COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM ☐ *Original* ☐ *Amendment*

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and *file it with the Clerk of the House by email at* gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please ***do not*** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Anne Sokolov
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ ***OR*** ☒ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: Sunday, October 6, 2024 Return: Tuesday, October 8, 2024
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ ***OR*** ☒ None
4. Departure City: Washington DC Destination: Ottawa &Montreal Canada Return City: Washington DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Global Women's Innovation Network "GlobalWIN"
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: The group met with several representatives with the US and Canadian government to discuss the relationship between Canada and the United States, and met with several companies that have a presence in both countries to learn more about economic and trade issues
7. Attached to this form are ***each*** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
   a. ☒ a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
   b. ☒ the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor ***prior*** to the trip, ***including all*** attachments ***and*** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
   c. ☒ page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; ***and***
   d. ☒ the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. ☒ I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*
   b. If not, explain: _____

I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Traveler: Anne Sokolov **Date:** October 11, 2024

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: Congreswoman Annie Kuster **Date:** October 11, 2024

Signature of Supervising Member: Ann McLane Kuster

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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

☒ *Original* ☐ *Amendment*

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip *within 10 days of their return.*** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Global Women's Innovation Network "GlobalWIN"
2. Travel Destination(s): Canada
3. Date of Departure: Sunday, October 6, 2024 Date of Return: Tuesday, October 8, 2024
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Hope Goins, Lisa Mortier, Amy Soenksen, Anne Sokolov

   Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if ***all*** information is ***identical*** for each person listed.
5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total **Transportation** Expenses	Total **Lodging** Expenses	Total **Meal** Expenses	Total **Other** Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	$1,264.22	$443.34	$264.07	
Accompanying Family Member				

6. ☒ All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. *Signify statement is true by checking box.*

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ **Date:** October 9, 2024

Name: Helen Milby **Title:** Co-Founder & President

Organization: Global Women's Innovation Network "GlobalWIN"

☒ ***I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.***

Address: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE Suite 410 | Washington, DC 20003

Telephone: 301-518-6336 **Email:** andrea@mietusevents.com

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.

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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection.

This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Anne Sokolov

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Anne Sokolov

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): New Democrat Coalition

Office Address: O'Neil House Office Building, Room 5430, 5200 C St SW, Washington, DC 20024

Telephone Number: 330-565-9282

Email Address of Contact Person: anne.sokolov@mail.house.gov

☐ Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, *and* these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via email: *travel.requests@mail.house.gov*.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Anne Sokolov

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Global Women's Innovation Foundation (GlobalWIN)

3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Ottawa & Montreal, Canada

4. a. Date of Departure: Sunday, October 6, 2024 Date of Return: Tuesday, October 8, 2024

   b. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?

   If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____

5. a. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**

   (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____

   (2) Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____

   (3) Yes ☐ No ☐ Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?

6. a. Yes ☐ No ☒ Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?

   b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

   _____

7. Yes ☒ No ☐ *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.

   NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**

   As Executive Director of the New Democrat Coalition, I regularly advise 100 Members of Congress on foreign affairs, trade, and economic legislative policy. This trip will give me insight and a first hand perspective on how Canada is responding to these issues and how to improve the Canada-US relationship when it comes to working together on these policies.

9. **Yes ☐ No ☒ Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**

10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member: Ann McLane Kuster **Date:** September 5, 2024

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

   Global Women's Innovation Foundation (GlobalWIN)

2. ☒ I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

3. ***Check only one.*** I represent that:
   a. ☒ The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**
   b. ☐ The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**
   c. ☐ The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

   If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): See attached

5. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: Sunday, October 6, 2024 Date of Return: Tuesday, October 8, 2024
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC
   b. Destination(s): Ottawa & Montreal, Canada
   c. City of return: Washington, DC
8. ***Check only one.*** I represent that
   a. ☐ The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
   b. ☒ The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
   c. ☐ The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. ***Check only one of the following.***
   a. ☐ I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
   b. ☐ I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
   c. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
   d. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. _____

10. ☐ Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. ***Check only one of the following.***
   a. ☐ I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box;* **OR**
   b. ☐ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For ***each*** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip ***and*** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
   See attached.

13. ***Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary***:
   a. Mode of travel: Air ☐ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☐ (specify:_____)
   b. Class of travel: Coach ☐ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (specify:_____)
   c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. ☐ I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. ***Check only one.*** I represent that either:
   a. ☐ The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
   b. ☐ The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:
      1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): The cost of meal are based on State Department per diem
      Ottawa is 99.75 based on travel day, for Ottawa/Montreal 121.00 and Montreal $113.00
      2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: See attached!

