



Recognition Letter

**SCHOOL TO WORK OPPORTUNITIES
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Dear Kate:

The National School-to-Work Office (NSTWO) would like to thank you for your contribution to the overwhelming success of the **School-to-Work 2000: *Thinking About Tomorrow*** conference. The conference hosted close to 1300 attendees, representing education, business, community organizations, parents and a visible and vocal group of young people. Thinking About Tomorrow, a celebration of the accomplishments of school-to-work, left participants with practical information, valuable tools, an expanded network, an appreciation for the promise and challenges that lie ahead, and an optimism for what is possible.

As you know, the conference was multi-faceted, and your contribution was invaluable to its success. Your captivating one-women performances of *Women: Back to the Future* received rave reviews and served to motivate and inspire conference participants to recognize positive character traits in historical women in American history. Your stories of women, such as Bessie Coleman and Abigail Adams who overcame barriers to succeed and leave their mark on history were both educational and inspirational. The Teachers Guide to your performance has made it possible for participants to continue the learning innovations back in the classroom through a variety of follow-up activities including creative writing and career exploration.

Your individual contribution to the youth agenda and our collective mark at local, state, and national levels has transformed the nature of work and learning in this country. It took your energy and commitment to excellence to make this event powerful for all who attended. The NSTWO appreciates your active involvement in our celebration of school-to-work and wishes you continued success in your own tomorrows.

Sincerely
Stephanie J. Powers
National School-to-Work Director