# Welcome to the NGCP National Webinar

## Reach Across the Stars: Meet Your Female Space & Science Heroes (virtually!)

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Please respond to the poll and introduce yourself in the chat.

Use the chat to ask questions, respond to one another, and share resources.















## **NGCP** Vision

The National Girls Collaborative Project **brings together organizations** committed to informing and encouraging girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

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## **NGCP Goals**

- 1. Maximize access to shared resources within organizations interested in engaging girls in STEM.
- 2. Strengthen the capacity of programs by sharing exemplary practice research and models.
- 3. Use the leverage of a network to achieve gender equity in STEM.





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## **NGCP** Activities

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Increased

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source NGCP 2015 Annual Survey

Increased

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78%

**STEM Programs** 

Helped us better

serve

girls

82%





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### Speakers:

#### Dr. Kimberly Kowal Arcand

Visualization Scientist & Emerging Tech Lead for NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory

#### **Christina Hernandez**

Aerospace Engineer at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory

#### Sasha Samochina

Creative Technologist and Software Systems Engineer at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory

#### **Nicole Stott**

Veteran NASA astronaut, aquanaut, founder of the Space for Art Foundation, and author

Collaborative Project



### https://chandra.si.edu/women/ar/





#### Explore new worlds



Chemist, Astrophysicist, Engineer, Geologist. What are some of the careers in STEM today? Many STEM careers are interdisciplinary and collaborative. So whether you like to understand how things work, figure out a puzzle, or tinker on a phone app, there are a wealth of careers to try on. These selfie frames offer a few fun career choices:











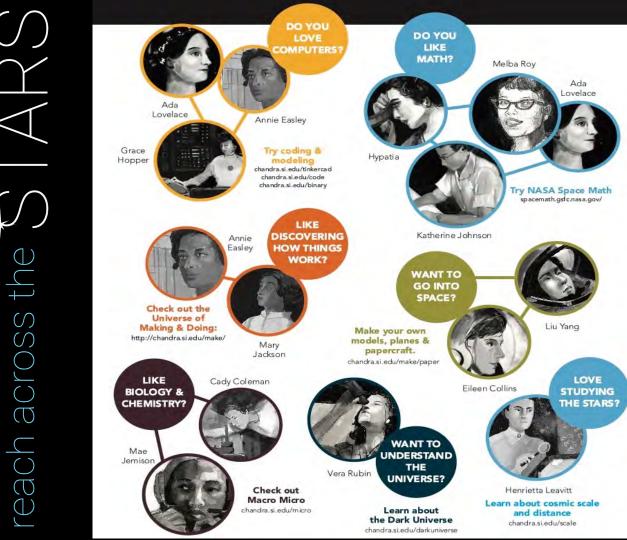








## **Panel Discussion**



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#### SUNI WILLIAMS



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Sunita (Suni) Williams is an astronaut who piloted 40 different types of naval aircraft, has flown in three different spacecraft, and commanded the International Space Station. Williams is also bridging the gap between NASA crewed flights and the private commercial efforts from companies like SpaceX and Boeing. She has tapped to command a Boeing s Statiliner spacecraft when it carries astronauts to the International Space Station.

Bornin Ohio in 1965, Williams schildhood dream was to become a veterinarian. She passed up the chance to attend Columbia to do that, and instead opted to study physics sciences at the United States Naval Academy. After receiving her commission in May 1967, Williams wanted to become a diver, but shifted her career goals once again to focus on flight school. During a visit to the Johnson Space Flight Center, Williams attended a talk by John Glenn, it sparked her interest in becoming an astronaut.

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Hi, my name is Suni Williams.

#### JESSICA WATKINS





Jessica Watkins has been selected by NASA to join the 2017 Astronaut Candidate Class. She reported for duty in August 2017. The Colorado nalive earned a Bachelor's degree in Geological and Environmental Sciences at Stanford University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Watkins has worked at NASA's Armes Research Center and NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and was a collaborator on the Mats Science Laboratory rover. Curiosity.

Excited to potentially go into space, Watkins also realizes that this wouldn't be possible if not for women like Dorothy Vaughan, Katherine Johnson and Mary Jackson.

Currently, Jessica is training and preparing for her possible voyage to space. Many of her training tasks are out of the ordinary and simulate space environments, like the NASA Extreme Environment Mission Operations mission in the only Aquatic habitat in the world.

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Hi, my name is Jessica Watkins and Im a NASA astronaut.





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## **Upcoming NGCP Webinars**



#### STEM, Health, and Mental Health February 9, 2021

