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Million Women Mentors® – Texas

Advancing Women and Girls in STEM Careers Through Mentoring

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The University of Texas at Austin
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The 2019 Texas Girls Collaborative Project (TxGCP) Million Women Mentors – Texas (MWM-TX) Stand Up for STEM Educator Award recognizes individual educators or educational teams from K-12 schools, preK schools or non-profits, educational non-profits and similar organizations that demonstrate a commitment to engaging STEM mentors and role models in programs encouraging women and girls to pursue STEM careers, increasing the diversity of those pursuing STEM careers, and retaining women and girls who enter the STEM education pipeline.

The 2019 Texas Girls Collaborative Project (TxGCP) Million Women Mentors – Texas (MWM-TX) Stand Up for STEM Educator Award is presented to Barbara Hewitt from Texas State University.

Barbara Hewitt founded the San Antonio Women in Technology (SAWIT) over 10 years ago to support women from before they consider a STEM career, through their education, professional lives, and beyond. SAWIT hosts events supporting and engaging younger students (Code Jam, Core 4 STEM and others), high school students (Aspirations in Computing), university students (SAWIT Symposium), and professionals and retirees (SAWIT monthly meetings and socials). She also works with and mentors students and professionals to help them locate employment through relationships with local companies and supports them in their professional pursuits. She also works with national organizations such as the National Center for Women and Information Technology and the Women in Cyber Security and connects efforts to support women and girls in STEM throughout her community.

Barbara spends many hours talking with and mentoring students about their opportunities in computing. She extends this exuberance to share her love of technology beyond her own students to any students in whatever forum she can reach them including workshops, conferences, or anywhere she can find anyone willing to listen. She visits high schools when invited to talk with all students as she knows she'll reach classrooms with young women as well as men who may not know about all the possibilities of careers in computing and technology. She is constantly mentoring students about career pathways and educational opportunities and regularly suggests that her students consider going on for master's degrees or Ph.D.

Barbara serves on the Texas Girls Collaborative Project Champions Board and is a passionate advocate advancing women and girls in STEM.

Congratulations to the 2019 Texas Girls Collaborative Project (TxGCP) Million Women Mentors – Texas (MWM-TX) Stand Up for STEM Educator Award recipient Barbara Hewitt from Texas State University.