

In this issue of our quarterly newsletter, we're sharing updates on initiatives to advance health equity and economic opportunity through partnership. This includes a new initiative with LISC to invest \$37.5 million to empower and grow diverse small businesses in the healthcare industry.

We also made history as the first healthcare company to give a keynote at CES, and were recently recognized for sustainability leadership by The Wall Street Journal, S&P Global, JUST Capital and Newsweek. You can find more updates below.

As always, we welcome your [feedback](#). And please feel free to forward this newsletter to others; they can sign up to receive it directly [here](#).



## TOP STORY: DIVERSITY IN THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY, AT EVERY STEP

Abbott and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) announced a \$37.5 million initiative to provide diverse small businesses with the growth capital, loans and tailored support they need to compete, grow and create jobs. The initiative will support greater diversity in the healthcare industry by advancing a more inclusive supply chain for Abbott and other healthcare companies, while also creating economic opportunities for underinvested communities and improving health equity.

Our collaboration with LISC to build a more diverse supply chain is part of Abbott's [2030 Sustainability Plan](#) goal to expand access and equity in health, and create a resilient, diverse supply chain.

Learn more about the collaboration [here](#), and interested businesses can find out more [here](#).

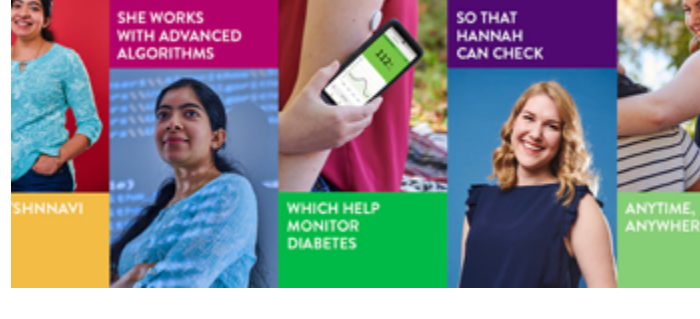
## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

### INNOVATING FOR ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY



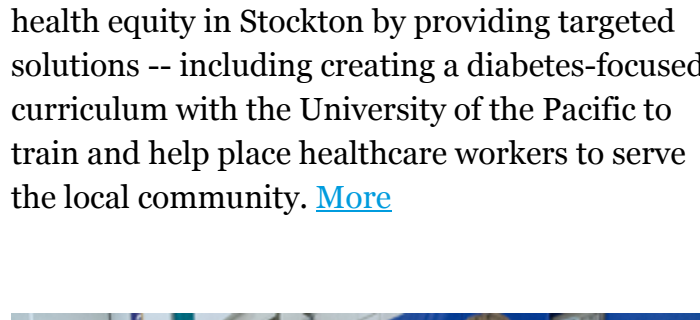
#### Pandemic Defense Coalition for Global Health

Abbott's Pandemic Defense Coalition is a first-of-its-kind, industry-led global scientific network dedicated to the early detection of, and rapid response to, future pandemic threats. Learn about how we're working to stay a step ahead of known and emerging viruses and variants. [More](#)



#### Empowering Health and Social Workers in Diabetes Care

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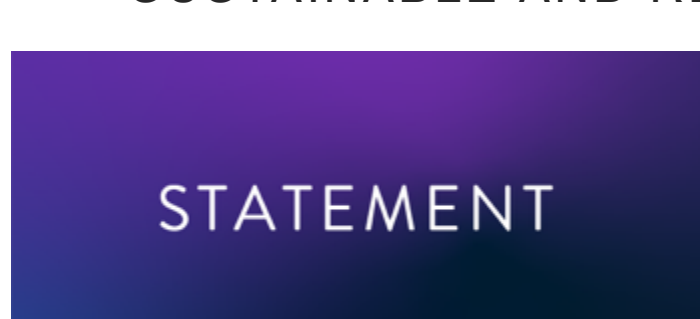
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#### Abbott and Real Madrid Team Up for Future Well Kids

We recently kicked off a program with the Real Madrid Foundation to bring our Future Well Kids curriculum to eight countries. Students will learn about chronic diseases such as heart disease and diabetes, and how healthy habits can help them lead healthy lives. [More](#)