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
   Hotel Name: Thre Fairmont City: Ottawa Cost Per Night: $206.75
   Reason(s) for Selecting: Close proximity to train Station and centrally located for meetings
   Hotel Name: The Sofitel City: Montreal Cost Per Night: $243.80
   Reason(s) for Selecting: Taking train from Ottawa to Montreal located close to meetings and access to train.
   Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
   Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

17. ☐ I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

☐ Actual Amounts ☐ Good Faith Estimates	Total **Transportation** Expenses per Participant	Total **Lodging** Expenses per Participant	Total **Meal** Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	$990.00 flight, ground trans & train	$450.55	$333.75
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee		
For each Accompanying Family Member		

19. ***Check only one:***
    a. ☐ I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
    b. ☐ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. **I certify by my signature that**
    a. **I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;**
    b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
    c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: Helen Milby Title: President & Co-Founder

Organization: Global Women's Innovation Network

Address: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE Suite 400 Washington, DC 20003

Email: andrea@mietusaevents.com Telephone: 301-518-6336

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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October 3, 2024

Ms. Anne Sokolov
New Democrat Coalition
5430 O'Neill House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Sokolov:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Canada,[1] scheduled for October 6 to 8, 2024, sponsored by Global Women's Innovation Network (GlobalWIN).

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than $480 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently $480] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

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[1] Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at https://step.state.gov.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

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Ottawa & Montreal Bicameral Educational Staff Delegation Trip Itinerary

Sunday, October 6-Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Sunday, October 6, 2024

10:15 AM Meet at DCA

12:55 PM Delegation departs Washington Reagan Airport (DCA) Air Canada

Flight 8866

2:28 PM Delegation arrives Ottawa International Airport (YOW)

30-minute drive with Uber

30-minute drive

3:30 PM <u>Hotel Check-In/Executive Time</u>
4:00 PM The Fairmont Chateau Laurier-1 Rideau Street, Ottawa

4:00 PM <u>Walking Tour of Ottawa with GlobalWIN Team</u>
5:00 PM Highlights: Kiweki Point Scenic Overlook, ByWard Market, Senate of Canada Building
NOTE: Walk will end at the hotel to freshen up before dinner

5:15 PM <u>OPTIONAL: Delegation Pre-Dinner Gathering</u>
6:15 PM The Fairmont Chateau Laurier, Lobby, 1 Rideau Street, Ottawa

6:20 PM Depart Hotel for Dinner

5-minute walk

6:30 PM — <u>Welcome Dinner</u>
8:00 PM — E1ghteen |18 York St, Ottawa, ON K1N 5T5, Canada
Featuring Guest Speakers:
Shalini Anand, Assistant Deputy Minister for the Americas
Aurelie Bonal, Deputy Head, EU Delegation

5-minute walk

RON — *The Fairmont Chateau Laurier-1 Rideau Street, Ottawa, Canada*

Monday, October 7, 2024

8:00 AM — <u>Breakfast & Overview of the Day</u>
The Fairmont Chateau Laurier, 1 Rideau Street, Ottawa
NOTE: Please check out and drop your luggage at the bell stand for afternoon luggage transfer.

8:25 AM — Depart Hotel for U.S. Embassy

5-minute walk

8:30 AM — Arrive for Security Screening
U.S. Embassy Ottawa, Mackenzie Avenue Entrance, 490 Sussex Drive, Ottawa

9:00 AM — <u>Meeting with U.S. Ambassador David Cohen</u>
10:30 AM — U.S. Embassy Ottawa, 490 Sussex Drive
Background: U.S. Ambassador to Canada, David Cohen, will speak with the delegation and offer his insights on current events and political dynamics as well as the close partnership between the U.S. and Canada.

14-minute walk

11:00AM — <u>Parliament Tour</u>
11:30 AM — 111 Wellington Street, West Block Visitor Welcome Centre, Ottawa

Background: Delegation participants will tour the House of Commons buildings which make up the West Block of Parliament Hill.

10-minute walk

12:00 PM <u>Canada-U.S. Inter-Parliamentary Group Leadership Lunch & Roundtable</u>
1:00 PM Wellington Building, Room 320, 197 Sparks Street, Ottawa
Background: The Canada-U.S. Inter-Parliamentary Group provides a forum for exchange between Canadian and American legislators. The delegation will be able to participate in a roundtable discussion over lunch with IPG Canadian leadership.
Participants: MP John McKay (Co-chair of the IPG), MP James Maloney, MP Vance Badawey, MP Anthony Housefather, MP Larry Maguire, MP Lena Diab (tentative), Senator Rosemary Moodie (tentative)

20-minute drive (rideshare)

2:17 PM Depart Ottawa | Via Rail Canada Train Via #26
Ottawa Train Station, 200 Tremblay Road, Ottawa

4:15 PM Arrive in Montreal
Gare Central, 895 Rue De la Gauchetière O, Montréal

10-minute drive (rideshare)

4:30 PM <u>Hotel Check-In/Executive Time</u>
5:15 PM Sofitel Montréal Golden Mile, 1155 rue Sherbrooke Quest, Montréal

30 minute drive by Uber

5:30 PM <u>French Consulate Reception</u>
6:30 PM 19 Avenue MacCulloch, Montréal
Featured Speaker: Marie Lapierre, French Consul General in Montréal

9-minute walk

7:00 PM <u>Montreal Dinner</u>
8:30 PM Bar George at LeMount Stephen, 1440 Rue Drummond, Montréal

Featuring Guest Speaker:
Christopher Skeete, Minister for the Economy

5-minute walk

RON *Sofitel Montreal Golden Mile, 1155 rue Sherbrooke Quest, Montreal*

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

8:10 AM Check-Out and Meet in Lobby

12-minute drive (GlobalWIN bus)

8:30 AM **Old Montreal Walking Tour**
9:30 AM 110 Notre Dame West, Montréal (Meet in front of the Bank of Montréal)

Background: Delegation participants will start the day with a morning walking tour of historic Old Montréal. The tour will begin at the Place D'Armes and end at the World Trade Center.

