Women working toward equal workforce participation

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Women at Chico State are widely under-represented in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields. Few female students have graduated with degrees in computer science, computer engineering or electrical engineering, according to Jeffrey Bell, chair of the biology, science and mathematics department.

Recent studies have shown that female students are less likely to choose STEM fields, and that women in the field are less likely to stay in the field. For example, a study by the National Science Foundation found that men are more likely to pursue STEM careers than women.

Melody Stapleton, chair of the computer science department, said when she came to Chico she was the only woman in the department. She said that women in STEM are often ostracized and that the field can be toxic. She said that the field is also a risk for women seeking math and science degrees.

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