

# Top Leaders Join Simmons College and Girl Scouts to Support Girls



Simmons Hosts Nov. 14 Conference on Helping Girls Succeed and Increasing Career Aspirations



BOSTON (November 6, 2014) — [Simmons College](#) and [Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts \(GSEM\)](#) will co-host a conversation among area girl-serving organizations and advocates on helping girls succeed and expanding their career aspirations. The conference, "Dreaming Big: Making the Case for Girls" takes place Friday, November 14 from 8a.m. to 3p.m. at Simmons College, 300 The Fenway. To register for the event, please visit the [registration website](#). In addition to girl-serving organizations, the conference will bring together educators, policymakers, and funders to determine how to best to support girls. The organizations, which include Big Sister Association of Greater Boston; Girls' LEAP; Strong Women, Strong Girls; Science Club for Girls; Investing in Girls Alliance; Simmons College and GSEM, are looking to work together more collaboratively for greater effectiveness, to identify new

and innovative ways to develop the leadership capacity of girls. Nearly 100 representatives from girl-serving organizations, nonprofit, public policy, education and funders from across the region will participate in the conference. These diverse perspectives will be represented through featured speakers including:

**Ayanna Pressely**, Boston City Councilor at-Large

**Pat Parcellin**, CEO, Girls Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts

**Tuti Scott**, President and Founder of Imagine Philanthropy

The November 14 event is the second conference in two years hosted by Simmons College and GSEM. The two organizations came together in 2012 to conduct original research on middle school girls, their career aspirations, and how best to support them for future success. **Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts** serves 35,000 girls grades K-12 and engages 15,000 adult volunteers in 178 communities in eastern Massachusetts. It seeks to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. For more information, visit [www.hergirlscouts.org](http://www.hergirlscouts.org). Follow the Girl Scouts on Twitter @[GirlScoutsEMass](https://twitter.com/GirlScoutsEMass). **Simmons College** is a nationally recognized private university located in the heart of Boston. It offers undergraduate education for women, and renowned coeducational graduate programs in health sciences, education, liberal arts, social work, library and information science, and communications management, as well as the nation's first MBA program designed specifically for women. Follow Simmons on Twitter @[SimmonsCollege](https://twitter.com/SimmonsCollege) and @[SimmonsNews](https://twitter.com/SimmonsNews).