20-minute drive (GlobalWIN bus)

10:00 AM **Montréal Canadiens NHL/ Montréal Victoire PWHL Visit and Tour**
11:30 AM Verdun Auditorium, 4110 Blvd. LaSalle, Verdun
Speakers:
Marie-Christine Boucher, Team Business Director, Montréal Victoire
Danièle Sauvageau, General Manager, Montréal Victoire
Background: PWHL (Professional Women's Hockey League) will feature their female executive leadership and discuss the rise of women's sports, specifically Canadian and U.S. Women's Hockey. The Montréal Victoire team will be practicing at the time of our visit and the delegation will be able to enjoy the team in action.

20-minute drive (GlobalWIN bus)

12:00 PM **Haven Studios Visit and Lunch (Sony PlayStation Studios)**
1:30 PM 1 Place Ville Marie Suite 12102
Featured Speaker: Jade Raymond, President & CEO, Haven Studios
Background: Haven is a Canadian game development studio based in Montreal. Founded by Jade Raymond, it is part of Sony's PlayStation Studios. Attendees will learn about the cloud-based computing necessary to develop gaming and hear from its founder and CEO on her career and background from Google, Sony, and her own

independent gaming studio.

2:00 pm — 3:15 PM **Meta Fireside Chat**
6650 rue Saint-Urbain, Suite #300, Montreal **Featuring:** Joelle Pineau, Vice President, AI Research

35-minute drive (GlobalWIN bus)

4:00 PM — 5:30 PM **bioMérieux Tour and Fireside Chat**
7815 Henri-Bourassa W. Boulevard, Saint-Laurent H4S 1P7, Montréal
Speaker: Julie Edmond, Vice President and General Manager, bioMérieux Canada
Background: bioMérieux develops medical testing for clinical decisions in infectious diseases, cardiovascular emergencies, and targeted cancers. The delegation will hear from Julie Edmond, VP and General Manager, followed by small group tours of the installations and research being done at bioMérieux.

20-minute drive (GlobalWIN bus)

6:00 PM Arrive at Airport (YUL)

8:00 PM Air Canada Flight 8825

YUL-DCA

9:49 PM Arrival at DCA

Question 12

GlobalWIN highlights women leaders and connects the public and private sector through our programming that includes networking receptions, policy roundtables, career workshops, and educational trips in the United States and abroad. Our stay in Canada will combine all tiers of GlobalWIN programming and provide all participants a rare opportunity to learn about other governments and industries while connecting with experts and leaders outside of the U.S. GlobalWIN has organized and planned the trip with the professional guidance of our GlobalWIN President & Co-Founder, Helen Milby, Angela Chawla our Executive Director and Andrea Mietus our Senior Advisor.

Question 15-A

GlobalWIN has chosen to host its first bicameral international Delegation Education Trip to Ottawa and Montreal, Canada. Our goal is to develop more broad conversations outside of the beltway, GlobalWIN provides opportunities to connect with our partners beyond Washington. GlobalWIN brings Congressional staffers and our allies from all over the USA and abroad to meet with like-minded organizations on key issues related to innovation, technology, and economic growth. We feel very strongly about hosting this bicameral international trip and know it will showcase the strong ties the U.S. and Canada share as one of the world's largest and most comprehensive trading relationships, which support millions of jobs in each country.

GlobalWIN Bicameral Staff Delegation Trip Participants and Bios

Ottawa & Montreal, Canada

Sunday, October 6-Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Ashley Callen, General Counsel, U.S. Speaker of the House Mike Johnson

Ashley Callen has worked in government for nearly 25 years. Currently, she holds the position of General Counsel to Speaker Mike Johnson, a role that requires her expertise in congressional investigations and oversight. Prior to her current position, Ashley served as General Counsel to Majority Leader Steve Scalise, where she provided legal counsel on oversight matters. She met Leader Scalise during the 117th Congress, when she served as the top staffer on the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis. Ashley's experience also includes serving as Deputy Staff Director of the Oversight and Reform Committee under then-Ranking Member James Comer, further her reputation as a trusted advisor and strategist on matters of oversight and investigations. She also served on the staff of the House Agriculture Committee under Chairman Mike Conaway, the Science Space and Technology Committee under Chairman Lamar Smith, and the House Judiciary Committee under Ranking Member Doug Collins. Notably, it was during her tenure at the Judiciary Committee, while working on the first impeachment of President Trump, that Ashley met then Congressman Mike Johnson.

Ashley's journey in public service began on the Senate side working for her home state senator, Strom Thurmond. Following Senator Thurmond's retirement in 2003, Ashley transitioned to the Air Force General Counsel's Office. Ashley earned a BA in English at the University of South Carolina before pursuing her JD at the Antonin Scalia Law School. Outside of her professional endeavors, Ashley is a wife and mother of three teenage children, residing in Arlington, VA.

