



Recruiting and Retaining Girls into STEM Careers

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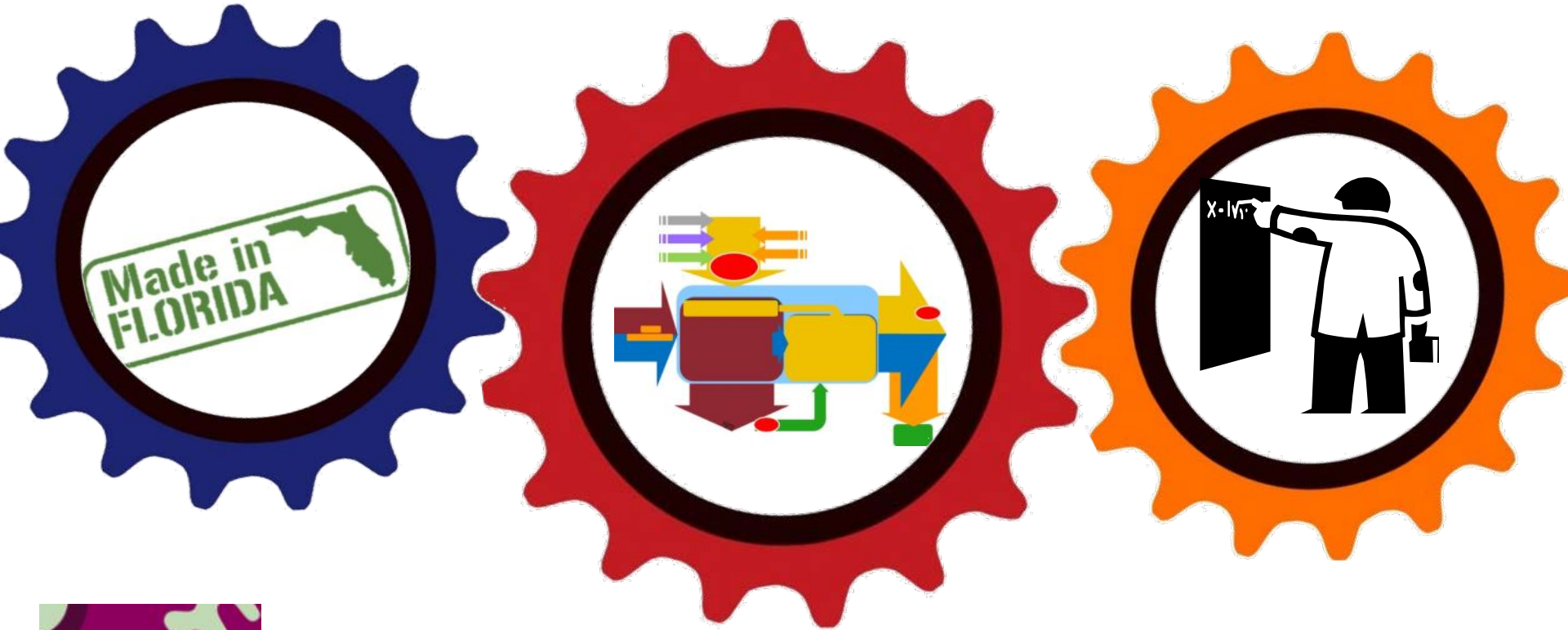


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Quiz!!!

1. Boys are “naturally” /biologically driven to excel in mathematics demanding disciplines?
2. Female and male faculty were equally likely to exhibit bias against the female student.
3. Women fill over half of all jobs in the U.S. economy but have less than 25% of STEM jobs.
4. Women hold a disproportionately low share of STEM undergraduate degrees, particularly in engineering.



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Persisting gender barriers

Gender barriers persist!

- About half of all girls feel that STEM **is not** a typical career path for themselves.
- **57%** of girls say that if they went into a STEM career, they'd have to work harder than a man just to be taken seriously.



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Persisting gender barriers

- Girls want a career that they love; want to help people and want to make a difference in the world.
- **81%** of *STEM* girls are interested in pursuing *STEM* career, but only 13% say it is their first choice.



More Facts

From the National Science Foundation (NSF):

- In **1966** women earned fewer than 5% of all bachelor's degrees in physics; in 2006 they earned more than 20% of them.
- Women earning engineering degrees grew from .4% to more than 19%.
- In chemistry, the leap was from 18% to more than 50%.

From the Department for Professional Employees:

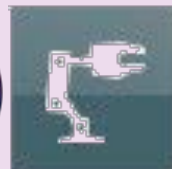
- Women account for more than 57% of the workforce, but only 47% of science professionals, 25% percent of computer and math professionals, and about 14% of architectural and engineering professionals.
- Women are very well represented in medical sciences, where they are actually in the majority, at 54% plus; in the biological sciences, they represent a healthy 48% of all workers.
- Men continue to **outearn** women in STEM fields by about 20%.

From the Economics and Statistics Administration:

- Women in STEM jobs earn about **33% more** than women in non-STEM jobs.



