

LIFESCI ADVISORS

Since announcing our plan to advance gender diversity in the life sciences industry in [April](#), LifeSci Advisors has partnered with influential advocacy organizations and institutions and launched our own initiatives to help advance this cause. We have made a long-term commitment to put gender diversity at the forefront of what we do, and we look forward to continuing our work and keeping you updated on our progress.

Women In Bio's Boardroom Ready

LifeSci Advisors is privileged to serve as the founding sponsor of [Women In Bio's Boardroom Ready](#) program, an executive-level board certification training program which will prepare female executives for positions on boards of directors of life sciences companies. A group of 20 participants has been chosen from a large pool of applicants to begin the program next month. If you're interested in becoming a mentor, or have an open board seat, please reach out to us. LifeSci is also a national sponsor of the Women In Bio organization.

Girls Inc. Of New York City Summer STEM Institute

On Tuesday, August 2, LifeSci Advisors helped organize and sponsored a field trip for 20 middle and high school-aged girls to the **Department of Orthopaedics at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai** to perform hands-on laboratory activities and experiments and meet with leading medical researchers and doctors. The field trip was part of LifeSci Advisors' support for **Girls Inc. Of New York City's** inaugural Summer Institute of its Eureka! program in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education in New York City for low-income and minority girls. The girls performed experiments, explored labs, and got a chance to speak with Leesa Galatz, MD, System Chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and the first and only female chair of an academic orthopaedics department in the country. The trip was featured in an article in [The Guardian](#) over the weekend.



LifeSci Founding Partner Michael Rice, Kiyana Dixon, Mt. Sinai Researcher Kristen Howell, Esraa Lawson, and Norvene Weir



Eureka! students with Girls Inc. of NYC Melissa D'Andrea, Dr. Leesa Galatz, Dr. Alice Huang, Dr. James Iatridis, and LifeSci's Morgen Alden

Advisory Board on Gender Diversity

In May, we launched our **Advisory Board on Gender Diversity**, co-chaired by Barbara Piette, Managing Principal of Knightsbridge and Founder of the Stem for Life Foundation Robin L. Smith, MD, MBA. The Board, which also includes Kate Bingham, Managing Partner at SV Life Sciences, and Annalise Jenkins, CEO of Dimension Therapeutics and other industry leaders, has met twice and has already become an invaluable resource to us as we move forward with our initiative. The board's role is to offer guidance, feedback and insight to the LifeSci team and help us use resources in the best possible way in effecting change.

Board of Directors Diversification Initiative

LifeSci has launched our own initiative to place more female executives on the boards of directors of life sciences companies. We recently arranged our first board seat placement and are looking for other opportunities. If you know of a great candidate, or an open board position, please send referrals or resumes to boarddiversity@lifesciadvisors.com.

Panel Participation

Michael Rice, Founding Partner of LifeSci Advisors, was asked to participate in several panels on gender diversity in the past few months. The first was at the Boston Biotech CEO Conference in May, where he sat beside Kate Bingham on a panel to discuss solutions to the gender diversity gap in the biotech industry. In June, he was part of a [panel](#) with Karen Bernstein, chairwoman and co-founder of BioCentury, to discuss gender diversity initiatives and WIB's Boardroom Ready program.

We value your support and feedback as we work to make change in the life science industry. Feel free to send us ideas or input at boarddiversity@lifesciadvisors.com.