Successful Strategies for Increasing Non-traditional Participation & Completion

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Welcome & Introductions

- What is your role in your school?
- What are you hoping to gain from today?







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Video Overview

How Small Differences Grow into Troublesome Gaps and What We Can Do About It

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Gender Neutral Schools

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Teacher Network international lessons in education	'It's all about democracy': inside gender neutral schools in Sweden	
	At five preschools in Stockholm, the idea that 'boys will be boys' and 'girls will be girls' is being challenged - with interesting results	
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y @avleachy		Revealed: FBI terrorism
Tuesday 2 February 2016 06.01 EST		taskforce investigating Standing Rock activists
		Experience: I accidentally bought a giant pig
	These schools are helping young people explore ideas of gender as the concept becomes less and less rigid. Photograph: Södermaims Stadsdelsförvaltning	British officials drop plans for Donald Trump to address parliament



So...Why is it so important to get more non traditional genders into our classrooms?

- <u>Closing the Gender Gap</u>
- <u>Gender Equality is Good for Everyone</u>

The problem with most gender research:

• Nature vs. Nurture

• File-Drawer Effect







File-Drawer Effect



1982 study published in *Science* journal reported that the corpus callosum in women was significantly larger than in men.

Phil Donahue proclaimed this the basis of "women's intuition".

- Imagine you are an alien and you are dropped onto Earth with the following charge:
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 - Value?
 - Look like?
 - Have as careers?
 - Wear?
 - Gender Marketing







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- Round 2!
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<u>Riley is all fired up over this issue</u>

Nature vs. Nuture

Table Discussion:

• What's your earliest memory of an interaction or task in which being a boy or girl was emphasized?



Recently in the news....Gender Controversy

- Baby neutral baby storm
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4olXHq5Xe78
- Baby Storm 5 years later





Placebo Effect

Expectations and beliefs, as well as hormones, can engender the brain Dr. Melissa Hines, Neuroscientist

Beware of expectations, self-fulfilling prophecy



Three Little Differences

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https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/artic les/PMC4784873/

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Parents encourage more physical risk-tasking in sons than in daughters

Slope-crawling experiment



Slope-crawling experiment: Mondschein et al. 2000



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Mothers generally talk more to preschool-aged daughters than sons



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Parents discourage "gender-inappropriate" play.





Gender, Toys & Learning Study (2008)

... if boys are inculcated into construction and technology via their play, as a form of entertainment, they may be inclined to feel these curriculum areas more familiar and less daunting/challenging.

--Becky Francis, Roehampton University

gender neutral toy marketing

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6yf1jhEj60



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Images from Toys to Grow On, www.toystogrowon.com

SATURDAY with jenna

See how she and son Beckett go off duty in style.





"Lucky for me, I ended up with a boy whose favorite color is pink. Toenail painting is way more fun in neon."



Dr. Keither Ablow via Fox News:

This is a dramatic example of the way that our culture is being encouraged to abandon all trappings of gender identity.

Are there inherent gender differences?

When it comes to gender gaps, boys and girls start out a little bit different, but these differences become rapidly magnified by a culture that sees them — and encourages them to see themselves — as fundamentally different creatures.

-- Dr. Lise Eliot, Pink Brain Blue Brain

What can we do?

- Avoid stereotyping
- Appreciate the range of intelligences
- Strengthen spatial awareness
- Engage boys with the word
- Recruit boys into nonathletic extracurricular activities
- Bring more men into the classroom
- Treat teacher bias seriously

Table Discussion

Are there activities or projects in your class that may appeal more to boys or girls?

How can the activity or project be changed to appeal to both genders and decrease stereotyping?

Non-Traditional & CTE


Non-traditional:

Is NOT determined by how many students are enrolled in your classes, RATHER:

Occupations or fields of work for which individuals from one gender comprise less than 25% of individuals employed in that field or occupation.



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Non-Traditional Name (2011-2012)	CIP Code	Non-Traditional for:
Power, Structural & Technical Systems	010201	Female
Plant Systems	011101	Female
Agriculture Science	019999	Female
Communication & Tech	100105	Female
Graphic & Printing Equipment Operator	100305	Female
Programming & Software Development	110201	Female
Network Systems	110901	Female
Pre-Engineering Technology	140101	Female
Production Tech	150613	Female
Design & Pre-Construction	151303	Female
Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management	190505	Male
Early Childhood Ed	190709	Male
Autobody/Collision Repair Tech	470603	Female
Auto Tech	470604	Female
Small Engines Mechanics Tech	470606	Female
Motorcycle Tech	470611	Female
Vehicle/Mobile Equip Mechanic	470699	Female
Business/Office Ed	520401	Male
Information Processing/Data Entry	520407	Male
Info. Support & Services	110301	Female
Mobile Equipment Maintenance	479999	Female
Programming & Software Develop.	110201	Female
Emergency & Fire Management Services	430299	Female
BioChem/Green/Hazmat	141401	Female
BioMedical	140501	Female
Cartography/Geospatial/Spatial Math	151102	Female
Govt. & Public Admin	440401	Female

Pathways are highlighted

VE-2 Programs are not highlighted

Why focus on Non-traditional?