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Recruiting/Retaining Best Practices

- Emphasize attributes of STEM career

🎈 Creative 🎈 Helping 🎈 “Green” 🎈 “Hands On”

- Use appropriate messaging & imaging

🎈 *role models* 🎈 *mentors* 🎈 *visuals*

- Confirm capabilities & strengths

- Encourage them to follow **their** dreams

“Do what you ❤️”



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Recruiting/Retaining Best Practices

- Build community among girls
- Provide role models
- Teach parents, teachers & staff
- Revisit curriculum, materials & teaching style
- Include service-based projects
- Emphasize social relevance
- Highlight historically significant women
- Put equipment in girls' hands
- Supplement speed and competitiveness with thoughtful deliberation and cooperative work



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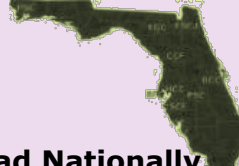
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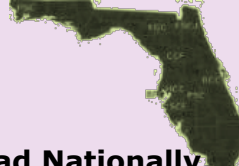
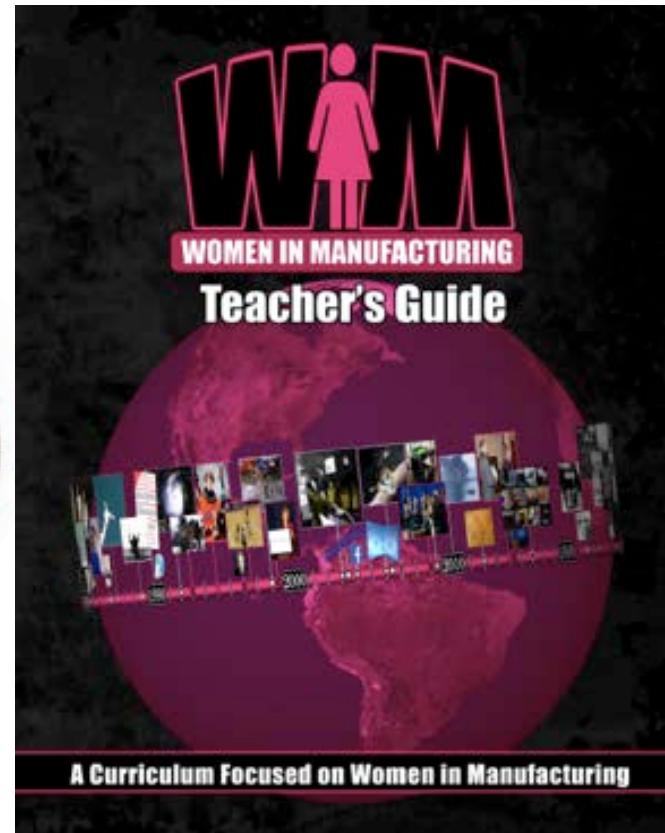
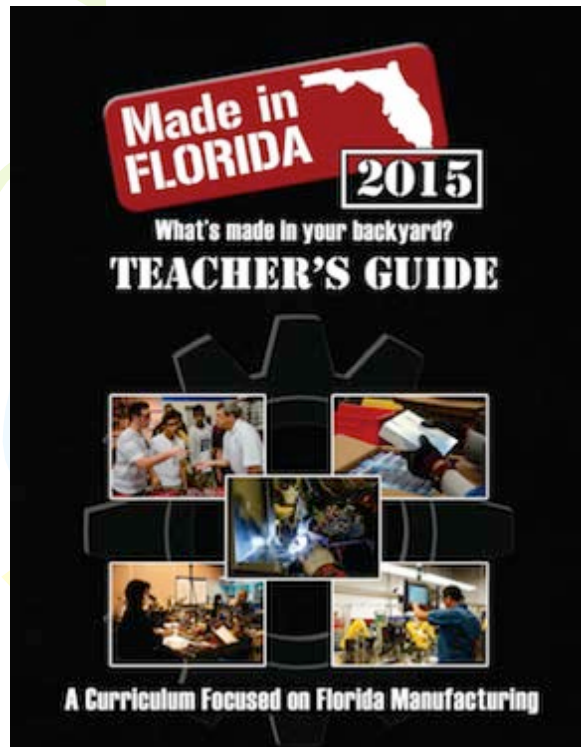
Top 10 Resources Encouraging Girls In STEM



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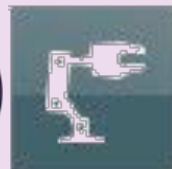


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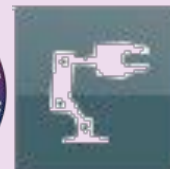
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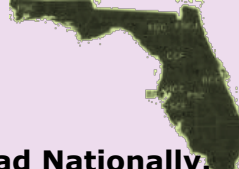
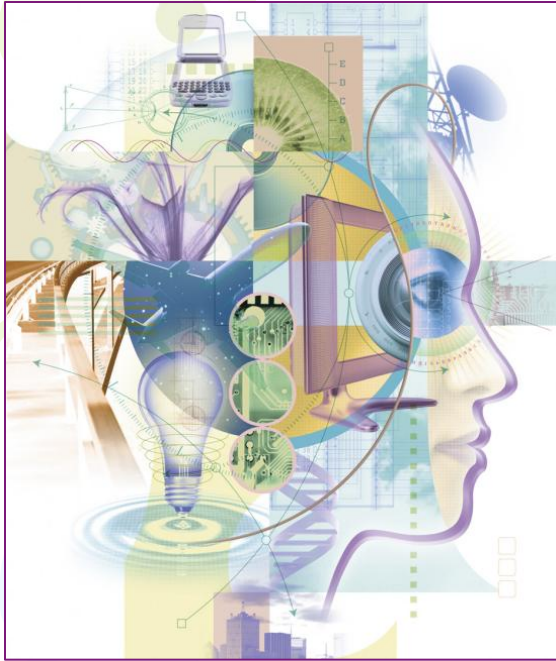
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