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8TH ANNUAL ROCKETS TEACHER LAUNCH SEMINAR PROVIDES TEACHERS WITH CREATIVE STEM-BASED CURRICULUM

The Junior League of Phoenix Hosts This Science and Nutrition Teacher Training on March 30, 2019.

PHOENIX –March 25, 2019 – The Junior League of Phoenix (JLP) will host its 8th Annual ROCKETS (Raising Our Children’s Knowledge by Educating Through Science) Teacher Launch from 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at the Arizona Science Center for only a nominal fee of \$10. The seminar is a half-day training that provides non-stop, hands-on science activities that will give teachers creative ideas on how to incorporate science and nutrition into everyday lesson plans as well as providing four hours of continuing education credit for attendance.

The seminar is for all Pre-K, elementary school teachers and science educators, and after-school program administrators in Maricopa County. Each attendee will go home with a science kit with hours’ worth of curriculum, extension activities, and supplies to help get started in his or her classroom.

This ROCKETS teacher launch is important to our Maricopa community as numerous studies have shown that the ages between birth to eight are the most critical in a child’s development. By encouraging an early interest in science, it helps children to think critically and creatively about the world around them. The ROCKETS Teacher Launch Seminar was inspired on this principle with the goal of providing teachers in Maricopa County additional resources to implement fun science activities into everyday lesson plans in laying the foundation for their children’s success in school and beyond.

"ROCKETS and the Junior League of Phoenix are proud to offer this training to our community teachers", said Chair of ROCKETS, Courtney Clark. "With this valuable curriculum, we hope to continue to help educators impact their classrooms with fun STEM-based activities."

The ROCKETS program, created by the Junior League of Phoenix, serves preschool and early elementary children in Maricopa County by providing exposure to early science and math education which supports early exposure to STEM programming (STEM a state-wide program that integrates the teaching of Science and Mathematics by incorporating Technology and Engineering).

Structured early science and math programming is currently not offered for most preschool children in Maricopa County below the poverty line, thus ROCKETS reaches the need of those in our community free of charge.

For more event details visit jlp.org.

About The Junior League of Phoenix

The Junior League of Phoenix, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization of over 1,000 women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the Valley of the Sun through the

effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. For more than 80 years, the JLP has invested more than \$4.1 million in the community and contributes over 75,000 volunteer hours annually. Current League programs are structured around the Junior League of Phoenix's focus area of "Building a Healthy Arizona." For more information about The Junior League of Phoenix, please visit jlp.org.

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