



## **Support for Vermont Works for Women's Gender Equity Programs at Career & Technical Centers**

*"A quick note to let you know that my daughter really enjoyed yesterday's Girls Tech! Day. We don't always get many details from our 13-yr old, however, after Girls Tech!, she told me all about it! The 6 workshops, the tasks/projects they completed - she gave me a real sense of what the day was like. And she showed me her welding project right away; she seemed quite proud and happy with the result! Seeing that kind of enthusiasm in her 7th grader makes this mother very happy. Beyond that, we even had a brief, but solid discussion about how, historically, women have been limited in their work opportunities. My daughter's day with you stretched her field of view and gave her first-hand experience in work fields she knew next to nothing about. I'm grateful that she was able to attend Girls TECH! - both for the fun day itself, and also, as a part of her growing understanding that programs like Girls Tech! are important ways to better balance our workforce opportunities and identify the jobs that best suit any individual without regard to gender. Please pass on my thanks to all of the Vermont Works for Women people who organized and ran the Girls Tech! as well as your Board of Directors. Our communities are lucky to have you!"*

- Parent of Girls Tech! participant

*"Thank you so much for putting together Girls Tech at the Burlington Tech Center. On our way back to school I asked the girls what they thought of the day and each of the 14 girls thought it was an awesome day! Many of them asked if they could go again next year. Needless to say I you are every wondering if the work that you do makes an impact the answer is that it certainly does!"*

- Girls Tech! chaperone

*"For over twelve years Randolph Technical Career Center has collaborated with VT Works for Women for many different kinds of programs to enhance female student outcomes during or after high school. One of the most successful is the Career Challenge Day in which female students from our sending school region come to RTCC to participate and learn about a non traditional program such as; Diesel Technology, Automotive Technology, Construction Management, Digital Film, Forestry, Agriculture, Advanced Manufacturing, and Criminal Justice. Each program prepares and has hands on activities for the students to be actively engaged in and to learn about the career field. We value and appreciate the pre and post training VT Works for Women holds for RTCC and our staff so we can provide the best possible event. Without hesitation we would support and encourage other Technical Centers to take advantage of this work."*

- Jason Gingold, Director of Randolph Technical and Career Center

*"Through a partnership with VT Works for Women, we collaborated to create the Girls Tech event at Burlington Technical Center, an empowering half-day of career exploration through hands-on, experiential workshops and engaging opening and closing activities for middle school girls and non-binary youth from almost twenty schools in and around Chittenden County. VWW professionally executed the coordination, registration, and outreach for the event, as we welcomed approximately 90 middle school students each year for the last two years. The VWW team creates supportive, welcoming spaces for youth to explore new activities, and we highly recommend their expert coordination and programming."*

- Kris Breen, Work-based Learning Coordinator, Burlington Technical Center