



**NGCP Webinar Chat Transcript:  
Women Who Tell Our STEM Stories**  
March 5, 2024

Candid Mack: Hello Everyone welcome to today's webinar. Please introduce yourself in the chat.

Erica Hawkes: Hi! I am Erica Hawkes, I work with Safoura in Irvine, CA.

Leshell Hatley, PhD: Hi Everyone. Welcome!

Candid Mack: I'm Candid from NGCP from NYC but currently living in Dallas, TX

Kathy Lowe, HRCS (she/her): Hello! I am Kathy Lowe from Hudson River Community Sailing in New York City

Candid Mack: 2024 National Women's History Month theme:  
<https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/2024-whm-theme/>

Brenda Britsch: Welcome everyone! I'm Brenda Britsch with NGCP. We are so excited for this conversation!

Gaby Gonzalez: Hello, so excited to have everyone join us!

Dr. Denise Strickland: Greetings! Denise Strickland, Design Connect Create, Grand Prairie, TX

Stephanie Hull: Hello! Looking forward to the conversation. Stephanie Hull, President and CEO, Girls Inc.

Candid Mack: Learn more about NGCP: <https://ngcproject.org/>

Vanessa Mahoney: Vanessa Mahoney, Massachusetts. I work for a STEM education outreach nonprofit. Former math teacher of 15 years. :)

Karen Peterson: Hello everyone! It's wonderful to see you all today. I'm looking forward to hearing from our fabulous panelists!

Emily Early (she/her) | NGCP: Hi all! Welcome - Emily Early joining from Saratoga Springs, NY and I work for NGCP.

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Tara Cox: Hello everyone! So excited for today's webinar. Happy Woman's History Month! I'm Tara at NGCP joining from Philly.

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Amanda Sullivan: If you have questions for any of our speakers while they introduce themselves, share in the chat and we'll ask soon!

Adrienne: Did Dr. Hatley have any particular role models or mentors?

Amanda Sullivan: Great question, we'll ask that!

Leshell Hatley, PhD: Yes, tons of role models! I can share more later. Thanks for asking!

Adrienne: Hands on - minds on science!

Amanda Sullivan: Yes!

Adrienne: Did Dr. Hull inspire the book "Ada Twist - Scientist"?

Candid Mack: To learn more about Girls Inc please visit <https://www.girlsinc.org/>

Leshell Hatley, PhD: Great science vignettes!

Leshell Hatley, PhD: I enjoyed hearing them!

Michael Smith, D.Eng. (he/him) - DiscoverE: I LOVE that story of Dr. Hull's STEM journey... especially that science can be introduced and engaged through a broad variety of experiences, even those that seem to oppose or question the science out of inquiry and discovery. LOVE IT!!! So many girls engage in this "non-traditional" way.

Brenda Britsch: These stories are all amazing. I love how all of our speakers are working to provide positive STEM opportunities to young people based on their experiences.

Candid Mack: Please share any questions you have in the chat

Leshell Hatley, PhD: Shout-out to Deb Z for joining today. Thanks for your continued support!

Brenda Britsch: So many people and supports for all our speakers - it's great to hear about them!

Meghan Specht: What (if any) is the biggest change you've seen during your career that gives you hope for STEM equity?

Amanda Sullivan: That's a great question, Meghan! I'll ask that next

Gaby Gonzalez: Great question. For me, it's the acknowledgement that our girls and young people are not broken, that the problem isn't in the people, it's the institutions, systems, policies, and practices that prevent us from the breakthroughs needed.

Kayla Brossett: What specific initiatives or strategies can be implemented within STEM education and corporate partnerships to address and enhance salary equity for BIPOC and women, ensuring their pivotal role in shaping a more inclusive and equitable future?

Amanda Sullivan: Great question!

Leshell Hatley, PhD: In my experience, most barriers that came were not personal or internal. Most often, they came from someone else who didn't 'want me there.'

Candid Mack: Learn ten things you can do to encourage a girl in STEM using Girls Inc. Tip sheet on their resource hub: <https://www.girlsinc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/10-things-you-can-do-to-encourage-a-girl-in-STEM.pdf>

Leshell Hatley, PhD: For me, it is simply the fact that folks are talking about it period now.

Leshell Hatley, PhD: (Talk about it means interrogating it as well)

Leshell Hatley, PhD: Fine them! 😊

Adrienne: Check the NGCP archive webinars on the NASA/Universe of Learning Girls STEAM Ahead program and resources!

Leshell Hatley, PhD: No pressure! lol

Adrienne: Yes! Intersectionality, complexity, and nuance!

Tara Cox: This was extremely inspiring. Thank you so much for sharing your experiences and authentic selves with us!

Karen Peterson: Let's do it!

Candid Mack: Visit <https://www.ifthencollection.org/>

Adrienne: Thank you everyone! Enjoy Women's History Month!

Brenda Britsch: Thank you all - AMAZING!

Stephanie Hull: Thank you!

Karen Peterson: Thank you everyone!

Kathy Lowe, HRCS (she/her): This was so affirming and inspiring! Thank you all!

Michael Smith, D.Eng. (he/him) - DiscoverE: Thank you!!!

Kayla Brossett: Thank you all! Very inspiring!

Safoura Seddighin: Thank you ! 😊

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<https://ngcproject.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/ngcproject/event.jsp?event=751>

Terry Richards: Thank you! Yes, action matters!

Meghan Specht: Thank you all for sharing your stories, and thank you NGCP for organizing this wonderful event!

Emily Early (she/her) | NGCP: Thank you SO much! Incredibly inspiring.

Leshell Hatley, PhD: If you think you hit a wall or a ceiling - kick it a few more times to make sure that's what it is!

Shaney Valencia: Thank you so much!! Shout out to Safoura!!!!