



Greetings Alumni,

On behalf of Women in Science and Engineering (WiSE) at Syracuse University, we are reaching out to you as a woman graduate in a STEM field to inform you about our organization and encourage you to engage in the activities on campus that support women students and faculty in the sciences, engineering and mathematics departments. WiSE was developed in 2000 with three main goals in mind:

- 1) Recognize the dynamic presence of women in STEM at SU at all levels
- 2) Promote new scholarship initiatives in learning, mentoring and advising approaches in STEM to maximize women's educational and career success
- 3) Initiate change in the university climate to nurture women's participation in STEM fields

On a limited budget, WiSE has gained recognition for our efforts to improve the academic climate for women in science and engineering. Over the last ten years, with the support of Chancellor Cantor, we have expanded our programming. Women faculty from across the science, engineering and mathematics departments are strongly committed to our efforts and volunteer to lead WiSE programs. We currently offer a variety of programs for faculty and students. The WiSE Future Professionals Program (WiSE-FPP) provides women graduate students and post-docs in the STEM disciplines with the opportunity to develop peer and faculty mentoring relationships, establish goals for the successful completion of their degrees and proactively engage in their career planning. WiSE Learning Community (LC) offers undergraduate women the opportunity to live together thus provide academic and personal support for each other. This program helps freshman women transition into college, build leadership skills and successfully create a foundation for success in their chosen fields. In recognition of the importance of undergraduate research, undergraduates may submit a research paper for the Norma Slepecky Undergraduate Prize. WiSE also offers a faculty mentoring program as a way for senior faculty to provide informal mentoring for junior faculty.

We invite you to become involved and stay connected with other women in STEM at Syracuse University. Several times a year WiSE sponsors lectures by women who are experts in their field as well as sponsor training opportunities. You may be interested in attending these programs and spending time with women who share your interests. There are a number of other ways that you can become involved, including being a guest lecturer, contributing an article for the WiSE newsletter or acting as a point of contact for students looking for internships and networking opportunities. Please mark the areas in which you would like to be involved, and email the form to Sharon Alestalo at swalesta@syr.edu.

Place me on the WiSE email announcement and newsletter list. My email address is:

I would like to be involved in WiSE as a:

- Guest speaker for a WiSE lecture
- Contributor to the WiSE newsletter about my work as women in a STEM
- Contact point for students for networking or internship opportunities
- Other ways I would like to be involved: _____

Sincerely,

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