

2009

Conference Highlights

- 186 girls attended. 15 schools in southeast Colorado represented
- 18% 8th graders, 30% 7th graders, 42% 6th graders
- 65% White, 28% Hispanic, 7% Other
- Girls were put into 20 teams—led by OJC coeds.
- 20 different careers were presented with hands-on opportunities by 34 presenters
- 35 cadets from the Air Force Academy presenting 20 different stations in the afternoon session attended by all the girls and their adult sponsors. Many hands-on experiences were offered.
- 61% considering taking more math and science classes in high school
- 64% learned about a new career
- 100% planning to attend college
- 18 parents, teachers, and counselors attended the Adult Session on Learning Styles
- The conference is organized by an all-volunteer staff of women from the business community and Otero Junior College.
- Desiree Henderson, a graduate from Crowley County High School, was the keynote speaker. She has a double degree in Human Resources Business Management and Psychology from CU Boulder. She is currently working on her master's degree in Social Work.



**Next Conference Date
March 6, 2010**



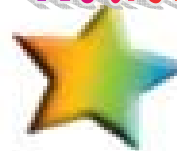
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Conference Summary
March 7, 2009**

Reach for the Stars!



What is the Girls in the Middle Conference?

The goal of the *Girls in the Middle* Conference is to encourage girls in 6th, 7th and 8th grades to continue studying math, science, and technology and to consider careers in the math, science, engineering and technology fields.

The registration fee for the girls to attend the conference is \$5. This includes the conference, continental breakfast, lunch, and a T-shirt.

Thanks to the generous support from our sponsors we have been able to keep the cost of the conference low. The expected outcomes for the young women attending the Conference are:

- Consider taking more math and science classes
- Learn about new careers opportunities
- Start making plans for high school and beyond
- Create professional mentoring role models in the community



2009 Workshops

Each workshop provided hands-on activities for participants to experience and develop a better understanding of the following careers:

- Astronomy
- Science in the Kitchen
- Chiropractor
- Computer Programming
- Database Design
- Dentistry
- Dietetics
- Engineering
- ER Nursing
- Forestry
- Landscape Design
- Manufacturing Technology
- Natural Resource Management
- ICU Nursing
- Nursing SIM Lab
- Pharmacy Tech
- Physical Therapy
- Sports Medicine
- Veterinary Medicine

USAFA Workshop Stations

- Aeronautical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Behavioral Science
- Physics
- Astronomy
- Meteorology



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Thanks to the generous sponsorship of the following businesses and organizations for making it possible to provide this unique learning opportunity to middle school girls at a minimal cost.

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