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Client List

Making Waves Academy

Ellen Glasgow Middle School, VA

Mission High School

Puente Program, UC

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The Unlikely Military Aviator

Students will learn:

- How daughter of Mexican immigrants became military aviator
- How to address cultural/financial obstacles to education
- How science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) disciplines intersect to make planes fly
- Stories about a Latina's global military aviation service

In this unique content set, a first generation Latina born to Mexican immigrant parents of little means shares with students how she became an unlikely military aviator, after graduating from one of our nation's most prestigious universities and becoming a military officer.

Through her ability to relate deeply personal insights into what holds many Latino students back from completing high school and pursuing higher education, she encourages students to aspire to become successful, highly educated adults. Air Force Captain Graciela Tiscareño-Sato motivates students to dream way beyond what they see in their communities and to take the long-term view of higher education.

After establishing a connection with her audience, Graciela shares specific examples of how science, technology, engineering and mathematics knowledge is critical to flying onboard airplanes in both the civilian and military communities. She teaches students what they need to do to prepare for an aviation career or other professions requiring continuous learning.

Time permitting, Graciela surprises the students with her Air Force flight suits, gloves, scarves, checklists and aviation maps. Students don the uniforms and explore the tools used in the cockpit. This last step makes it all a bit more real for students who likely have never met a military aviator. Seeing themselves in flight suits gives them a vision of a possible future career and encourages them to aim high in their dreams for their futures.

This topic is available as a keynote speech, a half-day or full-day workshop



What People Are Saying

"The pictures are great, the students are beaming with joy. Your presentation was awesome. You succeeded in weaving the details of your personal and professional life into a story which was both inspiring and motivational. You demonstrated for students and their teachers that whatever is needed to fulfill their dreams is within their grasp. Your encouraging message opened their minds, planted seeds of hope in their hearts and showed them that their aspirations are worthy goals. I look forward to having an opportunity to work with you again in the future."
—Dr. Evelyn C. Wesley, President, Emeritus, Merritt College and Director of Making Waves Academy (for middle school students)

"Graciela, the kids are still talking about your visit. We really appreciate the time you took to meet and talk to our students. My only regret is that we couldn't get you to everyone in the school."
—Ray Leonard, science teacher, Ellen Glasgow Middle School

"You were exactly what we were hoping for in a distinguished lecturer and what you shared with the students exceeded our expectations!"
—Arin Ely, Student Development Coordinator & Academic Advisor, TSU-San Marcos



Biography

Graciela Tiscareño-Sato is the daughter of Mexican immigrants and the oldest of five children, Graciela was the first in her family to graduate from college. She earned a degree in architecture while also completing the Aerospace Studies program as an AFROTC (Air Force Reserve Officer Training Program) scholarship cadet at the University of California at Berkeley. She actively mentors students who need education and career roadmaps, a central focus of her international award-winning book titled [Latinnovating](#). Her articles have published in the U.S. and Europe including *American Careers*, *Faces*, *Environmental Leader*, *Hispanic MBA*, *The Huffington Post* and others. She's been interviewed by CBS, *Latino Leaders Magazine*, *The New York Times*, *Latina* magazine and other media organizations. She earned a Masters degree in International Management from Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington while serving as instructor navigator on-board air refueling tankers with the U.S. Air Force. In November 2010, she received "[Entrepreneur of the Year](#)" honors at the *LATINAS* Style Magazine Gala in Washington D.C. She is a key organizer of the annual Silicon Valley Latino Leadership Summit held at Stanford and founded niche publishing and marketing communications firm, Gracefully Global Group, LLC. She'll publish her first children's book [Good Night Captain Mama](#) in 2013. She lives in the San Francisco bay area with her husband and three children.

