

a conversation with

# Dr. Rolande Hodel

Founder and President of AIDSfreeAFRICA

*Join us for a special talk for students seeking careers in STEM, nonprofits, public service, international relations, and politics.*

**Tuesday, November 10, 4-5p.m. CT**

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Dr. Hodel will share her experiences navigating various obstacles and situations including being a woman in a STEM field, an immigrant from Germany, and having a blue-collar family upbringing. She will discuss AIDSfreeAFRICA, a nonprofit organization she founded after seeing an opportunity to apply a career in pharmaceuticals into an international context. Learn about the barriers she encountered, how she gained support, and what she envisions as the future of the organization.

This presentation will carry powerful lessons about creating goals, following your passions, and developing the legacy you want to leave upon the world.

## About the Speaker

Dr. Rolande R. Hodel received the 2009 Astellas USA Foundation Humanitarian Award for her work as founder and president of AIDSfreeAFRICA, a non-profit organization based in New York. Born in Germany, she is a US citizen and a legal resident of Cameroon. She has worked for companies such as BASF/Germany, Nanocrystals Technology/NY, Pharmaceutical Discovery Corporation/NY (today Mannkind/CT) and Emisphere Technologies/NY. She received her Masters of Science in Inorganic Chemistry from the University of Kansas in 1995 and her Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from the City University of New York in 2005. Dr. Hodel serves on the board of directors of Chemists Without Borders, and is active at the local, national, and international levels within the American Chemical Society (ACS).

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