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**GIRLS ACTION NETWORK®**  
**JOURNEI'S S.T.E.M.-TASTIC ONE HUNDRED**

Philadelphia, PA – **Girls Action Network® (GAN)** had the opportunity to participate at ***Journei's S.T.E.M.-tastic One Hundred*** compelling workshop on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at **Rowan University's School of Osteopathic Medicine** in Stratford, New Jersey at which **Stephanie Humphrey, President, Girls Action Network, Inc.**, brought her passion for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) to her remarks as the keynote speaker.

Saturday's event was envisioned by **Journei Hutchings**, a Cadette Girl Scout and 8<sup>th</sup> grade middle school student attending Voorhees Middle School in Voorhees, NJ who planned a STEM workshop, ***Journei's S.T.E.M.-tastic One Hundred*** for one hundred (100) middle school aged girls. Cadette Girl Scout Hutchings has a passion for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math related subjects and a desire for a career in this field. She created this event in an effort to spark the interest in STEM before the girls reach high school so they can start considering and preparing in high school for STEM-related college majors. Middle school aged girls, grades six (6) through eight (8), from four (4) local schools in the South Jersey community were the target audience for the Journei's S.T.E.M.-tastic Workshop. The girls also came from middle class and underserved communities. The four (4) schools were, but not limited to, **Voorhees Middle School in Voorhees, NJ** (Journei's own school); **Lindenwold Middle School in Lindenwold, NJ**; **Lawnside Public School in Lawnside, NJ**; and **LEAP Academy in Camden, NJ**.

**GAN** is a grassroots organization focused on social transformation to educate and empower girls ages 11 and up, with special emphasis on those from underserved communities. At the core of **GAN's** mission, the realization is that girls commonly are directed towards traditional careers, away from, for example, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Reaching beyond single mentoring, **GAN Founder, Elisa Basnight** comments that "**GAN** strives to create a myriad of innovative programs and experiences, some in partnership with other not-for-profits and organizations, designed to show girls their expansive career and educational choices at a time when, research consistently shows that 'education for girls is one of the most effective – if not the most effective investment a nation can make to improve the health and prosperity of present and future generations.'"

**Girls Action Network® (GAN).**

GAN is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that educates and empowers girls in grades middle school and high school with special emphasis on girls from underserved communities. Girls Action Network® encourages girls to shatter stereotypes that limit their career options and enables them to fully explore their career opportunities and guide their own direction toward personal success with a particular focus on STEM. [www.girlsactionnetwork.org](http://www.girlsactionnetwork.org)

PHOTOS:

Courtesy of Stephanie Humphrey



L-R: Stephanie Humphrey, **Keynote** and Journei Hutchings, **Event Host**



Participants attending **morning plenary session**



Participants attending **conference session**



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