



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We're excited that your daughter is considering participation in *Dream it, Be It: Career Support for Girls!* Here are some things you should know:

The conference, hosted by Soroptimist International of Las Cruces, will take place on **April 15, 2023** from **8:30 am to 4:30 pm** at Doña Ana Community College, 3400 Espina St., Las Cruces.

Lunch will be provided. All participants will receive a *Dream It, Be It* Workbook with conference activities, a goodie bag with gifts from local businesses and educational organizations, and the opportunity to receive a \$500 scholarship in support of any post-high school education program.

*Dream It, Be It* is a program of Soroptimist International of the Americas, a women's volunteer organization with members in 21 countries and territories. Members support community-based and global projects with the goal of improving the lives of women and girls and empowering them economically. The organization is particularly concerned with providing access to education.

*Dream It, Be It* is designed to provide high school girls with career support and guidance. Through education and access to role models, the program aims to empower girls, like your daughter, to achieve career goals and reach their full potential. Your daughter will learn strategies for setting and achieving goals and for overcoming obstacles to success. She will have the opportunity to meet and work with Las Cruces professional women who will help her develop skills relevant to whatever career she chooses to pursue.

We know that your daughter has a lot of responsibilities at school and at home. We believe *Dream It, Be It* is a worthwhile investment in her future success. Our volunteers must meet legal requirements for working with children in our state and are prepared to give your daughter the best and safest experience possible.

We hope you'll give your daughter permission to take part in *Dream It, Be It*. Please complete and sign the Parental Consent and Release Form. Completed forms may be e-mailed as PDF files to [silascruces@soroptimist.net](mailto:silascruces@soroptimist.net) (electronic signature will be accepted) or may be printed and returned by mail to Soroptimist International of Las Cruces, P.O. Box 714, Las Cruces, NM 88004.

**NOTE: If you would like to receive communications about the conference via text message, please go to [www.silcnm.org](http://www.silcnm.org) and fill out the "Add me to mailing list" form. (Click on the link in the upper left corner.)**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us by e-mail at [silascruces@soroptimist.net](mailto:silascruces@soroptimist.net).

Sincerely,

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