Kate Cassling, Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S. Senator John Hickenlooper

Kate Cassling serves as Deputy Chief of Staff for Senator John Hickenlooper of Colorado. She has worked on and around Capitol Hill for 14 years, previously working policy roles for Senator Joe Manchin of West Virginia, Representative Dina Titus of Las Vegas, and Senator Susan Collins of Maine. She also worked in healthcare policy and advocacy at Bipartisan Policy Center Action. She lives on Capitol Hill with her husband, two feisty daughters, and two cats.

Amy English, Foreign Policy Advisor, U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen

Amy English is foreign policy advisor to Senator Jeanne Shaheen, the senior senator from New Hampshire. Amy leads on her foreign policy priorities through her leadership as subcommittee chair on the Europe Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the Appropriations subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations, and as co-chair of the Senate NATO Observer Group. Senator Shaheen is also a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Small Business Committees. Previously, she was director of advancement and external affairs at Pathfinder International, an international reproductive rights organization. She also worked as congressional advisor at the British Embassy in Washington; as part of this role, Amy led the congressional campaign on behalf of the European nations to advance the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action in 2015, in addition to other national security priorities.

Amy is a passionate advocate for diversity and equality, with success in amplifying this agenda within the workplace and beyond. In 2017, she co-founded the Next Generation Chamber of Commerce to empower the next generation of business leaders and small business owners. Amy was born in the United Kingdom and raised in California. She was educated at the University of San Diego and the University of Warwick and speaks French. She is a fellow of the British American Project. She is the recipient of British Empire Medal (BEM) by Queen Elizabeth II in 2017 for services to UK-US relations.

Hope Goins, Staff Director, U.S. House Committee on Homeland Security

Hope Goins is a top strategist for high profile congressional investigations, a lead negotiator for transformative legislation, and a longstanding leader within the United States House of Representatives. She has extensive knowledge of the United States congressional oversight and legislative processes. She supervises negotiations between the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate, between the Department of Homeland Security and the White House on transformative legislation that impacts several industries and millions of Americans. In addition to her exceptional grasp of the legislative process, she supervises consequential Congressional investigations, which have included the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol.

Goins is a persuasive, collaborative communicator and is talented at building and nurturing relationships with Members of Congress, executive branch officials, and private sector stakeholders. Goins is also the author of *The Adventures of Chloe and Chris: The Three Branches of Government*, a children's picture book that teaches the foundations of the United States Government. Goins frequently speaks on both national and international stages and has been frequently recognized for her leadership skills.

Liz Johnson, Chief of Staff, U.S. Senator Mitt Romney

Liz Johnson is Chief of Staff for U.S. Senator Mitt Romney. A veteran communications and policy strategist with more than 15 years of government and political experience, Ms. Johnson was named Chief of Staff in 2021 after having served as the Senator's communications director. Prior to joining Senator Romney's team, Ms. Johnson directed the Office of Public Affairs for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, leading the agency's global communications strategy and a staff of nearly 60 employees. In 2017, she served as spokeswoman for U.S. Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch and helped lead messaging strategy for his successful Senate confirmation. Her congressional and campaign experience includes having served as communications director and senior political advisor to U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire where she established Ayotte's national profile on major foreign policy and national security issues. Ms. Johnson also served as a spokesperson for U.S. Senator Susan Collins of Maine and the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

Ms. Johnson is a member of the Pew Charitable Trusts' Bipartisan Chiefs of Staff Initiative, a bipartisan professional development and peer networking organization. She is also past president and executive board member of the U.S. Senate Press Secretaries Association. A Maine native, Ms. Johnson graduated magna cum laude from St. Michael's College in 2006 with a B.A. in Political Science and Spanish.

Lisa Mortier, Senior Advisor, U.S. House Committee on Oversight & Accountability

Lisa Mortier, Senior Advisor, Chairman James Comer Lisa is Senior Advisor to Chairman James Comer (R-KY) of the House Committee on Oversight & Accountability. In her role with the committee, Lisa coordinates stakeholder input and outreach on the wide range of issues within the Oversight Committee's jurisdiction. Lisa began her career on Capitol Hill with Rep. Richard Baker (R-LA) and left as Policy Director to Rep. Sue Myrick (R-NC). Before returning to the Hill she spent time in the private sector, both with her own consulting firm and in the government relations section of law firm Steptoe & Johnson. Lisa is a proud graduate of Louisiana State University Go Tigers!), and she resides in Maryland with her husband, three children, and dog Teddy.

Katherine C. Sears, DC Chief of Staff, U.S. Representative Jen Kiggans

From Pasadena, California, Katherine moved to Washington, DC in 2010 to attend American University. After graduating, she was hired to launch the University's Mentorship Programs in Greece and England. In 2016, Katherine returned to Washington to work on Capitol Hill. After six years in communications, including for Congressman Dave Joyce, Katherine became Deputy Chief of Staff for Congresswoman Jen Kiggans in 2023 and was promoted to DC Chief of Staff in 2024. She serves as a strategic advisor, helping formulate policy positions, overseeing the office's media relations, and coordinating with House Leadership to ensure the Congresswoman's success. Katherine is committed to

empowering young women and preparing them to lead America's next generation. She is an aspiring world traveler, animal lover, and passionate advocate for those living with autism and neuromuscular diseases.

