

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 2017 GEMS (GIRLS IN ENGINEERING, MATH, AND SCIENCE) CONFERENCE



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Registration is now open for the seventh-annual GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Math, and Science) Conference. The conference will be held at Conant High School on Feb. 4, 2017, for 5th and 6th grade girls and their parents in School Districts 15 and 54, and private schools within the District 211 attendance area. The event will run from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Girls will learn about careers in engineering, math, and science by actively participating in hands-on sessions. These activities will be taught by women in fields such as structural design, polymers, technology, geology, and mathematics. Some of the presenters include women from the American Chemical Society, Kraft Foods, Women Leaders in Action, and Cast Metals Institute. Participating girls also will receive a goody bag full of STEM (Science, Technology, Mathematics, and Science) information.

Parents are invited to attend the conference along with their daughter. The conference begins with a Career Expo, featuring booths where families can learn more about STEM-related careers, including the necessary skills girls need to be successful at the high school and college level. Raffle prizes will be given away during the conference's closing remarks. These prizes, along with goody bags for the girls attending, were generously donated by organizations that include John G. Shedd Aquarium, The Scope Shoppe, Thermo-Fisher, and Pearson Prentice Hall.

To register for the 2017 GEMS conference, please click [here](#).