

# Girls STEAM Project Talladega County, AL

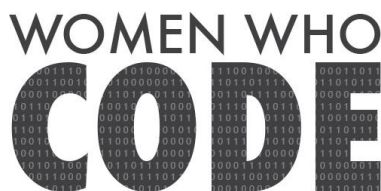
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The Girls STEAM Project goal is to help seventh and eighth grade girls in Talladega County expand their horizons in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) with an Art component.

## Women Who Code Announce Winners



[Women Who Code](#) (WWCode), the world's largest nonprofit organization working to support the success of women engineers, is proud to announce the winners of the 2017 #ApplaudHer Awards. This honor was bestowed upon women in 13 categories and was given in recognition of their contributions and accomplishments within the technology industry.

The winners were announced November 19, 2017 at the [Second Annual Women Who Code Awards](#). Over 100 people were in attendance to celebrate the event and support Women Who Code in their work to inspire women to excel in technology careers. Sponsors for the ceremony included [Github](#), [Samsung](#), [Hired](#), [Plex](#), [Capital One](#), [VMWare](#), [Saint Archer Brewing](#), [Hova Labs](#), [Peroni](#), and [Galvanize](#).

The winners of the awards were as follows:

- **Ignite Award:** [Vicki Cheung](#), Head of Infrastructure, OpenAI
- **Rise Award:** [Maria Kazandjieva](#), Engineering Manager, Netflix
- **Innovator Award:** [Kimberly Mach](#), Senior Software Engineer, Microsoft
- **Visionary Award:** [Martha Arellano](#), Cloud Platform Architect, VISUAL VOCAL
- **Open Source Award:** [Erin Spiceland](#), Engineer, NodeSource
- **Founder Award:** [Fatima Dicko](#), Founder & CEO, jetpack

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*Talladega County 7<sup>th</sup>  
and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls  
learn to Break Barriers  
at CACC. Look for a  
feature in December's  
newsletter.*

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- **Phoenix Award:** [Lori Hill](#), Software Engineer, NBC
- **Localization Award:** [Mimi Hills](#), Director, Product Globalization, VMware
- **Senior Leadership Award:** [Ann Yeung](#), Sr. Director, Software Engineering, Capital One
- **VPE Award:** [Dory Weiss](#), VP of Engineering, nCino
- **Director of Engineering Award:** [Selena Deckelmann](#), Director of Engineering, Firefox Runtime, Mozilla
- **Engineering Lead Award:** [Laurence Girard](#), Engineering Lead API and DevOps, GIPHY
- **Thought leadership Award:** [Max Whitney](#), VP of Engineering, Max Amalgamates

(Source: womenwhocode.com)

## **Ireland: 'I've Faced Sexism': Woman Who is Set to Become First Irish Person in Space**



A woman who is set to become the first Irish person to travel to Space has revealed she has faced sexism as she pursued her incredible career. Dr Norah Patten said she is determined to inspire young girls not to be deterred by sexist stereotypes and to follow their dreams.

Norah (34) told Independent.ie: "The whole area of Space has always been absolutely fascinating to me." Norah studied aeronautical engineering in University of Limerick before she completed a PhD in Aeronautical Engineering, but she admits that

she has faced some discrimination because of her gender.

"When I was eleven I got to visit NASA in Ohio. Once I went there I thought it was the coolest thing. I grew up in Mayo so to get to go visit that was a real eye-opener." (Source: [www.independent.ie/irish-news](http://www.independent.ie/irish-news))

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