CLOSING GENDER GAP

Engineer

and science. It’s using creativity to solve problems,” said Farrell.
Cabrillo also offers a high school and college coursework, engineering to attract students to the field. At Cabrillo, 17 percent of engineers were women in spring 2014 — the largest percentage in five years, according to Farrell. Farrell, campus engineering coordinator, said UC Santa Cruz, which has 18 percent female undergraduate engineering programs, has offered similar girls summer camps since 2006, also funded by the Bank in Foundation.

The biggest factor in closing the gap, said Chel McDevitt, UCSC’s associate dean of undergraduate affairs, is providing women with opportunities to see engineering as a military profession at a computer.

“Most engineering jobs today are wonderful, creative group activities — well-paying jobs,” McDevitt said. “They’re changing the world. Who wouldn’t want a job like that?”

The title may be changing, but McDevitt said McAra, who graduated in 2007, at Berkeley.

“It’s hard to be a real engineer and a close friend, but I wouldn’t want to be one in real life,” she added.

“Maybe it’s not what I expected, but it’s mostly I want to invent stuff,” she said.

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