My favorite t-shirt is one from HERdacity, a women’s leadership organization. It says, “Tell me what you think I can’t do so I can get started.”

My entire life, I’ve fought against a narrative of shouldn’t, couldn’t, and can’t. As a child, I had a speech impediment. I was told I shouldn’t go to elementary school because of it. I grew up working-class poor and was later told I couldn’t go to college, let alone grad school. Because I was a woman coming of age in the 60s, many said I shouldn’t consider a profession—especially that of a minister or theologian. I would never be a leader at an elite school because I didn’t graduate from one. The list goes on.

A lifetime of voices challenged my interests and desires, but I found some joy in the challenge, like running in the winter next to the ocean, like a long hike up a steep hill. What motivated me, and continues to motivate me, is the knowledge that the result of the struggle could be greater opportunity and justice for all women, a new narrative about what we can do.
Jensine (Yen-See Nah) Larsen is leading a digital revolution through her organization, World Pulse - a global communication network that is giving voice to women and girl leaders who have then gone on to impact over 7.6 million lives. With her finger on the pulse of women’s voices globally, Jensine will speak at this year’s HerDU conference (check her out during the morning program!) about how online networks can harness the power of digital communication to connect women and girls to a powerful force for change – raising their voices, making international headlines, obtaining vital development information, and building movements. Joining World Pulse enables you to connect with a worldwide sisterhood who are speaking out and lifting each other up. With just one click, you can use your voice to change another women’s life. Find out more at HerDU on March 8th and in the meantime, check out why in his bestselling book “Half the Sky”, *New York Times* columnist Nicholas Kristof recommends joining World Pulse as one of the top four things you can do in 10 minutes to support women globally.

During HerDU, plan on stopping by the Half the Sky* Fair, which will be set-up all day in the 2nd floor hallway in Sturm Hall on Friday, March 8th. Shop from 15 vendors for the perfect gift at this international market where your purchases benefit non-profit organizations that support women and girls. Engage with others making a real difference in the lives of women here in Colorado and around the world. This free annual event was created by a group of students and alumnae of the Colorado Women’s College dedicated to the protection and advancement of women and girls.

For more information on this year’s vendors, please click [here](https://www.herduplus.org/).