

Partnership with the California Department of Education, the State Library, the California Research Bureau, CalVet and Californians Dedicated to Education Foundation

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, EDUCATION AND MATH

The first annual STEM (Science, Technology, Education and Math) Symposium organized by the CA Department of Education (CDE) and co-sponsored by the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls and the Californians Dedicated to Education Foundation was held in November 2013 in Sacramento.

With the leadership and support of Commissioner Alcala, the Commission partnered with the CA Department of Education to ensure that the role (and challenges) of women and girls was integrated into the planning and fabric of this major outreach event for educators.

The collaborative [California State Library (CSL), California Research Bureau (CRB), CDE, and CalVet)] ephemera and research in 2013 included the weekly CA women in STEM Internet Calendar, Commemorative Poster, and Women in STEM Education and Employment Short Subject.

- **Weekly 2013 Internet Calendar focusing on women in STEM.** The calendar debuted during women's history month in March 2013 to November 2013 when the conference was held. The landing page for the calendar is on CSL's home page accessed under "Go Directly To" and "CA Women in STEM Calendar 2013." (CSL/CRB, the Commission, CDE, and CalVet).
- **Special commemorative poster for women's history month** featuring CSL images of women in STEM and to celebrate women veterans in STEM. A framed copy of poster is displayed in the commission offices with signatures of all staff who were involved. A second framed poster with signatures was donated to the library from the Commission. (CSL/CRB and the Commission).
- **Short Subject** about women and girls in STEM for packets given out at the Symposium. (CSL/CRB and the Commission).
- **A bibliography** of Key Publications in STEM for the packets. (CSL/CRB).
- **Large Poster of Women in STEM** for Conference. Framed and displayed outside of CRB. (CDE using CSL/CRB and the Commission Internet calendar images and text).

Chair Davis addressed the inaugural symposium as the featured luncheon keynote speaker addressing the more than 2,000 in attendance.

This year's STEM Symposium will be September 22 and 23 in San Diego. Attendance may reach a capacity of 4,700. Staff meetings have been held regularly since last year to continue the behind-the-scenes work necessary to ensure a successful and valuable conference.

The collaboration with CSL and CRB continues, and already planning is underway to have a Share Fair booth/table to promote Women in STEM. This year's products potentially include

collaborative work with CSL and CRB on a brochure celebrating women in STEM with Character, Courage, and Commitment for Symposium participant packets and a commemorative poster (similar to the one produced last year) to give out at the Share Fair. Also in the planning stages are a STEM landing page to showcase past, present, and future products and women-in-STEM-related research and information.

This week, the CA Department of Education has reached out to request ideas for a speaker(s) to address the issues of challenging girls and women to realize the opportunities of a future in a STEM-related field. Please let Commissioner Alcala know if you have any ideas or recommendations that you would like to forward to the organizing team.