



TO: Educator

FROM: Sheila Scott, Dean of Student Affairs

SUBJECT: **YOUNG WOMEN IN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY; HerWorld**

DATE: September 1, 2009

Did you know that women constitute 45% of the workforce in the U.S., but hold just 12% of science and engineering jobs in business and industry. (National Council for Research on Women, *Balancing The Equation: Where are Women & Girls in Science, Engineering & Technology?* 2001). We have a responsibility to educate young women about these underrepresented fields with the hopes of encouraging them to pursue these types of career opportunities down the road.

We are excited to present the 6th annual Young Women in Science and Technology retreat presented by DeVry University and its dedicated sponsors. This year we have incorporated more hands-on workshops designed to inform and excite young women about nontraditional careers relating to science, technology, and business. It will also provide educators and parents' insight to help support and reinforce young women's interest in these career fields.

We encourage you to join us! The retreat will be held on **Thursday, October 22nd, 2009**, at The Denver Merchandise Mart (125 & 58th Avenue). It is **FREE** and open to **junior, & senior high school girls**. Your students will have the opportunity to view exhibits, participate in hands-on workshops related to science and technology, and hear from one of the first female fighter pilots in the world! Please review the attached information for this year's event.

Included in this packet are a few forms for your use in registering your students for this worthwhile and educational retreat. Included are the following:

- The preliminary agenda: A brief outline of the day's activities.
- Student Registration Form: Pass these out to your students and have them return them **to you** directly. Please ask the students to submit them to you by **September 18th**. You will need to send the student registration forms to us by **October 2nd**.
- YWIST Retreat – School Student List: Return this to me with a list of all the students who will be attending from your school. The deadline to return this completed list to me, along with the individual student registration forms, is **October 2nd**.
- Parental Approval Form and General Waiver and Release Form – Each student attending this event under the age of 18 must have this form completed. You may fax them in with your forms or bring them with you to the event.



For additional information, contact Sheila Scott at: ph: (303)280-7570, email: sscott@devry.edu, fax: (303)280-7545, address: 1870 W. 122nd, Westminster, CO 80234.



You can find additional information about YWIST by going to our website:
<http://www.wes.devry.edu/ywist.html>. Once again this year we have the online registration feature – go to: http://www.wes.devry.edu/ywist_registration.html.

If you have any questions along the way, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone at (303)280-7570 or by email at ywist@devry.edu. Please use the website above to register online - you can save time and will **NOT** have to submit the forms in this packet.

I look forward to your participation this year!

Dates to remember:

Date	Activity
September 18 th	Student Registration Forms due to their teacher/YWIST coordinator
October 2 nd	Educator Registration Form, Student Registration Form(s), General Waiver and Release Form(s), and Student List due to DeVry
October 22 nd	5 th Annual YWIST Retreat

This event is limited to the first 500 respondents (420 students/80 educators) so return your forms early! Seats will be reserved on a first-come first-serve basis when registration forms have been received.

Registering online is a quick and easy way to get your seats reserved. Simply type in the information on each registration form then, email a Student List so I can cross-reference with the forms to ensure all registrations have been received. Please be sure your registrations are complete and the girls are committed to attending so we don't take potential seats away from girls who may also want to attend.



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