- Possibility of Increased Salary
 - Non-traditional jobs pay 20-30% more than traditionally female jobs
 - Females cluster in traditional & lower paying occupations
 - Admin. Assistants: 98.7% female, \$25,300 annually*
 - Childcare Workers: 97.4% female, \$18,490 annually*
- High Demand = More Job Opportunities
- Greater Job Satisfaction

National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity, www.napequity.org *Kansas Wage Survey 2008 Edition, Kansas Labor Information Center

http://klic.dol,ks.gov

Table Discussion:

• Why did you choose your profession? What's your earliest memory that made you want to pursue this field?



Students who chose Non-traditional Careers:

Most students who chose a non-traditional career have had a friend or family member who encouraged them.

- -Spark an interest that might not otherwise be evident
- -The earlier, the better
- Reinforce success
- Remember

Attribution Theory Stereotype Threat

Remember:

- Attribution Theory:
 - 1970's study
 - Gender differences in expectations and attributions arise primarily from stereotypes about tasks.
 - Women generally have low expectations for success when completing "male" tasks and tend to attribute their success to luck and to attribute their failure to lack of ability.
 - However, men, who generally expect success, often attribute their failure to luck and their success to ability.
 - Same holds true for observers of tasks

Remember:

- Stereotype Threat
 - Performance on challenging task in a domain they are expected to perform poorly is affected by anxiety
 - This threat is strenghtened when individuals have to identify (on form or something) that they are male/female
- Professor opens class with: "You know, most of the girls who take this class drop out and only two or three finish it so if you feel like you really need help please let me know because I want you to stay in the class!"
 - Most girls dropped out and when he didn't say that, more girls stuck it out.



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Perkins Core Indicators:

6S1 Nontraditional Participation	Numerator: Number of <u>CTE participants</u> from underrepresented gender groups who participated in a program that leads to employment in nontraditional fields during the reporting year. Denominator: Number of <u>CTE participants</u> who participated in a program that leads to employment in nontraditional fields during the reporting year.
6S2 Nontraditional Completion	 <u>Numerator</u>: Number of <u>CTE concentrators</u> from underrepresented gender groups who completed a program that leads to employment in nontraditional fields during the reporting year. <u>Denominator</u>: Number of <u>CTE concentrators</u> who completed a program that leads to employment in nontraditional fields during the reporting year.

Step 1: Document Performance Results

- CaTE Reports Link
 - CAR Summary
 - Nontraditional Program Participation
 - Currently pulled from KIDS, D45 EOYA
 - Nontraditional Program Completion
 - Minority-Gender Concentrator Detail
 - This report will identify if program/pathway is Non-Traditional

What other data would be helpful?

- Enrollment Rosters
- Exit Surveys
- Placement Data
- Others??

Table Activity:

- Review the Data:
 - Program/Pathway
 - Gender
 - Race/Ethnicity
 - Special Population

Which areas are doing well? Which are struggling? Why?



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<u>Methods for Identifying Potential Root Causes</u>:

- Review Recent Literature
- Review Program Evaluations
- Analyze Student Data
- Conduct Focus Groups
- Brainstorming
- Peer Benchmarking

"Root Causes and Strategies" Handout

Common Root Causes:

- Education
- Career Information
- Family
- Internal/Individual
- Societal Issues

Education:

- Academic Proficiency
- Access & Participation in Math, Science, Technology
- Curriculum
- Instructional Strategies
- School/Classroom Climate
- Support Services



Career Information:

- Materials and Practices
- Early Intervention
- Characteristics of an Occupation







Family:

• Family Characteristics

Sample Resources:

- American Careers
- Sally Ride Science



Internal:

- Self-Efficacy
- Attribution
- Stereotype Threat



Societal Issues:

- Media
- Peers
- Role Models/Mentoring
- Collaboration









Table Activity

• Create a list of all the Root Causes you can think of . . . whether you feel like they are something you can impact or not.

Table Activity

- Now categorize your Root Causes:
 - Things I can <u>Control</u>
 - Things I can <u>Influence</u>

Creating a Plan





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Step 3: Select Best Solutions

• See Choose Best Solutions Handout for Variety of Strategies

Table Discussion

- What solutions do you think would work best at your school?
- What additional information is needed? Should additional people be involved?

Share Plans