Amy Soenksen, Chief of Staff, U.S. Representative Morgan McGarvey

Amy Soenksen currently serves as Chief of Staff to Congressman Morgan McGarvey (KY-03). Amy previously worked in Speaker Pelosi's office where she served as Member Services Senior Advisor and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs. Prior to that, she served as Chief of Staff to Congressman Jason Crow (CO-06) and worked in Assistant Speaker Lujan's office as Director of Outreach. Amy also spent three election cycles at the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (2014-2018) where she held multiple fundraising roles. In her free time, she enjoys exploring and hiking national parks.

Anne Sokolov, Executive Director, New Democrat Coalition

Anne Sokolov is originally from Youngstown, Ohio and has spent the last 16 years in federal service. She is currently Executive Director of the New Democrat Coalition. Previously, she was Chief of Staff to Congresswoman Nikki Budzinski (Il-13) and served in the Biden Administration as the Associate Director of Legislative Affairs at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. Prior to the Administration, Anne was Chief of Staff to former Congressman Max Rose and Legislative Director for former Congressman Tim Ryan. When she is not working, Anne can be found taking photo shoots of her dog Millie.

Caitlyn Stephenson, Chief of Staff, U.S. Senator Gary Peters

Caitlyn Stephenson, a native of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan serves as Chief of Staff to U.S. Senator Gary Peters. Prior to that she served as his Deputy Chief of Staff after helping him get elected in her role as Deputy Campaign Manager on U.S. Senate campaign. Caitlyn has held numerous other positions in Peters' previous congressional campaigns, including Finance Director, Campaign Coordinator and Field Organizer, as well as Scheduler and Legislative Aide in Congressman Peters' House office. She led the Michigan Coordinated Campaign in 2016. Caitlyn also has experience in the private sector, having worked in a strategic communications consulting role with CACI. Caitlyn graduated from the James Madison College at Michigan State University, where she studied International Relations and Environmental Public Policy.

Kalina Thompson, Chief of Staff, U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth

Kalina Thompson is Chief of Staff to U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Foreign Relations Committee, Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee and Small Business Committee. She serves as the Senator's most senior policy advisor, manages a team of 63 staff and oversees state, communications, and operational strategies. Prior to this role, she served as Deputy Chief of Staff and Policy Director for the Senator and held various positions within the U.S. House of

Representatives, including Chief of Staff, Legislative Director and Legislative Assistant for then-Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth and Congressman Steven R. Rothman (D-NJ). She holds a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University. Kalina lives in Bethesda, Maryland with her husband and two young children.

Beth Vrabel, General Counsel, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer

Beth Vrabel serves as General Counsel for Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-NY). She focuses on the federal budget and appropriations as well as procedural and legal issues. Beth has worked on many significant pieces of legislation, including the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 and the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.

Previously, Beth was Deputy Chief Counsel and Senior Health Counsel for the Senate Committee on Finance, working for Chairman Ron Wyden (D-OR). Beth earned her law degree from Harvard Law School and her medical degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Earlier in her career, she practiced law in New York City as a litigation associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore and Assistant Counsel for The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

GlobalWIN Team

Helen Milby, Co-Founder & President, GlobalWIN

Helen is the founder and president of Helen Milby & Company (HM&CO), a strategic, fundraising and non-profit consulting firm based in Washington, DC. Before founding HM&CO in 2005, Ms. Milby built a solid record as a senior political and non-profit fundraising executive. Over the last 30 years, she has worked tirelessly for moderate political leaders and pro-innovation ideals, serving first as the Director of Development for the Democratic Leadership Council and the Progressive Policy Institute, and then as president of her own company. In 2009, Helen co-founded The Global Women's Innovation Network, a bipartisan non-profit that promotes women in public policy and innovation-driven fields. GlobalWIN is proud to partner with nearly 100 member companies and a network of senior staffers on Capitol Hill and beyond. Internationally, GlobalWIN has established a strong network of women who share best practices and friendships across North America and Europe. Ms. Milby is a native Washingtonian, a graduate of the Madeira School, and she received a Bachelor of Arts from Colby College; she and her husband have two daughters.

Angeli Chawla, Executive Director, GlobalWIN

Angeli is the Executive Director of the Global Women's Innovation Network (GlobalWIN). Prior to joining the GlobalWIN team, Angeli spent over 13 years on Capitol Hill and Congressional campaigns with expertise in operations, fundraising, management, and strategic planning. Her years in public service began in then-Congressman Gary Peters' U.S. House office and continued through multiple campaign cycles on his field and

fundraising teams. For the past eight years, Angeli worked in U.S. Senator Gary Peters' Senate office in various senior staff roles. Passionate about international and diplomatic relations, Angeli took a brief leave from Senator Peters' office in 2018 to serve as an election monitor and volunteer with the U.S. Embassy during Zimbabwe's historic presidential election; She also led the Senator's diplomatic domestic and international travel planning during her tenure in the U.S. Senate. Angeli is a Virginia native and a graduate of Penn State University with a B.S. in Finance and B.A. in Japanese.

