

HEADS AND HEARTS TO ACTION GIRLS' STEM LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

APRIL 20 & 21, 2017

Inspiring young leaders by sharing stories of perseverance, ingenuity, and integrity

When: Evening activities on Thursday, April 20 + all-day conference on Friday, April 21

Where: St. Margaret's School for girls, 1080 Lucas Avenue, Victoria BC

Who: Girls grades 5-10 and their teacher chaperones

How: Register online at www.stmarg.ca/stemcon

Get ready to embark on a leadership journey at our first ever **Girls' STEM Leadership Conference** in April 2017. You will be joined by 400 girls in Grades 5-10 from public and independent schools across Southern Vancouver Island and the mainland for an action-packed conference. You will be inspired to use your head and heart to see beyond the challenges of the future by seeking solutions. Through an incredible series of speakers, workshops, and team-building activities, our goal is to ignite your leadership potential by sharing stories of perseverance, ingenuity and integrity. We hope that you will make memories to last a lifetime. The pathways to STEM and service await you.

Conference Goals:

1. To inspire young women to seek and to courageously accept responsibilities as part of their contribution to society.
2. To increase awareness of current and emerging leadership opportunities, with a special interest in STEM opportunities.
3. To develop a network of students to support future collaboration among these emerging leaders.

Heads and Hearts to Action: Our Theme

From global warming to fighting homelessness, the important challenges we face have solutions based in the STEM fields. Head and Hearts to Action, or HH2A, is a leadership conference emphasizing how approaching each day with perseverance, innovation and integrity leads to amazing achievements. Exploring the unique stories of female leaders from across all disciplines through engaging hands-on workshops and keynote presentations, conference participants will be inspired to take action and shape the world around them.



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Your Keynote Speakers:



Natalie Panek is a rocket scientist, adventurer, and advocate for women in technology. As a Member of Technical Staff at MDA's Robotics and Automation division, Natalie works on the next generation of Canadian space robotics and space exploration programs. She seeks to pursue the road less travelled while working towards her dream of becoming an astronaut.



Donna Garbutt is the Chief Executive Officer of Maxxam, a Canadian market leader in analytical services and solutions to the energy, environmental, food and DNA industries. Ms. Garbutt currently serves as a member of the Government of Canada's Science, Technology and Innovation Council (STIC). She has been spoken at numerous industry & government functions, including the Women of Influence speaker series, the US/Algeria Business Council, and the Asia Pacific Energy Research Council. Ms. Garbutt has been recognized as a finalist for the Woman of Achievement Award in Alaska in 2001, the 2003 US Energy Woman of the Year in Washington, DC, and in 2006 the Blackberry Women in Technology award in the UK. In 2013, she was included on Alberta's 50 Most Influential People list.



Rosemary Chapdelaine is the Vice President and General Manager of Lockheed Martin Canada, Rotary and Mission Systems. With a background in mechanical engineering, Ms. Chapdelaine volunteered on the Girls and STEM (Canadian) National Advisory Board, and she is interested in seeing girls thrive in STEM fields. During her visit to St. Margaret's School last year, she captivated students as she described her journey to embrace and follow her passion for engineering.



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