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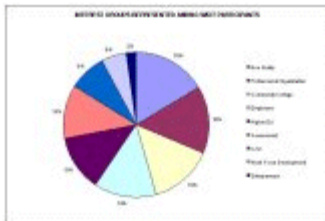
Virtual Conferencing

How many WGIT's does it take for a career in science and technology?

The Women and Girls in Technology (WGIT) Program uses interactive technology to involve girls and women in exciting discussions on topics related to science and technology. This is how the program works: Monthly Virtual Conference Calls highlight women who are leaders in technological industries or academia. These speakers provide an audio lecture on the telephone, which may be accompanied by a computer assisted PowerPoint® presentation.

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Whether technology savvy or not, interested individuals from across the country can sit in their office and hear local and national speakers talk about cutting edge technology issues.

"For one brief period of time each month, women can virtually step outside their physical office and share, learn and apply their knowledge."

How Participants Report Benefiting from the WGIT Program:

- "Contributes to my work as a policy analyst in a state government workforce training and educational agency."
- "I am a program director at the Montana Center on Disabilities in Billings, Montana. We have several ongoing projects for which the information will be useful."

Listeners are encouraged to provide comments, ask questions following the presentation and provide feedback online. Over 232 people from 36 States have participated in the first two calls. Those topics included: **Technology Realities: Past, Present and Future**, featuring an executive director of a technology corporation, and **Developing Leadership Models for Women in Technology**, with two female CEO's of major technology corporations. Other information about past and future programs, as well as instructions for

- "I am from New Orleans, Louisiana. I am teaching a class on nontraditional fields in academia (primarily agriculture). I hope to use comments from the conference call and the website to instigate discussion."
- "I will use this information to assist our state educators in recruiting girls into the computer and technology voc-tech programs in our high schools."
- "To augment my ideas about what is needed to increase the number of girls and women participating in education and professions in high tech industry."

signing up as a participant, are available at www.wqit.org. Regionally held technology events provide follow-up activities for participants. This program transforms people from being passive virtual listeners into being action takers.

In addition to this innovative virtual conferencing, the program offers an interactive web site where visitors can search for and explore technology skills training, career development programs, and networking events in their own communities across the country.

The website contains an archive of all the conference call programs, which includes digital recordings, information on the speakers, comprehensive summaries, and PowerPoint® presentations.

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