

## **NASA EXPANDS WOMEN@NASA WEBSITE TO ENCOURAGE GIRLS TO PURSUE “STEM” CAREERS**

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has expanded its Women@NASA website to include Aspire 2 Inspire, a new feature aimed at helping middle school girls explore education and careers in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.

The site features four short films and one overview film that explore the careers and backgrounds of early-career women who work for NASA in each of the STEM areas. A list of community organizations and NASA-affiliated outreach programs with a STEM emphasis also is available. The site also features four Twitter feeds where visiting girls can interact with and submit questions to the young women featured in the films.

"We have an opportunity to reach out to the next generation and inspire today's girls to pursue science and technology careers," said Rebecca Keiser, the agency's associate director for agency-level policy integration and representative to the White House Council on Women and Girls. "Expanding opportunities in these fields will give our country perspectives and expertise that will help us out-innovate, out-educate and out-build the world. It's key to our future."

For additional information, visit the website at <http://women.nasa.gov/azi/>