

Minutes of the Research, Economic Development, and Innovation Committee
University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents
UW-Parkside
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The REDI Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the August 23rd, 2018 meeting held at UW-Madison. Committee members heard two presentations:

1) UW-Parkside Update on Research and Economic Development: Focus on Women Innovators.

Chancellor Debbie Ford, along with a panel of female students and their faculty representatives, discussed innovative activities and opportunities at UW-Parkside. The student/faculty panel – featuring biological sciences, molecular biology and bioinformatics, physics, and psychology/computer science majors – highlighted women scientists who are highly successful in the classroom and who are using the educational experience and opportunities available at UW-Parkside to advance innovative ideas.

- **Bianca Ruffolo**, a molecular biology and bioinformatics major, passionately spoke about her experience at UW-Parkside and how the diverse student body and her strong women professors inspired her to study science. Now Bianca is applying for graduate M.D./Ph.D. programs. She intends to pursue a career in oncology.
- **Salina Servantez**, is a double major in psychology and computer science. Around campus, she is widely known for building her own drone using a 3-D printer. Her psychology professor helped Salina understand she could combine her two passions (psych and computer science) into one career. Salina will graduate in 2020 and plans to pursue a career in Artificial Intelligence where she can work on projects such as self-driving cars.
- **Cassie Van Hoof** is a biological science major, a pre-vet student, and winner of the UW-Parkside Big Idea contest. She developed her Big Idea into a patented product and now is growing a successful business that sells botanicals to help cats stay calm.
- **Chloe Calderon** a physics major, is on schedule to graduate this spring at age 19. Already she has become the lead author on two published, peer-reviewed science papers – in different disciplines: classical mechanics and quantum physics.

2) Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Update on Foxconn Supplier

Initiatives. Jela Trask, WEDC's Business and Investment Attraction Director, provided an update on major project initiatives, including Foxconn, with a focus on its efforts to assist Wisconsin companies in identifying and connecting to the resources they need to be successful, particularly in areas such as workforce and supply chain. Foxconn's planned \$10 billion investment will require a wide range of collaboration and partnerships with Wisconsin suppliers. Overall, the company anticipates that its supply chain will include businesses in 61 of Wisconsin's 72 counties.