Andrea Mietus, Senior Advisor, GlobalWIN

Andrea is an independent event planner who focuses on political and policy-related events. She is based in the Washington, DC area and plans events nationwide and internationally. Andrea built her foundation in event planning as the Democratic Leadership Council's Director of Planning and Strategic Development from 1992 through 2009. In that role, she handled retreats, conferences, and the organization's National Conversation, which attracted state and local elected officials. She developed experience in negotiating event- related contracts and handling event logistics, including security issues associated with political figures. She also managed or staffed events held during four Presidential inaugurations and seven Democratic national conventions. Andrea has had her own event consulting firm since 2009. Andrea, a Political Science graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park, resides in suburban Maryland with her husband; together they raised four daughters.

Laila Fahmy, Program Coordinator, GlobalWIN

Laila Fahmy is the Coordinator for the Global Women's Innovation Network (GlobalWIN). She recently graduated from Bucknell University with a BA in Economics and a minor in Arabic. During her academic career, Laila gained diverse experience across multiple industries, including an internship at First Republic Bank's Private Wealth Management division where she was able to advance her skills in financial analysis and client relationsPassionate about economic development and cross-cultural communication, Laila studied abroad in Florence, expanding her international network and perspective. On campus, she was actively involved in the Economics Club, Women in Economics, and her sorority, Alpha Xi Delta, cultivating her leadership and community service skills. In her current role at GlobalWIN, Laila aids in the spearheading of valuable networking opportunities that highlight female leadership and allow women in DC, on and off the hill, to advance themselves personally and professionally. She leverages her analytical background and people-centric approach to create meaningful connections.

Delegation Speakers and Featured Guests

(in order of appearance)

Dinner-Ottawa

Shalini Anand, Assistant Deputy Minister for the Americas

Shalini Anand is the Assistant Deputy for the Americas at Global Affairs Canada. Most recently, she was the Director General of the Trade and Export Controls Bureau, Trade Policy and Negotiations Branch. She served abroad during three postings in Asia, across foreign policy and trade promotion portfolios, including as Consul and head of the political

sector at the Consulate General of Canada in Hong Kong. At headquarters in Ottawa, Shalini previously held several positions including Director of the Export Controls Operations division, and Deputy Director in the Office of the
Deputy Minister of International Trade.

Aurelie Bonal, Deputy Head, Delegation of the European Union to Canada

Aurélie Bonal is the Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to Canada, a role she began in September 2024. With two decades of experience in French diplomacy, Ms. Bonal has previously served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the French Embassy in the United States (2020-2024) and as Press Counsellor and Spokesperson at the French Embassy in the UK (2016-2020). She also led the Western and Nordic Europe Department at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2013 to 2016 and has held key positions in French embassies in Ireland and Argentina. Ms. Bonal is a graduate of École nationale d'administration (ENA) and Sciences Po Aix. Aurélie is married with two children.

Ambassador David L. Cohen, United States Ambassador to Canada

Before his appointment by President Biden and unanimous confirmation by the U.S. Senate as U.S. Ambassador to Canada, David L. Cohen served as Senior Advisor to the CEO at Comcast Corporation as of January 1, 2020. He was previously Senior Executive Vice President at Comcast, where his portfolio included corporate communications, legal affairs, government and regulatory affairs, public affairs, corporate administration, corporate real estate and security, and community impact. Cohen also served as the company's first chief diversity officer.

Before starting with Comcast in July 2002, Cohen served as a partner in and Chairman of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, one of the 100 largest law firms in the country. From January 1992 to April 1997, Cohen served as Chief of Staff to the Honorable Edward G. Rendell, the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia.

Cohen served on many nonprofit boards, including as chair of the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania and its Executive Committee; as a member of the trustee board and the executive committee of Penn Medicine; as a member of the board of directors and the executive committee of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce; as chair of the Philadelphia Theatre Company; as a member of the Board of the National Urban League; and as chair of the corporate board of advisors of Unidos US. Cohen also previously served as a member of the U.S. Semi quincentennial Commission. He also served on the board of directors of the PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. and PNC Bank, National Association.

A native of New York, Cohen graduated with a B.A. from Swarthmore College in 1977 and with a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School *summa cum laude* in 1981. Cohen has received numerous honors and recognitions, including Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University. Prior to his appointment to Ottawa, he lived in Philadelphia with his wife.

The French Consulate

Ms. Marie Lapierre, Consul General of France in Montreal

After studies that led her to live in India, Canada and Kenya, Marie Lapierre began her professional career in Tanzania. She joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2010 where she joined the Africa and Indian Ocean Directorate. In 2013, she was appointed First Secretary of the French Embassy in the Democratic Republic of Congo. In 2015, Marie Lapierre joined the team of the Permanent Representation of France to the European Union in Brussels as Advisor for Africa. In 2017, she was entrusted with the Presidency of COAFR, the working group of the Council of the European Union dedicated to relations between Africa and the EU.

