To our Extended WE@RIT Community,

Our office has been hard at work this semester putting on new programming and planning for the future. It was a pleasure to see many familiar faces at our inaugural Open House held on November 7th, but equally as thrilling to see many, many new ones! The event was a smashing success for us and we’ve tentatively scheduled next year’s Open House for the morning of Saturday, November 5th, 2016 here in James Gleason Hall. As promised, the event was a “buffet of engineering possibilities to explore” for girls in grades 5-9, their families and their educators, and we’re excited to bring you a new and updated Open House next year. Our students were thrilled to act as engineering ambassadors for the day, inspiring girls to consider engineering possibilities and applications throughout all of the disciplines offered here in the Kate Gleason College of Engineering. We are committed to keeping that event free and open to all, so please plan on coming next fall. Guests will interact with female engineering students from all of our engineering majors to learn about what engineering is and to experience real world applications in a hands-on, female-centric environment.

The WE@RIT office is currently in the process of evaluating our outreach programming: planning the best programming for our female students while having the greatest impact on the K12 community. To that end, we have decided to cancel Everyday Engineering Summer Camp for 2016 in order to focus on new program planning and implementation for the 2016-17 academic year. While we sympathize that this means missing out on a highly anticipated summer experience for some of you, we owe it to ourselves, our students and our community to make certain that we are best serving all of our constituencies. This also means that exciting new things are on the horizon for us!

Please be sure to keep an eye on your inbox and check out the WE@RIT Events page to stay connected. As always, we thank you for your interest and support of the WE@RIT program.

Sincerely,
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