



**NGCP National Webinar
Latina SciGirls: A Project to Engage Latina Girls in STEM
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Casi Herrera: Welcome! Thank you for being here. Please take a moment to introduce yourself. Name, Organization, Location, and answer the poll to the right -->

Niki Becker: Hello! This is Niki Becker with SciGirls.

Linda Kekelis: Linda Kekelis, advisor with STEM Next Opportunity Fund

Kristina: I am Kristina Rigden representing the Femineer Program at Cal Poly Pomona.

Leticia Lewis: Leticia Lewis, BSA The Software Alliance in Washington, DC

Dana Richards: Hi there! Dana Richards with Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast!

Laahiri Chalasani: Hi, I am Laahiri Chalasani with the Children's Science Center in Fairfax, VA

Brenda Britsch: Hi everyone, thanks for joining us! This is Brenda Britsch with NGCP and Latina SciGirls.

Maryann: Hello, Maryann Calleja with 500 Women Scientists in Las Vegas, NV

Erin Hogeboom: Erin Hogeboom, tuning in from San Diego this morning!

Alicia Santiago: Hola! Alicia here from SciGirls! Welcome!

Erin Hogeboom: Have questions for Alicia

Erin Hogeboom: ?

Erin Hogeboom: Feel free to type them here!

Leticia Lewis: Is this program just for hispanics? what about Brazilians - they are Latinas too but not Hispanics

Taylor: Hi, Taylor Bunn here from National Math and Science Initiative in Dallas, TX

Danila Giacone: Hi, Danila Giacone, a scientist at Merck looking to collaborate with Latina SciGirls in projects!

Dustin Perry: Hi everyone! I'm Dustin Perry, here from The Lawrence Hall of Science in Berkeley, CA

Brenda Britsch: Leticia - yes, it's for all Latinas!

Brenda Britsch: Our goal was to include diverse Latinas in the shows and as role models.

Linda Kekelis: How do you ensure that the STEM projects you select for the girls resonate with their interests?

Brenda Britsch: Hi Linda! Do you mean for the shows or the educational programming or both?

Linda Kekelis: I'm responding to Alicia's comment about about "We give girls a STEM challenge to work on..."

Brenda Britsch: Got it. So, for the shows, girls chose what they would focus on for their project in general and then they are given a specific challenge to work on for the show.

Casi Herrera: Welcome to those who just joined us. Please let us know who you are and where you are calling from (organization/location). We are recording this webinar and will send out the link to the recording as a follow up to this call. So, don't worry about what you've missed so far.

Linda Kekelis: Thanks for explaining! And I love these videos.

Brenda Britsch: The role model videos were designed to show the role models' work as well as their life outside of work. They feature a wonderful group of women!

Casi Herrera: You can find more role model profile videos here:
http://www.scigirlsconnect.org/resource_topic/role-model-profiles/

Casi Herrera: SciGirls Connect:<http://www.scigirlsconnect.org/>

Niki Becker: Thanks, Casi!

Erin Hogeboom: That sounds AWESOME!!!

Brenda Britsch: That sounds super fun!

Casi Herrera: That's great!

Erin Hogeboom: That's so fantastic!

Casi Herrera: Transportation can be a major barrier for participation, so that is HUGE!

Casi Herrera: Who doesn't love pizza?

Erin Hogeboom: Questions for Laahiri? Type them here!

Brenda Britsch: Wow! That's a great unexpected impact for the families.

Erin Hogeboom: That is REALLY awesome to hear!! What a great way to engage local funders!!

Dana Richards: Does the program also accept boys?

Linda Kekelis: I really appreciate that Laahiri is sharing challenges and commitment to wanting to do more than serve more girls, but also sustain engagement of girls and families. Keep on working and trying and listening to families for input. Thanks so much for sharing!

Erin Hogeboom: Great input, Linda!

Erin Hogeboom: FabFems: www.fabfems.org

Niki Becker: Dana - Boys are welcome in programs. SciGirls considers itself girl focused but boy friendly. We do try to keep it majority girls in these programs, though. But know it is important for boys to see that girls and women can also do STEM. We need boy /male advocates too!

Dana Richards: Awesome thank you!

Brenda Britsch: I love the sharing struggles piece. We've tried to incorporate some of that in the role model videos too.

Casi Herrera: Please continue questions for Laahiri in the chat box here.

Brenda Britsch: Thank you laahiri!

Linda Kekelis: Yay--love your support for families!

Niki Becker: nbecker@tpt.org

Erin Hogeboom: PBSKids.org/SciGirls

Brenda Britsch: We'd love to hear any feedback you may have after viewing or using any of the resources.

Erin Hogeboom: A recording of this webinar will be housed on the NGCP Events page.

Erin Hogeboom: We will also share out the chat transcript with registrants.

Erin Hogeboom: To find out about our upcoming webinars, click here:
<http://ngcproject.org/events>.

Brenda Britsch: Thank you everyone for joining us!

Maryann: Thank you so much. What wonderful resources!

Niki Becker: Thanks everyone!