Marie Lapierre returned to Paris in September 2021, as Head of Mission for East Africa at the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs. In June 2022, she was appointed to the office of Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne, as Foreign Affairs Advisor and Deputy Diplomatic Advisor. A graduate in public international law from the Institut d'études politiques de Lille and in comparative politics from the Université de Montréal, Marie Lapierre speaks French, English, Swahili and, to a lesser extent, Spanish.

Dinner- Montreal

Christopher Skeete, Minister for the Economy

On October 20, 2022, Christopher Skeete was appointed Minister for the Economy and Minister Responsible for the Fight Against Racism. In his current mandate, the Minister is focused on reducing governmental red tape and SME growth. In addition, he actively supports his colleague, the minister of Economy, Innovation and Energy, in deploying the government of Québec's mandate to decarbonize the provincial economy.

After obtaining a bachelor's degree in political science from Concordia University, Mr. Skeete began his career as a federal police officer in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks and went on to draft national security policy in Ottawa. He subsequently decided to take on the challenges of entrepreneurship by cofounding a healthcare company. Mr. Skeete holds a master's degree in business administration (MBA) from the Université du Québec à Montréal. Motivated by a desire to see Québec flourish and prosper, Mr. Skeete seeks to improve the quality of life of all Quebecers especially his esteemed constituency.

PWHL

Marie-Christine Boucher, Team Business Director, Montreal Victoire

Marie-Christine has worked her entire career in the world of amateur and professional sports. She has worked for the Montreal Canadiens, the Shawinigan Cataractes of the QMJHL and the organizing committee of the 2012 Memorial Cup. In 2013, she became the first female general manager of a professional baseball team, the Aigles de Trois-Rivières. She managed the World Junior Hockey Championships in Montreal and Toronto in 2015 and 2017.

In May 2022, she joined the Board of Directors of Sports Québec and, in November 2023, she was appointed
Business Operations Director for the Victoire de Montréal of the Professional Women's Hockey League (PWHL), after completing a 6-year term as Executive Director of the Laurent Duvernay-Tardif Foundation.

Danièle Sauvageau, General Manager, Montreal Victoire

Danièle Sauvageau has the passion, instinct, and leadership that was instrumental in the historic win by the Canadian Women's Hockey team at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City in 2002. As the general manager and coach, Sauvageau transformed a fear of losing into an absolute desire for victory, a radical turnaround that enabled her players to achieve their Olympic dream. She has taken part in six Olympic Games, as a women's hockey coach, general manager, and coaching consultant. Danièle played a key role in her team's wins in seven consecutive world championships and the silver medal they won at the Nagano Olympics. She had been named head coach of Canada's National Women's Hockey Team for the 2001 World Hockey Championship and the 2002 Winter Olympics in 2000.

As head coach of the first Canadian Olympic hockey team to win gold in 50 years, Sauvageau became a Canadian hero. With her dedication, involvement in developing her sport, and winning record she has become the undisputed guru of women's hockey in Canada. In 1999–2000, she became an assistant coach for the Montreal Rocket, becoming the first female coach in QMJHL history. She was also the first female NHL Saturday Night Hockey TV analyst for Radio-Canada. She was a member of the successful bid committee for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic bid.

In 2021, she served as general manager and coach of the Montreal team in the Professional Women's Hockey Players Association (PWHPA). In the fall of 2023 she was named General Manager of the Victoire de Montréal in the Professional Women's Hockey League (PWHL), leading the team to a second place finish in the league.

She has a degree in social work and served with the RCMP and Montreal's police department for over 30 years, including s serving 10 years in the narcotics division. She also holds a master's certificate in coaching from the National Coaching Certification Program and a management certificate from the École des Hautes Études Commerciales. Sauvageau received an Honorary Doctorate of Civil Law (DCL) from Saint Mary's University in Halifax. Nova Scotia in October 2002 for her leadership in international athletics. This past September, she received an honorary doctorate from the Université de Sherbrooke.

She was also awarded the Queen Elizabeth ll Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002 and the Queen Elizabeth ll Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012. In 2013, Daniele Sauvageau was appointed to the Order of Canada for her outstanding merit and distinguished service to Canadians to make a major difference in Canada through lifelong contributions throughout her career.

Jade Raymond, President & Founder, Haven Studios

Jade Raymond is President and Founder of Haven Studios, which was acquired by Sony Interactive Entertainment in 2022 establishing Haven as the first PlayStation Studio in Canada. Jade is best known for helping create the Assassin's Creed and Watch Dogs franchises, founding the Ubisoft Toronto and EA Motive studios, and was Vice President at Google. Passionate about arts and sciences since childhood, Jade joined the games industry as an engineer and has focused her career on driving innovation in action-adventure and online multiplayer games while supporting the advancement of women and youth by volunteering on boards such as C2 Montreal, WIFT and the AIAS.