#### College for Free with Abbott's FreeU Program

Abbott's new FreeU program helps eligible employees obtain bachelor's degrees on flexible schedules without financial burden. Abbott not only covers tuition, but also the costs of books and academic advising. Employees can choose from more than 40 majors including business, technology, English, science and accounting. [More](#)



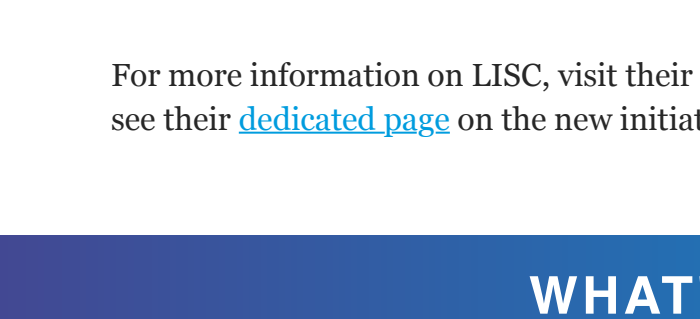
#### Shaping the Future of STEM Podcast

Our Shaping the Future of STEM podcast features discussions between female Abbott interns and executives about leadership lessons, navigating change and more. In this episode, Ixchelle Hernández Lebrón and Agnes Ortega discuss navigating STEM careers amid a new culture. [More](#)



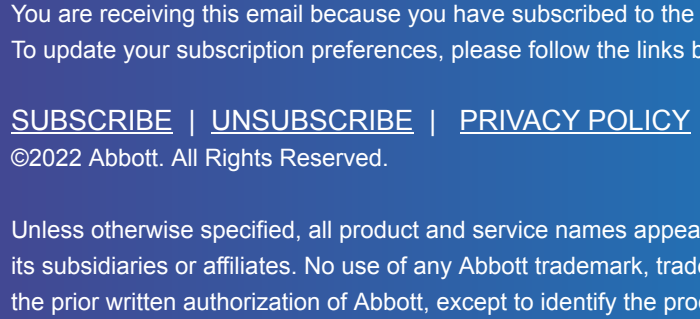
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### SUSTAINABLE AND RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS



#### Support for Ukraine

Abbott stands with the international community condemning the war in Ukraine. To support Ukraine and Ukrainian refugees, the Abbott Fund donated \$2 million to humanitarian organizations to deliver healthcare services, supplies and basic needs, and Abbott is donating health products. [More](#)



#### JUST Capital and CNBC Recognize Abbott for Responsible Business

Abbott was named to the 2022 JUST 100 list for strong performance in sustainable, responsible business. CNBC and the JUST 100 list recognize companies that outperform on the issues that matter most to the American public. [More](#)

#### Sustainability Award

Gold Class 2022



#### Abbott Named a Sustainability Leader by Wall Street Journal, Newsweek, S&P Global

Abbott was named one of the [Top 10 companies for sustainability](#) in The Wall Street Journal's annual Management Top 250, as well as No. 51 out of 500 companies on Newsweek's America's Most Responsible companies. Within our industry, S&P Global ranked us among the top 1% in sustainability performance for the 9th consecutive year. [More](#)

## SPOTLIGHT



Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) is one of the country's largest community development organizations, helping forge vibrant, resilient communities across America. The organization works with residents and partners to close systemic gaps in health, wealth and opportunity and advance racial equity so that people and places can thrive.

With 40+ years of experience in connecting resources with underinvested places and people, LISC was the ideal collaborator on a new effort -- the Abbott-LISC Initiative to Support Diverse Businesses in Health -- that aims to break down barriers that prevent diverse small businesses from providing manufacturing and essential products in healthcare. By providing targeted support, Abbott and LISC are working to build a stronger, more diverse healthcare supply chain, as well as healthier local economies and communities.

For more information on LISC, visit their [website](#), and for more on our work together, see their [dedicated page](#) on the new initiative.

## WHAT'S NEXT

- On June 22-25, Abbott will once again sponsor Aspen Ideas: Health, and be onsite to share views on transforming the future of health.
- This June, we'll also release Abbott's annual Global Sustainability Report, which will share insights on our progress implementing our 2030 Sustainability Plan.



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