



**NGCP Collaborative Leadership Teams  
Community Meeting  
Chat Transcript, January 10, 2018**

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Erin Hogeboom: Thank you for joining us today! Please introduce yourself in the chat, let us know which Collaborative you are with, and respond to our check-in question: What is something new you learned over the holiday?

Esperanza Zenon: Hi Karen! Happy New Year! I hear you!

Esperanza Zenon: Hi Louisiana Collaborative here

Erin Hogeboom: Hi Esperanza, thanks for being on here!

Esperanza Zenon: I learned that grandbabies are a joy!

Erin Hogeboom: Awww, that's amazing!

Kathy Thomas: Hello everyone! Kathy here from The Connectory :)

Tiffani: Hello! Tiffani Cortez from Harmony - Waco, TX Collaborative

Erin Hogeboom: Welcome Tiffani!

Kathy Thomas: I learned how to play the video game Fortnite

Esperanza Zenon: Hi Kathy

Kathy Thomas: Hi Esperanza!

Esperanza Zenon: Hi Tiffani

Erin Hogeboom: This is Erin from the National Girls Collaborative Project. And over the holiday I re-learned how to make crystals (with my nephew).

Kathy Thomas: OMyGosh... so much fun!

Kathy Thomas: And free - can play Xbox or PlayStation

Tiffani: Hi Esperanza! Thank you Erin!

Nell Merlino: Nell Merlino - I made a figgy pudding and a banana cream pie for the first time

Kathy Thomas: Figgy pudding! So festive!

Esperanza Zenon: So much talent in this room

Nell Merlino: Nell Merlino coconut cake one of my favorites

Heather Madison: Heather Madison - CalGirls

Erin Hogeboom: Hi Heather!

Heather Madison: Hi Erin!

Susan Gamble: Hi, West Virginia here.

Erin Hogeboom: Hi Susan!

Susan Gamble: Hi Erin!

Esperanza Zenon: I learned about the baby alive channel

Suzi Taylor, Montana: Hi! Suzi Taylor, Montana Girls STEM Collaborative. I learned how to do squishy circuits!

Kathy Thomas: Esperanza I'm Googling baby alive channel right now.

Esperanza Zenon: it's on YouTube Kathy

Heather Madison: I learned that I'm having a girl! Due April 10th

Erin Hogeboom: Congratulations, Heather!!!!

Heather Madison: Thank you :)

Esperanza Zenon: Congratulations!

Tiffani: Congratulations!

Erin Hogeboom: SO exciting!!!

Erin Hogeboom: This is your time! We'd love to hear how the last three months have been!

Suzi Taylor, Montana: I'm excited -- just found out Montana Science Action Club was in a Pisces Foundation blog today. Pisces Foundation funds CalAcademy programs.

<http://piscesfoundation.org/investigating-nature-after-school/>

Paula: Good afternoon! This is Paula Johnson from IDRA in San Antonio. We house an Equity Assistance Center under the Dept. of Ed working with schools in the areas of race, gender, religion, and national origin. My focus is increased participation of girls and underrepresentation minorities in STEM. Secondary math is my specialty.

Suzi Taylor, Montana: Thanks!

Erin Hogeboom: If you are having audio issues, you can run through the Audio Setup Wizard, under Meeting at the top

Heather Madison: We had a wonderful and well attended mixer at the Children's Creativity museum for the CalGirls network.

Esperanza Zenon: Well now that you mentioned it SAC in LA has been a challenge

Heather Madison: Through that, we have connected with new people that are joining the network and joining the Champions Board

Paula: Thank you! First timer. Mark Barnett brought me into the organization.

Esperanza Zenon: Just now getting some things going

Erin Hogeboom: Heather and Leah did a wonderful job of hosting folks and grabbing their ideas at the convening, for different ways to move forward.

Heather Madison: Leah Henry is also just joining us. She is part of our Leadership Team at CCM

Esperanza Zenon: It has been a challenge to find groups (teachers, after-school) interested in the training

Esperanza Zenon: Casi has been most patient and helpful

Erin Hogeboom: <https://www.thefemalelead.com/for-schools>

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Erin Hogeboom: Feel free to type questions and comments here.

Kathy Thomas: Nell, how did you become involved with The Female Lead?

Erin Hogeboom: Nell, could you talk a little bit more about Take Your Daughter to Work Day-- where that idea came from and how you built the momentum you did?

Kathy Thomas: How can we help promote? Besides nominating schools for the book.

Erin Hogeboom: Hmm, that's a beautiful idea

Erin Hogeboom: Celebrity Scientists! I love that idea!

Erin Hogeboom: Has anyone looked at the site and have questions?

Erin Hogeboom: YES! That's key to mentoring!

Kathy Thomas: I'm going to pair #NationalMentoringMonth with the #ShesMyInspiration hashtag this month!

Erin Hogeboom: Great idea, Kathy!

Leah Henry: We just submitted our name for a free The Female Lead book!

Leah Henry: Looks great!

Esperanza Zenon: Yes

Erin Hogeboom: Here's a shameless plug for everyone to check out, but one of our National Champions Board Members (and former girl panelist for us) Olivia has started this site:

<https://www.facebook.com/PopExperiment>.

Erin Hogeboom: I think supporting girls to do creative ventures like that is so important!

Suzi Taylor, Montana: Great point! It does always seem like the "M" gets the short shrift

Erin Hogeboom: Wow

Erin Hogeboom: I'm so glad we have you on this call

Suzi Taylor, Montana: Also, being proficient in math is so important to succeeding in STEM fields in college. If you aren't proficient in "technology," you don't get dropped out of college

Erin Hogeboom: <https://cryptoclub.org/>

Suzi Taylor, Montana: Yes - Jessie Herbert is spearheading it out of UMontana

Erin Hogeboom: Hmm, I'm liking this idea... a couple of folks at our last Collaboration Institute also voiced the same concern.

Erin Hogeboom: Right

Suzi Taylor, Montana: Not sure who to credit for sharing this with me (maybe someone here?) AMAZING blog about what math really is <https://saravanderwerf.com/2017/07/21/what-is-math-what-do-mathematicians-do/>

Kathy Thomas: If you have Math resources (nationwide - specifically for girls) please send to [info@ngcproject.org](mailto:info@ngcproject.org) and we will look at including them in the NGCP e-newsletter!

Paula: Will do!

Kathy Thomas: Additionally - any girl specific STEM resources are always appreciated (with a nationwide focus).

Paula: Absolutely

Paula: Thank you!

Paula: Thank you Karen! It was wonderful to finally connect "personally".

Paula: I ask them to draw Agents of STEM. Even adult women educators draw Einstein!!

Kathy Thomas: Hashtag #NGCPLove

Erin Hogeboom: Oooo, I like that, #NGCPLove

Paula: Thumbs up!

Erin Hogeboom: Yes! I know some people on this call have expressed interest in talking about racial inequality, so please let me know if you want to talk or lead!!

Erin Hogeboom: Thanks everyone!!!