

**MENTOR PLEDGE GOAL: 50,000**

## MWM CA – Honorary Council Profile

### Linda Calhoun

**Education:** Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Communication at Boston University; Certificate in International Marketing at American University of Paris.

**Company:** [Careergirls.org](http://Careergirls.org)

**Roles:** Founder and Executive Producer



**Personal:** Linda and her husband Ed live in San Francisco and are co-founders of EL Films production company and established independent artists. In 1994, she had the honor of being a member of the United Nations Observer Mission in South Africa (UNOMSA) as an election monitor in the KwaZulu Natal Province.

Linda Calhoun is a member of the Honorary Council of Million Women Mentors, CA.

She is the Founder and Executive Producer of Career Girls, a free, noncommercial, online platform that showcases video clips of diverse women role models sharing career and educational advice to inspire young girls to expand their horizons, improve their academic performance, and dream big about their futures.

The idea for Career Girls was born after Linda started working as a database consultant for international development projects for USAID and the World Bank. She has many years of experience leading teams in database design and requirements to support GIS for public agencies in Kansas, Connecticut and the Kyrgyz Republic. She found leading teams to be rewarding on many levels and wanted the next generation of young women to know about exciting careers in tech and beyond. She is a member of the Board of Trustees of the World Affairs Council of Northern California, Friends of the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women, and Vice Chair of the Commonwealth Club of California's International Relations Member Led Forum.



Twitter: <https://twitter.com/careergirlsorg>

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Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/careergirlsorg/>

SoundCloud: <https://soundcloud.com/career-girls>

Vine: <https://vine.co/Career.Girls>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/careergirls>

Career Girls is a wonderful resource for young women and girls and provides video clips of women role models working in a range of fields, including STEM. These women offer years of experience from diverse professional backgrounds. Career Girls also delivers career information, including educational requirements, prospective job growth, and income.

## STEM Policy in CA



The California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls has joined with the California Department of Education to improve STEM education in K through 12 public schools and to strengthen girls' engagement in STEM classrooms. The CCSWG and the CDE have teamed up to

- develop professional learning modules focusing on instructional strategies to increase access to STEM;
- provide a coding demonstration and give participants an opportunity to learn elements of coding at the annual CA STEM Symposium;
- outreach to encourage girls and young women to explore and enroll in STEM courses; pursue postsecondary degrees in STEM majors that will ultimately lead to careers in STEM;
- and organize a series of town hall meetings to identify specific steps for policy makers, educators, and business and community partners to engage young women in STEM educational fields and disciplines.

The Commission and the CDE are proud to be working together to help secure a future of opportunities in STEM careers for young women and girls in California.

## MWM National



MWM Entrepreneurship Council Chair, Nina Vaca, spoke at the 2016 Global Entrepreneurship Summit. The international summit was held in Silicon Valley. Nina Vaca is the Chairman and CEO of Pinnacle Group. A full video of her speech can be watched at the [MWM website](#), along with a blog post covering the event.

## Activities and Opportunities

### Women in Technology Symposium on October 5th: Recognizing Leaders, Inspiring the Next Generation

- **When:** Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 11:30am-6:00pm
- **Where:** Banatao Auditorium, Sutardja Dai Hall, UC Berkeley

This public event will feature leaders and champions of women in technology who will offer their thoughts on challenges to achieving gender diversity at all organizational levels of industry, academia, and the public sector.

For registration see the [Eventbrite page](#).

### MWM Southern California

- Leaders of MWM Southern California will host the leadership of the United State of Women in the Fall in conjunction with the State STEM Symposium and will host the Los Angeles event of the [United State of Women](#) in 2017.

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**Summit  
& Gala**  
Omni Shoreham Hotel  
October 4-5, 2016  
Washington, D.C.

**Million Women Mentors (MWM)** is hosting its **Second Annual Summit and Gala** this October.

The event will feature updates and best practices surrounding the MWM efforts.

- **When:** Wednesday, October 5, 2016 from 7:30 AM to 9:00 PM
- **Where:** Omni Shoreham Hotel - 2500 Calvert St NW, Washington, DC 20008

For registration information on this special event visit the event page [here](#).

## 2016 STEM Symposium

Mark your calendars! The 2016 California STEM Symposium will be held in the Anaheim Convention Center in Southern California. Once again, it will be organized by the [Californians Dedicated to Education \(CDE\) Foundation](#). The Foundation has raised over \$3.5 million to support innovative programs at the department and across the state, including increasing access to professional development in STEM, supporting school districts in the implementation of Common Core, and garnering resources to develop further recommendations for California about teacher support, STEM, and education technology. This is the largest annual gathering of STEM educators and advocates in California. For more information please check out the [website](#).



**AWIS**  
ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE



### Careers in the Biotech Industry

*Hosted by the Association for Women and Science and Marrone Bio Innovations*

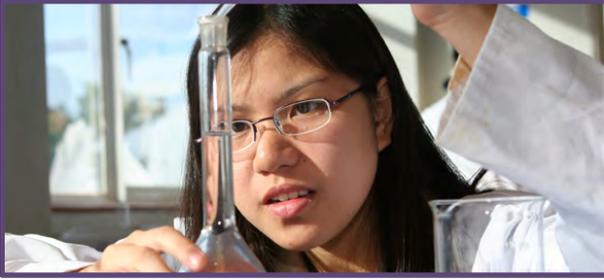
- **When:** Friday, September 23, 2:30 PM to 7:00 PM
- **Where:** Marrone Bio Innovations, 1540 Drew Ave, Davis, CA

This event will feature a keynote from Cate Dyer, the Founder, CEO, and Sole Proprietor of StemExpress on Women in Science and Entrepreneurship. There will also be panel discussions, a poster session, and lighting presentations by local companies.

For more information AWIS [website](#).



## MWM In The Media



*The Cabinet Report*

[“State pairing girls with mentors to reduce STEM gap”](#)

by Alisha Kirby

MWM CA was recently featured in the online educational news publication *The Cabinet Report*. Nancy Kirshner-Rodriguez, Executive Director the CA Commission on the Status of Women and Girls, was interviewed to speak about the importance of mentorship for girls and women in STEM fields.

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**California’s Goal:** To pledge **50,000** mentors by **2018**

California, it’s time to

# JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Pledge Today

### How to Register as a Mentor:

1. Go to <http://www.MWM-CA.org>
2. Fill in the blanks and click ‘Register’
3. Make the Pledge!
4. Receive an email from MWM with next steps

**Already a Mentor?** Did you reach out to a mentee yet?  
Have an ongoing mentorship relationship on MentorCloud?  
Questions? Contact Linda Baldwin at [LKbaldwin@ucdavis.edu](mailto:LKbaldwin@ucdavis.edu).

### About Million Women Mentors CA

Working with our partners from the corporate, nonprofit, higher education, and government sectors, we will engage 50,000 CA Mentors by 2018 to:

- ❖ Increase the percentage of middle school and high school girls planning to pursue STEM careers
- ❖ Increase the percentage of young women pursuing undergraduate degrees in STEM fields
- ❖ Increase the percentage of women staying and advancing in STEM careers through supporting workforce mentoring programs

**For more information, go to**

<http://www.MWM-CA.org>