



Increasing the Diversity of the ____STEM Workforce



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Why do we care?

- Global competitiveness
- Innovation
- " Workforce development
- " Economic self-sufficiency
- Career satisfaction











Recruitment Strategies

What can teachers do to support student's exploration of nontraditional careers?



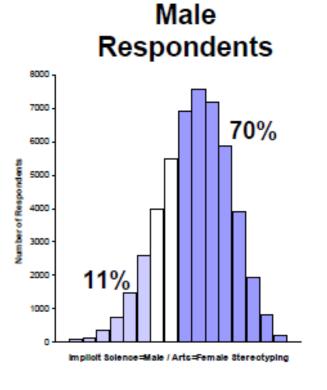
What are your biases?

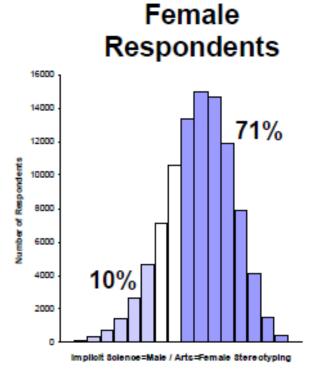
Implicit Association Test

https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/



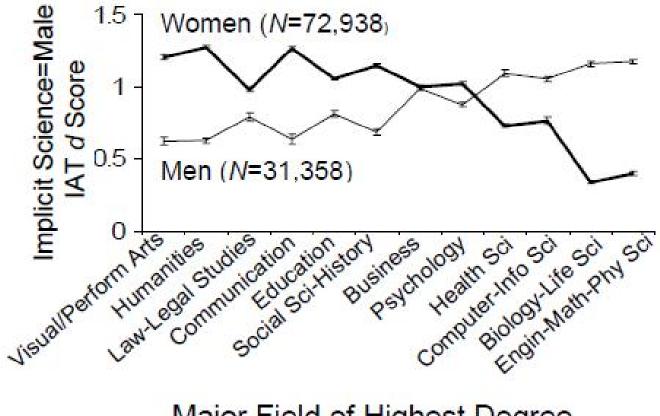
Science=Male Arts=Female Same for Men and Women?







Implicit Bias Science=Male



Major Field of Highest Degree Smyth, Greenwald & Nosek, 2010



Early Exposure

- Most students pursuing a nontraditional career have had a friend or family member influence them
- . Spark an interest that would otherwise not be evident
- Informal experiences supported by formal experiences
- . The earlier the better





Dispel the Stereotypes





Draw a scientist.





- 1. Love your work, AND live your life too!
- JAPE 2. Be Creative.
- 3. Work with great people.
- 4. Solve problems, design things that matter.
- Never be bored.
- 6. Make a big salary.
- 7. Enjoy job flexibility.
- 8. Travel.
- 9. Make a Difference.
- 10. Change the world.





As part of their **Destination** Imagination project, a team of junior girls from Bartlett Academy developed and conducted three Saturday workshops for 4-6th grade girls to explore engineering through hands on experiences.





Confidence vs. Interest

Confidence precedes interest for underrepresented students



Create opportunities to spark student interest

- "Pre-enrollment exploration programs
- "Tours that include hands-on activities
- "Nontraditional program exploration days
- "Exploratory rotations in ALL programs for ALL students
- "Brown bag lunches



Diva Tech Day

http://pages.minot.k12.nd.us/votech/File/resources/divatech12.htm



Parental Support

- . Parents are the #1 influence of student college major and career choice
- . Negative messages from people with emotional influence difficult to overcome
- . Educate parents
 - " Newsletter articles
 - Website information
 - Parent night program
 - Open House demonstrations
 - " Student award programs

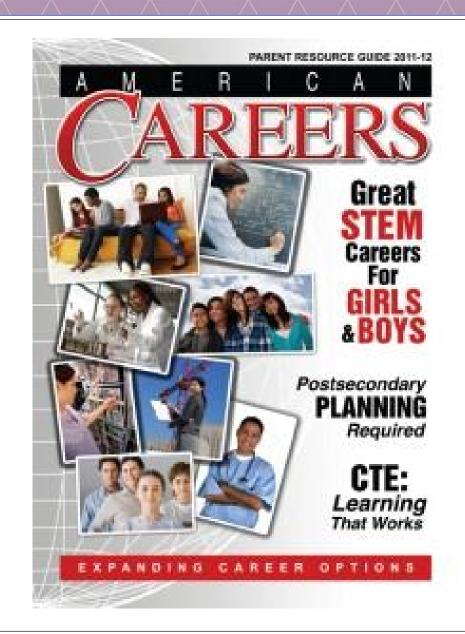




American Careers Parent Magazine

Nontraditional Careers Edition

http://www.napequity .org/americancareers-magazine/





Targeted Outreach

- Personal invitation
- "Bulletin Board in other areas of the school
- Student presentations
- " Video advertisement on local school TV channel
- " School website presence
- Course selection program/publication



TCHS Brandywine Practical Nursing Video

http://www.cciu.org/pnp



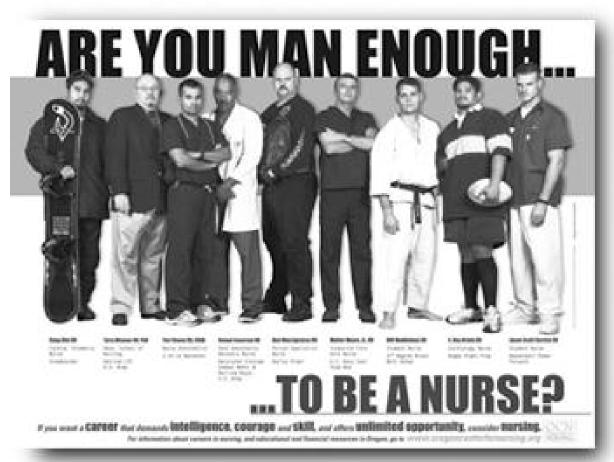
Nontraditional Role Models

- . Strongest evidence in the research
- . Need to see someone that looks like them in the career
- . Family members are significant
- . Teachers
- . Mentors





Recruitment Posters





Nontraditional Role Models

- . Career speakers
- . Job shadowing
- . Field trips
- . Mentoring
- . Online career exploration
- . Print images
- . Video selection



Focus Your Future

"http://archive.napequity.org/page.php?183





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