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## Operation: This IS You! FREE Fall Events for Girls & Women

**Canadian Coast Guard, YVR and Royal Canadian Navy partner with Achieve Anything Foundation to offer a hands-on taste of 'life on the job' in high tech fields**

Vancouver, BC – September 6, 2018 – The Achieve Anything Foundation announces that applications are open for fall Operation: This IS You! hands-on experience events [www.achieveanything.ca](http://www.achieveanything.ca).

*Richmond, BC – Saturday September 15:*

### **Search & Rescue with Canadian Coast Guard**

Activities include tours of base duty stations, an interactive simulated search and rescue exercise, dive demonstration, educational games, firehose challenge, pilot the zodiac rescue craft and go for a ride to sea in the hovercraft. Bring your own lunch. *Minimum age – 14 years*



*Richmond, BC – Saturday September 29:*

### **Behind the Scenes – YVR Airport Operations**

Activities will explore Aircraft Rescue/Firefighting, Airfield Maintenance, Wildlife Control (Eagle/Hawk demo), K9 Explosive Detection, Operations and Emergency Operations Centres, Air Traffic Control Tower tour, Commercial Airline Cockpit tour. Lunch will be provided. *Minimum age – 16 years*

*Esquimalt, BC – Saturday October 20:*

### **Day Sail on a Royal Canadian Navy Warship**

Activities include tours of ship duty stations, crew quarters, war room and operational equipment; Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) joint search and rescue demonstration, ship firefighting simulation, simulated attack scenarios that demonstrate the warship's impressive manoeuvring capabilities. Lunch will be provided. *Minimum age – 12 years*



**The Achieve Anything Foundation** is a federally incorporated not-for-profit organization with a mission to inspire female future leaders in STEM (science, technology, engineering & math), and STEM-based fields such as Aviation, Aerospace, Marine & Defence. With the mantra *“From shop floor to top floor”* the Foundation employs a unique hands-on approach towards changing perceptions and improving gender diversity in high tech fields.

“Since the number of women in high tech industries remains low, the result is that few girls and women have women in their network to share their experience and passion for these fields. In day to day life, women generally don’t “see” themselves reflected in these areas, and this is continually reinforced in media and social media”. Says Achieve Anything president and founder Kirsten Brazier. “Therefore, if women are not aware of these opportunities, it is unreasonable to expect them to be interested in pursuing STEM-based fields. We’ve implemented Operation: This IS You! to develop this network of experience by providing year-round hands-on events for girls and women in the native environments of our agency and industry partners.”

This hands-on approach has proven very successful for the Foundation’s signature event **The Sky’s No Limit – Girls Fly Too!**, held annually during the week of International Women’s Day. Since 2012 the family-friendly, free event has been enjoyed by over 67,300 participants and 9,172 free flights provided to female first-time fliers. Over the past 4 years the events have been supported by two female NASA astronauts: Wendy Lawrence and Heide Stefanyshyn-Piper. Visit [www.girlsfly2.ca](http://www.girlsfly2.ca) for more information.

Brazier is a professional pilot from the Lower Mainland, BC and she holds Airline Transport Ratings for both aeroplanes and helicopters. With over 25 years of flying experience, Brazier has enjoyed a diverse career flying across Canada, US and the Caribbean on wheels, floats, skis and skids as well as two-crew operations in both aeroplanes and helicopters. In 2017, the University of the Fraser Valley recognized Brazier’s achievements with an Honorary Doctorate of Technology.

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