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PHOTO OPPORTUNITY AND STORY IDEA

- WHAT?** Women Helping Girls with Choices Conference, designed to provide leadership training for elementary or middle school girls in the fifth or sixth grade
- WHEN?** Friday, October 23, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
- WHERE?** P/NW BOCES' Yorktown campus, 200 BOCES Drive, Yorktown Heights, beginning in the Tech South Amphitheater

The Women Helping Girls with Choices Conference is designed to provide girls with the opportunity to learn about expanded career options for women, to inspire leadership, and to enhance self-esteem. This will be accomplished by connecting with women of achievement and by recognizing power and competence as part of women's heritage. The keynote address will be delivered by Jessica DuLong, a U.S. Coast Guard-licensed merchant marine officer and one of the world's only female fireboat engineers. Ms. DuLong is also a journalist and her work has appeared in such publications as *Newsweek International*, *Rolling Stone*, *Psychology Today*, *CosmoGIRL!*, *Parenting*, *Today's Machining World*, and *Maritime Reporter & Engineering News*. For more information about the conference, contact Louise Dutra at (914) 248-2331.

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