



Nominees are Announced for First-Ever *SET Award* for Portrayal of a Female in Technology! Vote Today through April 6th on YouTube

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Los Angeles, CA (March 9 2015) – Voting begins today for the first-ever [SET Award for Portrayal of a Female in Technology](#) presented by Entertainment Industries Council (EIC), the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT), and Google. This award recognizes a female character, and those involved in bringing her to life, that goes above and beyond to inspire and encourage the breakdown of stereotypes and elevate the conversation around female ingenuity in technology fields.

“When it comes to encouraging girls and women to pursue careers in computer science and other technical fields, we know that positive role models matter,” Mo Fong, Director for K-12 Education Outreach at Google, said. “We are excited to be partnering with EIC and NCWIT to create an award that highlights amazing women in entertainment and the characters they portray to inspire and propel more women into technical careers critical to future innovation.”

The nominees, from television, film and internet productions, were selected through public comment on YouTube. The winner will be determined by a combination of public voting and expert input from entertainment and technology professionals. The nominees are:

- *Annedroids* on Amazon
- *Arrow*: “Felicity Smoak” played by Emily Bett Rickards
- *Bones*: “Angela Montenegro” played by Michaela Conlin
- *Criminal Minds*: “Penelope Garcia” played by Kirsten Simone Vangsness
- *Halt and Catch Fire*: “Cameron Howe” and “Donna Clark” played by Mackenzie Davis and Kerry Bishé
- *How to Build a Better Boy*: “May” and “Gabby” played by China Anne McClain and Kelli Berglund
- *The Imitation Game*: “Joan Clarke” played by Keira Knightley
- *Interstellar*: “Murph” played by Jessica Chastain, Ellen Burstyn and Mackenzie Foy (at various ages)
- *Marvel’s Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*: “Skye” played by Chloe Bennet
- *NCIS*: “Abby Sciuto” played by Pauley Perrette
- *NCIS: Los Angeles*: “Nell Jones” portrayed by Renee Felice Smith
- *Scorpion*: “Happy Quinn” played by Jadyn Wong

“EIC is proud to recognize the power and influence actors and actresses have to bring to life inspiring and exciting characters who can change attitudes and perceptions of diverse audiences about career paths of the future,” Brian Dyak said, President and CEO of EIC.

Voting begins today and continues through April 6th, 2015. Click [here](#) to cast your ballot! The winner will be announced at the 2015 NCWIT Summit for Women & IT on May 19-21 in Hilton Head, South Carolina.



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