2015 Conference Highlights

- 100 girls attended. 10 schools in Las Animas, Huerfano, Colfax, Union, and Costilla Counties.
- 26% 8th graders, 30% 7th graders, 44% 6th graders.
- 42% White, 44% Hispanic, 7% Native American, 3% Black, 4% Other.
- Girls were put into 10 teams—led by TSJC Students.
- 13 different careers were presented with hands-on opportunities by 24 presenters.
- Kathleen Fitzpatrick, University Colorado of Colorado Springs, led an Achieving Your Dreams Morning workshops.
- 12 TSJC female students served as Team Leaders and throughout the day.
- 69% considering taking more math and science classes in high school.
- 63% learned about new careers at the conference.
- 89% of students plan on attending college and an additional 3% plan on attending college while working.
- Darci Duran, the keynote speaker. She earned her B.S. in Management Information Systems and her M.S. in Instructional Technology. She currently works as the Design Team Manager for Colorado Community College Online.

"It was great. I love learning new things."

Next Conference Date
April 8, 2016
What is the Girls in the Middle Conference?

The goal of the *Girls in the Middle* Conference is to encourage girls in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades to continue studying math, science, and technology, and to consider careers in the math, science, engineering, technology, and technical fields.

The registration fee for the girls to attend the conference is $5. This includes the conference, continental breakfast, lunch, and a T-shirt.

Thanks to the generous support from our sponsors we have been able to keep the cost of the conference minimal.

The expected outcomes for the young women attending the Conference are:

- Consider taking more math, science, and technical education classes.
- Learn about new career opportunities
- Start making plans for high school and beyond
- Create professional mentoring role models in the community

2015 Workshops

Middle school girls participated in hands-on activities to experience and develop a better understanding of the following careers:

- Computer Technology
- Criminal Justice
- Geology and Engineering
- Hydrology
- Medical
- Nursing
- Robotics
- Speech Pathology
- Veterinary Science
- Wildlife Management

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Thanks to the generous sponsorship of the following businesses and organizations for making it possible last year to provide this unique learning opportunity to middle school girls at a minimal cost.

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Comments From the Day

- **GIM absolutely rocks!**
- **It was very fun and entertaining. I learned a lot and explored more career options.**
- **GIM was one of the best experiences that I will remember forever.**
- **It really made me think about my future.**

“Today was the best day I ever had. I even made friends. Thank you!”

Last year, thanks to our GENEROUS sponsors, we had complete funding for ALL students! THANK YOU!

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