Throughout her career, Jade has supported the advancement of women and youth in the games and technology industries, and most recently established the McGill University Jade Raymond Bursary for Women in Computer Science in 2024. Jade

is a recognized pioneer of the video game industry, receiving the New York Video Game Critics Circle Legend Award, as well
as the Pioneer Award at the Guggenheim Museum Games Festival. Jade was named to the Variety Magazine list of the top 500 most influential business leaders shaping entertainment in 2018 and 2019 and was #1 on the list of Canadian Gaming
Tycoons on the Macleans Power List 2023.

Marie-Eve Danis, Executive Producer

Marie-Eve Danis is the Executive Producer at Haven Studios, where she oversees the creative direction and product management for Fairgames, a thrilling competitive action heist game coming soon to PlayStation 5 and PC. Throughout her career, Marie-Eve has led a diverse range of critically-acclaimed and commercially successful games, from exciting new IPs to thriving Games as a Service titles.

Prior to joining Haven, she held key roles at Ubisoft, leading production on For Honor, Watch Dogs, Driver: San Francisco and an unannounced new IP. A strategic leader and people manager, Marie-Eve drove strategic changes that led to the long-term sustainability and profitability of For Honor while supporting and mentoring high performance creative teams. At Epic Games, Marie-Eve served as Lead Producer of Strategic Partnerships on Fortnite, managing collaborations with major brands and artists across music, fashion, sports and art including notable events with Ariana Grande, Tones &I, NBA All-Star, Kaws, and Balenciaga. Marie-Eve started her career as a gameplay engineer working on licensed titles like Winx Club, Kim Possible, and Iron Man, before moving to AAA games leading the AI development on Deux Ex: Human Revolution at Eidos Montreal. Marie-Eve holds a Bachelor's Degree in Software Engineering from the Université de Montréal.

Heather Steele, Head of Studio Marketing and Communications

A strategic communications leader with extensive experience building and growing global brands, Heather Steele is Head of Studio Marketing and Communications at Haven Studios. Heather is driven by her passion for collaboration, creativity and the fast pace of innovative industries, with specialized expertise in the games and creative technology industries. Throughout her career, Heather has helped grow the businesses and strengthen the reputations of many of the most respected companies in the world, working with Sony Interactive Entertainment, Ubisoft, Microsoft, Google, Disney, Electronic Arts, and AMD. Heather is dedicated to helping increase representation for women and historically marginalized people in game development and technology through her volunteer efforts. Heather is a past member of the Interactive Ontario Board of Directors, the SXSW Interactive Advisory Committee and the WIFT Toronto marketing committee.

Elise Brosseau, HR Director

Elise Brosseau is HR Director at Haven Studios, focused on growing and engaging the team, while helping create a supportive and inclusive culture at the studio. With more than 13 years of experience helping small and medium businesses in the IT industry improve the workplace experience and engage

employees, Elise has developed strong expertise across a broad range of HR functions, leading everything from recruitment to onboarding, employee engagement and health and safety.

Karine Chapman, Director of Finance

Karine Chapman is Director of Finance at Haven Studios. As someone who really knows her way around numbers, Karine has built a career helping small and medium-sized businesses increase profitability and reach double digit growth. Karine is a leader who is passionate about people development, exceeding results and seamlessly integrating finance teams into core business operations. Most recently, as Head of Finance for Vanilla Forums Inc and Director of Finance and Operations at Wunderman Thompson, Karine successfully managed and accelerated both companies in their goal of being acquired and merged into multinational organizations.

Joelle Pineau, Vice President, AI Research, Meta

Joelle Pineau is the Vice President of AI Research at Meta, supporting labs across North America and Europe. She is also a faculty member at Mila and a Professor and William Dawson Scholar at the School of Computer Science at McGill University, where she co-directs the Reasoning and Learning Lab. She holds a BASc in Engineering from the University of Waterloo, and an MSc and PhD in Robotics from Carnegie Mellon University. Dr. Pineau's research focuses on developing new models and algorithms for planning and learning in complex partially-observable domains. She also works on applying these algorithms to complex problems in robotics, health care, games and conversational agents.

She serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research and the Journal of Machine Learning Research and is Past-President of the International Machine Learning Society. She is a recipient of NSERC's E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Fellowship (2018), a Fellow of the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), a Senior Fellow of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR), a member of the College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists by the Royal Society of Canada, and a 2019 recipient of the Governor General's Innovation Awards.

Julie Emond, Vice-President and General Manager, bioMérieux Canada

Julie Emond is the first woman to lead bioMérieux Canada- a world leader in in vitro diagnostics- established in this country 30 years ago. Julie leads a team of over 90 employees who market leading-edge diagnostic solutions for infectious diseases, antimicrobial stewardship and infection control software, as well as laboratory automation solutions to transform the healthcare experience in Canadian hospitals. With 20 years' experience in leadership roles in Canada and Switzerland in the medical industry, Julie is a passionate, human leader who excels at managing change and implementing organizational transformations that have resulted in significant business growth, customer satisfaction and employee development. With extensive experience in mentoring and coaching, Julie places great importance on building a corporate culture based on respect, transparency and sharing.