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# WOMEN INVESTING IN EDUCATION

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ZOOM WEBINAR

## FEATURING



**Kristi Yamaguchi**

Kristi captured the gold medal in the 1992 Winter Olympics in Albertville, France in figure skating. She is also a world champion and two-time U.S. National Champion. Kristi is a member of the US Figure Skating Hall of Fame, World Figure Skating Hall of Fame and the US Olympic Hall of Fame. Following a long and successful career in professional figure skating, Kristi took to the dance floor to win top honors with partner Mark Ballas on the popular TV show "Dancing With The Stars." In 1996, she founded Always Dream whose mission is to inspire underserved children to reach for their dreams through innovative reading programs and by advancing the cause of early childhood literacy. Kristi has added New York Times Best-Selling author to her list of achievements with three children's picture book, "Dream Big, Little Pig!", and then following up with "It's A Big World, Little Pig!" and "Cara's Kindness." Kristi resides in the San Francisco Bay Area with her husband, Bret Hedican and their two young daughters, Keara and Emma.



**Jessica Aguirre**

Jessica Aguirre is the 6 and 11 p.m. evening anchor at NBC Bay Area News and an Emmy award-winning journalist. Jessica has been a primetime, evening anchor, in the Bay Area for over 20 years. Jessica has focused on covering laws and events that impact children, from investigative stories that uncover the loopholes set up by Jessica's law to the deteriorating state of education in the public school system. Her devotion to learning, supporting children and local charities has her routinely on the lecture circuit in the Bay Area discussing education, gender equity and minority advancement in the workplace.



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Founded in San José in 1994, City Year advances educational equity by supporting students' holistic development and resourcing systemically under-resourced schools to become spaces where students thrive. In East San José, City Year AmeriCorps members serve 7,000 students annually across 13 schools, providing mentorship and tutoring supports during and after the school day. Schools that partner with City Year are up to two to three times more likely to improve in English and math assessments, and the more time students spend with AmeriCorps members, the more they improve on social, emotional, and academic skills.



*Kristi Yamaguchi's*  
**ALWAYS DREAM**

Established in 1996, Kristi Yamaguchi's Always Dream (AD) believes their greatest gift and ability to proactively impact a child's life is by building a love of reading and engaging their parents at an early stage. AD enhanced its current literacy program to have an even greater impact, focusing on kindergarten students by providing 21st-century technology (one-to-one e-tablets) and access to a digital library in their home environment. To date, Always Dream has served over 10,000 students and partnered with 26 schools in California, Arizona, and Hawaii providing technology and literacy resources.

