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be a combination of imagination and drive and that's why Stockton is happy you are here today. We want you to use your imagination, have fun and learn more about the variety of careers you can prepare for as you are planning for college," she said.

Victoria Battaglia, of Linwood, a freshman at Mainland Regional High School, said she "never thought about [being a scientist] before, but after this, maybe."

Battaglia attended "The Chemistry of Modern Cuisine" tau

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Susan E. Chittooran, a program analyst with the Women's Bureau at the U.S. Department of Labor, emphasized that STEM jobs are a way for women to close the pay gap that exists between male and female workers' lifetime earnings.

"Nineteen of the top 20 highest paid jobs are all STEM jobs," Chittooran said, adding that "women are leaving large sums of money behind" if they don't go into those fields. The unemployment rate for STEM jobs is a lot lower than unemployment in other fields, she said, with STEM jobs projected to grow at a much faster rate than other sectors.

Rachel Jones, a physics teacher at Hunterdon Central Regional High School who also