



National Consortium of Secondary STEM Schools

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Via Rosemarie Jahoda, NCSSS President:

Here are some quotes from some of the members regarding your speech:

"I found Ms. Stott's speech uplifting and inspiring. Her passion for aviation and her experience as an astronaut exemplified how pursuing STEM can provide limitless opportunities for students beyond the classroom. I feel a deeper sense of purpose in making STEM, and the opportunities available through STEM careers, real for my students." ~Timothy Huth, Social Studies Teacher, Bronx Science, NY

"Her presentation was really inspiring, mostly because she spoke candidly about times she was intimidated and parts of the astronaut training that she had doubts about. I think of astronauts as being almost super-human, but she made being an astronaut look like it was more accessible. I was also excited to hear about her career path that led her to being an astronaut. Again, it made being an astronaut more "real", somehow." ~Alison Earnhart, Astronomy, Physics, & Engineering Design Teacher, Liberal Arts & Science Academy, Austin, TX

"Nicole Stott's closure talk at the conference gave me the opportunity to see our world from a completely different perspective. As a teacher, it taught me that to prepare our students to be outstanding contributors to the world, we need to foment their own personal interests and give them numerous opportunities to develop as students and as people in general. Ms. Stott mentioned that her fellow astronaut class was composed of amazing individuals with numerous interests. What they had in common was that all of them had the opportunity to excel not only in their academic fields but also to develop their personal interests or hobbies to an amazing level. This was a reminder of how each and every one of our students' interests are special and will help them become successful individuals." ~Juliana Perez, Mathematics Teacher, Bronx Science, NY

"The #1 impact of her speech was the opportunity seized by a woman, in a male dominated field, to not only succeed but to reach the apex of her profession. That's a strong message to every girl in my class who's been fed stereo-type crap about girls in tech fields. I also got the feeling her passion started at a very young age, with a lot of support from home, and she hasn't lost an ounce of that passion." ~Ross Grosshart, Technology Teacher, Brooklyn Technical High School, NY

Thanks for your terrific speech!