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2024 NGCP Virtual Institute

National Girls Collaborative Project state Leadership Team members and advocates met to discuss strategies to engage girls in STEM at the NGCP 2024 Virtual Collaboration Institute. The topics include general information about the NGCP Collaboration Model, the benefits of belonging to the NGCP network, and available resources. Hear from girls and experienced NGCP Collaborative community members through various engaging presentations and activities.

Check out the Collaboration Playlist here:

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Women continue to face significant barriers in STEM professions. Some states may eliminate university programs and ban strategies that support girls in STEM. We are taking action, and we can't do it alone. Stand with girls, let's STEM together.

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STEM Ambassador Named Miss Louisiana's Teen



A sophomore at Ruston High School, Melissa serves as Co-Chair for the National Girls Collaborative Project Youth Advisory Board and will be promoting "STEM to Bloom: Investing in STEM Education for All" as her platform during her reign. She has partnered with the SCILS Region 8 LASTEM Center at Louisiana Tech University since its inception to provide opportunities and resources for community members and empower their engagement in STEM activities.

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SCILS is housed in the SciTEC Division in the College of Education and Human Sciences at Louisiana Tech University

THIS MONTH'S RESOURCES



IF/THEN CHAMPIONS NETWORK WEBINAR

Have questions about membership levels, commitments, and how to join the IF/THEN Champions® Network? Plan to join a kick-off webinar and meet NGCP and ASTC to learn more about the IF/THEN® Champions Network and all the benefits of joining. The webinar is scheduled for May 22, 2024, and those interested can register using the link below.

[REGISTER](#)

THE IF/THEN CHAMPIONS NETWORK

The National Girls Collaborative Project, in partnership with the Association of Science and Technology Centers (ASTC), invites you to join a growing movement of museums, institutions, and individuals across the United States committed to advancing gender equity within STEM fields. The IF/THEN® Collection is the largest free resource dedicated to disseminating authentic and relatable images of real women in STEM.

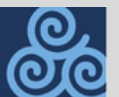
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BUG OUT FOR WOMEN ENTOMOLOGISTS

Dive into the fascinating world of those who truly bug out for science—the trailblazing women of entomology. Entering a traditionally male-dominated field is no easy task, but these remarkable scientists broke barriers and awakened us to the impacts of harmful pesticides. See how their commitment to science translates into significant contributions towards protecting nature.

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MEET A MEMBER OF OUR CHAMPIONS BOARD: Dr. Pam Blanchard



Dr. Pam Blanchard is an Associate Professor of Science Education in the LSU School of Education. She taught science methods courses for 20+ years there and currently is co-directing the LSU Coastal Roots Program full-time, which she began in 2000 when she worked for Louisiana Sea Grant College Program. She also co-developed the framework for LA Sea Grant's Ocean Commotion, which celebrated 25 years this past year. Her passions include geology and paleontology, teaching constructivist hands-on science lessons, coastal stewardship, gardening, reading and crocheting.