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Caltech (approximate dates)

1891  Founding of Throop University (with women)
1907  Throop Polytechnic Institute (without women)
1920  Renamed California Institute of Technology
1969  First woman hired on professorial faculty
1970  Undergraduate women admitted
1987  First woman hired on the engineering faculty
1990  First use of Caltech's faculty maternity policy
Claire, age 11
Pre-tenure

Madelyn, age 8
Post-tenure

Both – happy, healthy, loving, confident
Choices and some compromises

• My husband commutes 2+ hours per day
• Saying “No”
• Minimize travel (like this meeting); pre-trip preparations and planning
• Drive a big mini-van and carry a large purse
• Make use of academic flexibility
• Always dinner together, but sometimes it’s eggs and pancakes

Through my daughter’s eyes – Mom works, reads, swims, makes lasagna, drinks Diet Coke, and loves me & my family