

Picatinny showcases engineering for women

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ROCKAWAY -- Nearly 90 high school females, representing 25 northern New Jersey high schools, attended Picatinny Arsenal's "Introduce a Girl to Engineering" event held Thursday.

The program encourages girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

During the event, Picatinny engineers showcased the products they work on, including sound energy and aerospace. By participating in hands-on demonstrations and experiments, attendees were given a first-hand appreciation for the engineering at Picatinny.

The high school students interfaced with Picatinny's women engineers and scientists, who are developing armaments now being used by warfighters, and armaments technology for future soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen.

Sussex County Technical School students Rachael Randall, 16, of Byram, Catherine Choppy, 16, of Stanhope and Miranda Crothers, 14, of Frankford attended the event.

Choppy expressed an interest in working at Picatinny and is interested in guns, specifically sniper rifles and plans to apply for an internship.

Schools participating included Benedictine Academy Boonton, Bridgewater-Raritan Regional High School, Cicely L. Tyson Community School of Performing Arts, Clifton, Dover, East Orange Campus, East Orange STEM Academy, Girl's Academy of Newark, Hackensack, Hackettstown, Hopatcong, Jefferson, John F. Kennedy Memorial, Kinnelon, Lakeland Regional, Montclair, Montgomery, Morris Hills Academy, Morris Knolls, Mount Saint Mary Academy, Mount Olive, **Newton**, Orange, Piscataway, Pope John XXIII Regional High School, Randolph, Roxbury, Somerville, Sussex County Technical School, Union City, Vernon, Verona, Warren Hills Regional and North Warren Regional.