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## Press Release



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### Governor Hassan Highlights Importance of Engaging Young Women in STEM Fields at Girls Technology Day

CONCORD – Continuing her efforts to encourage more young women to engage in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) to help prepare them for good jobs in the 21st century innovation economy, Governor Maggie Hassan today attended Girls Technology Day at NHTI Community College in Concord.



Governor Maggie Hassan (center) addresses Girls Technology Day at NHTI, Concord's Community College.

"A well-rounded education with an even more rigorous curriculum in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) is critical to developing the skills and innovative thinking needed for good jobs in the innovation economy," Governor Hassan said. "Girls Technology Day helps promote understanding that there are rewarding, exciting careers in the fields of STEM that can help women in New Hampshire support their families and climb the ladder of opportunity. I want to thank the organizers of today's event and all the girls in attendance for their commitment to developing the skills that will help prepare them for success in the future."

Building on her efforts to develop a highly skilled workforce with the knowledge and innovative thinking necessary for good jobs in the 21st century economy, Governor Hassan created the Governor's Task Force on STEM education, which brings together a diverse group of stakeholders from education and business to make recommendations for modernizing STEM education in New Hampshire's schools. Last year, Governor Hassan issued Executive Order 2015-03, adding three additional members to the task force – one who focuses solely on the recommendation to engage and mentor girls for STEM careers.

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