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## **Toledo's Science Center to Host a FREE Virtual *Girl Power!* Celebration**

*March 14-20, will be filled with expert interviews, hands-on activities and an inspiring keynote speaker encouraging young girls to explore STEM.*

(TOLEDO, Ohio) - What can a girl do with STEM? (You know, science, technology, engineering and math.) She could build a website, discover a new planet or design a video game. She could build a better airplane or create a new nail polish color. A girl can do anything with STEM.

Join Imagination Station for *Girl Power!* - presented by Toledo Edison and the FirstEnergy Foundation - an event that will inspire girls to follow their dreams and consider becoming the next generation of engineers, inventors and pioneers!

This year, the annual event will look a little different. Instead of one day, we've expanded it to a week-long, virtual event, March 14-20. Girls in grades 3 - 8 will get access to amazing interviews with local female STEM professionals who will share their journeys as shining examples that anything is possible with hard work and dedication. Attendees also have the opportunity to purchase kits that come with supplies for several hands-on activities that reinforce the science principles behind each highlighted career.

*Girl Power!* will culminate on March 20 with a LIVE conversation with the second woman to ever coach in the NFL and the first openly gay coach in the league, Katie Sowers.

With a master's in kinesiology, Katie just completed her fourth season in the NFL and her second as an offensive assistant with the San Francisco 49ers. But her NFL career began with the Atlanta Falcons. Football is in her blood. Katie has competed at the highest level of women's tackle football, playing in the WFA (Women's Football Alliance) for eight years and being selected as a member of the United States Women's National Football Team in 2013. Her journey has not gone unnoticed. She is listed as one of the 100 Most Influential Women in Sport by Sport360 and won the 2019 Rising Star Award from The Sports Power Brunch: Celebrating the Most Powerful Women in Sports. She was also Outsports' 2017 Female Hero of the Year and named to the Bleacher Report Power 50. In addition, Katie has been featured in several publications and magazines, such as ESPN, USA Today, NFL.com, Forbes and Outsports.

*Girl Power!* is free with registration and activity kits are available to purchase for \$20. Participants can register for the full week or just the keynote speech. Links to all of the digital content, including March 20th's keynote address, will be sent to the email provided at registration.



Visit [imaginationstationtoledo.org/girl-power](http://imaginationstationtoledo.org/girl-power) to secure a spot.

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WHAT: *Girl Power! - presented by Toledo Edison and FirstEnergy Foundation*

WHEN: March 14 - 20, 2021

WHERE: Virtually via Zoom and at [imaginationstationtoledo.org](http://imaginationstationtoledo.org).

WHO: **Keynote speaker:**  
Katie Sowers  
*NFL Coach, Women's Football Player*

**Featured STEM Professionals:**

**Paulina Bourgeois**, *Development Engineer I*  
*First Solar*

**Clare Carson**, *Planning and Protection Engineer II*,  
*Toledo Edison, A FirstEnergy Co.*

**Teanya Norwood**, *Health Outcomes Manager*,  
*Social Determinants of Health, ProMedica*

**Wendy Miller**, *Manager of Application Care*,  
*The Andersons, Inc.*

**Sara Floyd**, *Senior Electroforming Lab Technician*,  
*NovaVision Inc.*

**Marquisa Horton**, *Director, Technical Operations, Construction*,  
*Buckeye Broadband*

**Dr. Angélica Vázquez-Ortega**, *Asst. Professor*,  
*School of Earth, Environment and Society*,  
*Bowling Green State University*

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Imagination Station provides a critical layer of science enrichment by serving as an educational partner for teachers, schools and parents. It's with a thoughtful blend of exhibits, experiences, education and excitement that Imagination Station inspires visitors to pursue STEM careers in Northwest Ohio.

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