

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES ARTS IN EDUCATION



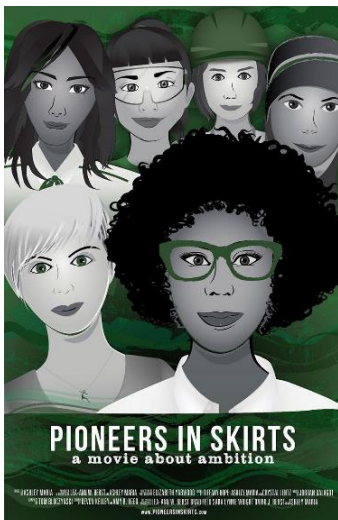
# SPOTLIGHT

\*\*\*New Program\*\*\*



### *Using the Power of Film to Talk About Careers*

**As school districts look to engage and encourage a more diverse student population to consider non-traditional careers, the documentary film, *Pioneers in Skirts*, has proven to be a globally relatable story for empowering girls to live up to their full potential.**



The winner of the Best Documentary for Change at the 2021 Paris International Film Festival, *Pioneers in Skirts* is an entertaining and relatable film about the obstacles that get in the way of pioneering ambition. The film addresses the stereotyping and sexism that can chip away at a woman, hurt her potential, and make her feel like she must re-think her dreams. In an inspiring portrait of perseverance and determination, *Pioneers in Skirts* filmmakers Ashley Maria and Lea-Ann Berst follow the journeys of 3 unforgettable girls on a robotics team, their fathers, and Lily, a young mother who is in line for a promotion. Using Ashley's own story as a female director in Hollywood as the through line – they speak with fellow pioneering women and topic experts who have solutions to share.

*"The Producers at Pioneers in Skirts helped us create an event that was inspirational and eye-opening by the participants as well as our audience. Weeks later I'm still hearing from constituents with thanks and praise for such an engaging, educational, and action-oriented documentary," shared Leah Arnold, Director of Career, Technical and Adult Education, ES BOCES*



**More details including contact information and pricing for these programs and more can be found in the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Arts-In Education online catalogue: [artsined.esboces.org](https://artsined.esboces.org)**

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