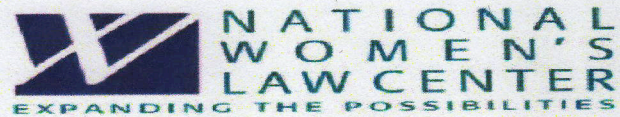


PROGRAMS & PRACTICES THAT WORK: PREPARING STUDENTS FOR NONTRADITIONAL CAREERS



March 7, 2007

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Dear Ms. Rodgveller:

We are pleased to inform you that the Seattle Public Schools has been chosen to receive the highest recognition in the Third Annual Programs and Practices that Work: Preparing Students for Nontraditional Careers Project for its IGNITE (Involving Girls Now In Technology Evolution) program. This project is sponsored by the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), the National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE), National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc), and the National Women's Law Center (NWLC).

The purpose of the Programs and Practices that Work project is to encourage gender equity in CTE by recognizing local and/or state educational agencies, programs, and/or schools that have improved students' access to and completion of CTE programs that are nontraditional for their gender. The Seattle Public Schools has demonstrated that its program was designed to expose students to nontraditional courses and that it is making significant progress in increasing enrollment in these courses.

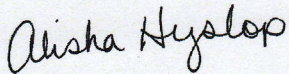
Two representatives from each of the sponsoring organizations evaluated the nominations, and selected the Seattle Public Schools for highest recognition. The Seattle Public Schools, along with the two programs receiving honorable mention, will be recognized at a briefing for the U.S. Congress and the media on Capitol Hill in June. We will provide additional details about the briefing once they are available. These programs will also be recognized at the NASDCTEc's Spring Meeting and at NAPE's Professional Development Institute. Finally, the NWLC, on behalf of the sponsoring organizations, is developing a report that will feature the Seattle Public Schools and will describe effective practices for gender equity in CTE.

In addition to the highest recognition given to the Seattle Public Schools, Northeast Community College of Norfolk, Nebraska received an honorable mention for its Nontraditional Recruit and Retain Mentoring Program and Saint Paul College – A Community & Technical College received an honorable mention for its Respiratory Care Practitioner AAS Degree Program. We also expect that nominations for the 2008 Programs & Practices that Work Project will be solicited and the project will be featured at the ACTE Annual Convention.

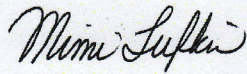
If you have any questions about the Programs and Practices that Work project, please contact Fatima Goss Graves at the National Women's Law Center at 202.588.5180.

Thank you for your commitment to gender equity in career and technical education. We hope that you continue your efforts.

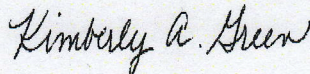
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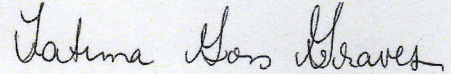
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