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Client List

Making Waves Academy

Ellen Glasgow Middle School, VA

Mission High School

Puente Program, UC

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Foothill College

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The STEM of Aviation

Middle School, High School students will learn:

- What to do in middle/high school to prep for aviation career
- How science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) disciplines intersect to make planes fly
- How an aviation career can pay your college tuition
- Stories about a Latina's global military aviation service

In sharing details of her familial and educational experiences, 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.

Graciela shares specific examples of how science, technology, engineering and mathematics knowledge is critical to flying airplanes in both civilian and military settings. She teaches students what they need to do to prepare for an aviation career as well as other professions requiring continuous learning and a strong, broad foundation.

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 grasps. 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 a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, School of Environmental Design. 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 Cal. She actively mentors students who need education and career roadmaps, a central focus of her international award-winning book titled [Latinovating: Green American Jobs and the Latinos Creating Them](#). Her many thought leadership pieces have been 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 many 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 *LATINASTyle Magazine* Gala in Washington D.C. She is a key organizer of the annual Silicon Valley Latino Leadership Summit held at Stanford and founded the award-winning niche publishing and marketing communications firm, Gracefully Global Group, LLC. The International Latino Book Awards in New York honored her first book with three awards; she will 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.

