

Award Winning Documentary Film *Pioneers In Skirts* Screens at SXSW EDU Austin, TX March 8, 2023 11 am, Convention Center

The daughter-mother filmmaking team Ashley Maria and Lea-Ann Berst will attend with special guests from North Carolina's Wake Young Women's Leadership Academy.

RALEIGH, NC, UNITED STATES, February 9, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A movie about ambition, [Pioneers in Skirts](http://www.pioneersinskirts.com) is one of just three films invited to screen under the Accessibility & Inclusion track at the [SXSW EDU® Conference](http://www.sxswedu.com) being held March 6-9, 2023 in Austin, Texas.



SXSW EDU reflects the world's most critical social issues as seen through the lens of education. This year's event will bring together the learner, the practitioner, the entrepreneur, and the visionary to share their groundbreaking stories, tackle complex issues, and build re-imagined paths forward.



We're extremely excited the festival gave us the March 8th slot, which is International Women's Day!"
Ashley Maria, Director - Pioneers In Skirts

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. #EmbraceEquity

The Wake Young Women's Leadership Academy (WYWLA), located in Raleigh, North Carolina, has hosted two movie screenings in front of students, one via a LIVE Zoom event and another in a school venue. *Pioneers in Skirts* proved to have a long-term impact as a catalyst for conversations with students about awareness and opportunities.

WYWLA educators, Sharon Cuffee and Frank Reed, will share their experiences of how the film helped their students self-reflect about their own lives, careers, and how they feel about the

topics in the film.

ABOUT THE FILM

In a portrait of perseverance and determination, the “Pioneers in Skirts” filmmakers, Ashley Maria and Lea-Ann W. Berst, follow the journeys of 3 unforgettable girls on a robotics team, their fathers, and Lily, a woman fearful her pregnancy news will fault her raise negotiations. The film uses Ashley’s own story as a female director in Hollywood as the through line while also featuring fellow pioneering women and topic experts who have solutions to share.

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