CAREER DAY FOR GIRLS

On February 25, girls from across the Chicago area gathered at Northwestern’s 41st annual Career Day for Girls. The event, “Engineering: The Sky’s the Limit,” brought more than 200 middle and high school girls to McCormick to learn about engineering and applied science through laboratory tours, hands-on activities, and panel discussions. The goal was to share knowledge about science and technology with a group that has historically been underrepresented in the field. “It’s important to reach out to girls and show them all that engineering has to offer,” says Ellen Worsdall, assistant dean for student affairs.

The efforts seem to be working: When Career Day got its start in 1970, only 4 percent of McCormick students were women. Today that number is 30 percent.