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TO: Educator
FROM: Sheila Scott, Dean of Student Affairs
SUBJECT: **YOUNG WOMEN IN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**
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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 5th annual Young Women in Science and Technology retreat presented by DeVry University and their dedicated sponsors. This year we have incorporated more hands-on workshops designed to inform and excite young women about nontraditional careers relating to science and technology. 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 **Friday, October 3rd, 2008**, at the Colorado Convention Center (14th and Welton). It is **FREE** and open to sophomore, 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 here from KUSA Channel 9 News Meteorologist, Kathy Sabine. 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:

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- The preliminary agenda: A brief outline of the day's activities.
- Educator Pre-Registration Form: To indicate your interest in attending the event. Please send this back as soon as possible indicating you will be participating. The deadline to pre-register is **September 5th, 2008**.
- 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 12th**. You will need to send the student registration forms to us by **September 19th**.

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- 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 **September 19th**.
- Parental Approval Form – Each student attending this event under the age of 18 must have this form completed. Bring them with you to the event.

You can find additional information about YWIST by going to our website:

<http://www.wes.devry.edu/ywist.html>. This year we have added 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 5 th	Educator Pre-registration Form due (this will hold your spot)
September 12 th	Student Registration Forms due to their teacher/YWIST coordinator
September 19 th	Educator Registration Form, Student Registration Form(s) and Student List due to DeVry
October 3 rd	5 th Annual YWIST Retreat

This event is limited to the first 700 respondents so return your forms early!