

Eaton Girls in Manufacturing

The Eaton Girls in Mfg Day, planned for Saturday, March 28 at Jamestown Community College, was postponed due to the pandemic. We had the day planned, starting with our keynote speaker Paula Snyder, Dean of the Cattaraugus County campus of JCC. A rotation of hands-on STEM related activities were also planned, including the following: Messy Science with Shannon Albert of Cuba-Rushford Central School; CNC machining, robotics, and tooling with Tim Griffin, Xavier Smith and a number of energetic female JCC students; Binary Code Necklace project with a team of programmers from Cutco; The Science of Ice-Cream with Stephanie Pikulski of ELANTAS PDG, the SolEpoxy Team, and Heather Price from the local ice-cream shop; Siemens STEM Pipeline kits with Stephanie Bell; STEM at your local library with Rachael Schultz.

The kits had already been purchased for the Binary Code Necklace project so we contacted the parents and students who had signed up for the event and distributed the kits to each student in Olean, Allegany, Portville, Cuba, Wellsville, Salamanca, Shinglehouse, and more. As we started to realize how long the students would be off school, we decided to involve the Girls in Mfg Clubs from Portville, Cuba, and Olean. Over 100 Binary Code Necklace kits were delivered throughout Cattaraugus and Allegany counties as well as Northern PA.

We also decided to create a series of videos, Celebrating Women in Manufacturing. This series of videos allowed the girls to learn about the women they were going to meet at the Girls in Mfg Day and at their Girls in Mfg club meetings. We continue to interview women in manufacturing and update regularly. Please visit our YouTube Channel DIDIWNY.

