner on Oct 18 at the Historic Serf Theater in Las Vegas, NM. Details at <http://nmnwse.org/AM/2014/>.

Jan is being recognized for her extraordinary mentoring and networking contributions over the past 16 years as an ambassador, advocate, mentor, and leader in the STEM professions. She galvanizes kids' interest in robotics, works arduously to close the gender gap in STEM fields through organizing and leading workshops in the northern NM Expanding Your Horizons (NNM EYH), professionally mentors students and junior professionals in computer science and engineering, and also finds time to network with and do STEM outreach to women and minority small business start-ups in New Mexico.

Kari Sentz, who nominated Jan, states "She inspires other women, like myself, to contribute. Her efforts represent an enormous investment in community through facilitating the introduction of exciting technical fields to its young women and in particular to its young minority women... I have no doubt that for Jan, the true reward comes from the wonderful feedback from the participants of EYH, the success of her proteges, and the knowledge that she is personally bringing tangible and benefit to people of Northern New Mexico."

Jan has truly made an **IMPACT!**

NMNWSE would like to thank all current and past **IMPACT!** Award nominees for encouraging and helping women enter and succeed in STEM and related nontraditional careers and promoting networking and communication among women in these careers. We would also like to thank all current and past nominators taking the time to recognize and highlight the contributions these remarkable women. In the words of one of the 2014 award judges: "I am impressed by ALL the women that were nominated. Inspires me to get more involved!"

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The New Mexico Network for Women in Science and Engineering, in cooperation with the NM Commission on the Status of Women, initiated in 2007 the NMNWSE **IMPACT!** Award to recognize the contributions of women in New Mexico.

NMNWSE began in 1975 with a core group of faculty and staff from UNM wanting to reach out to women in science as a group. Since then, the Network has worked to encourage and help women enter and succeed in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math careers and promote networking and communication among members by providing regularly scheduled meetings, talks and other local activities.

In 1974, the NM Commission on the Status of Women was created by state statute to increase the knowledge of the rights, responsibilities and interests of women and girls in New Mexico and to preserve women's history and contributions to our state. The Commission was terminated in 2011.

For further information on NMNWSE or the **IMPACT!** Award, please visit <http://nmnwse.org>.

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photo: Jan Frigo, 2014 NMNWSE **IMPACT!** Award winner.