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Young girls will learn from female scientists, engineers and other successful women who work in the Cleveland area. In addition to lab tours and an emphasis on hands-on learning during various workshops, there will be a career panel featuring role models in the areas of mechanical engineering, chemistry, medical assisting and other disciplines.

Jessica Mester, MS, CGC, LGC, a genetic counselor at the Cleveland Clinic, will be one of this year's keynote speakers. Mester graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology from the Univers

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Her specialties include pediatric genetics, cancer genetics and PTEN spectrum conditions. Shellie Rose, Ph.D. will also address the young women. Rose earned her Bachelor of Science at Kent State University and her Masters at Ohio University, studying plate tectonics and metamorphic petrology.

She graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, with her Ph.D. after studying remote sensing and volcanology. Her presentation is titled, "What are you going to do with a degree in volcanology?"

The purpose of the event is to demonstrate to young girls that a career in science and engineering is cool, fun and personally rewarding. High school counselors and science instructors are invited to accompany students.

For more information, visit www.tri-c.edu/ywise or call (216) 987-4417. Students who register online will receive a parking permit or bus pass for the day of the event. Parking is available on each Tri-C campus in designated visitor lots for $1 for a two-hour time block, or a hangtag permit can be purchased for 75 cents.